

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Becky Beard, on January 26, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Becky Beard, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer Murphy, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Kathy Sangray, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 170, 1/26/2021; HB 165, 1/26/2021; SB 34, 1/26/2021

**Legislative Fiscal Division Presentation:**

08:32:16 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a02\)](#)

08:34:37 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:44:29 Rep. Buckley

08:44:49 Sam Schaefer, LFD

08:48:07 Amy Carlson, LFD

08:53:20 Vice Chair Fern

08:55:37 Amy Carlson, LFD

08:55:45 Rep. Kerns

08:56:11 Amy Carlson, LFD

08:56:38 Chair Beard

08:57:07 Amy Carlson, LFD

**HEARING ON SB 34****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:58:01 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 34, Revise biodiesel blending and storage tax credit reporting requirements.

09:00:09 Megan Moore, Legislative Fiscal Division (LSD)

09:00:18 Chair Beard

09:00:24 Vice Chair Fern

09:00:48 Chair Beard

09:00:56 Rep. Dunwell

09:01:32 Chair Beard **SB 34 hearing postponed due to scheduling error**

**HEARING ON HB 170****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:57 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 170, Revise laws to include renewable hydrogen.

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a03\)](#)

09:06:47 Rep. Marler

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:07:31 Michael Ducker, Mitsubishi Power

09:13:46 Laura Nelson, Green Hydrogen Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a04\)](#)

09:19:51 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association

[EXHIBIT\(tah17a05\)](#)

09:22:00 Joe Willauer, Butte Local Development Corporation; Headwaters RC&D

09:24:59 J.P. Gallagher, Butte Silverbow

09:27:35 Kristen Rosa, Butte Silverbow

09:29:12 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO

09:29:31 John Forkan, Montana State Building Trades Council; International Brotherhood  
of Teamsters Local 2  
09:30:16 Mick Wonnacott, Labors Local 1686  
09:30:59 Dwight Rose, IBEW 144  
09:31:24 Luke Hoffer, IBEW 233  
09:31:47 Joel Worth, Carpenters Local 82  
09:32:34 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power  
09:32:54 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:33:55 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
09:41:04 Alan Olson, MT Petroleum Association  
09:45:43 Shelby DeMars, MT Association of Oil Gas and Coal Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

09:48:37 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)  
[EXHIBIT\(tah17a06\)](#)

09:52:39 Dan Lloyd, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:53:32 Rep. Hinkle  
09:54:00 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power  
09:54:36 Rep. Dunwell  
09:58:30 Anne Hedges, MEIC  
09:59:20 Rep. Malone  
09:59:47 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power  
10:00:24 Vice Chair Fern  
10:01:30 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power  
10:02:25 Vice Chair Fern  
10:02:56 Michael Ducker, Mitsubishi Power  
10:03:59 Rep. Fielder  
10:05:24 Rep. Welch  
10:07:15 Rep. Kerns  
10:07:36 Rep. Welch  
10:08:40 Rep. Kerns  
10:09:06 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power  
10:09:35 Micael Ducker, Mitsubishi Power

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:10:54 Rep. Welch  
  
10:12:28 Recess  
10:20:06 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 165**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:20:31 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 165, Increase vehicle fees to reduce residential property taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:28:33 Dave Galt, MT Chamber of Commerce

**[EXHIBIT\(tah17a07\)](#)**

10:29:30 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

10:30:35 Scott Reichner, MT Auto Dealers Association (MADA)

10:31:44 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

10:32:17 Bob Story, MonTax

10:32:53 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:33:43 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:34:52 Rep. R. Knudsen

10:35:51 Rep. Trebas

10:36:45 Rep. R. Knudsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:37:06 Rep. Trebas

10:38:25 Chair Beard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:39:06

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Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah17aad.pdf](#))