

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on January 29, 2021 at 8:00 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. 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. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (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:

Executive Action on: HB 161; HB 162; HB 187; HB 203; HB 204; HB 205; SB 35

08:01:15 Chair Beard
08:01:50 Vice Chair Fern

08:02:16 Recessed
09:33:08 Reconvened

09:33:09 Rep. Marler joined the meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

09:35:00 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 161 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:35:21 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division
09:35:35 Rep. Dunwell

09:35:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Buckley voted by proxy.

09:37:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 161 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Buckley voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 162

09:38:44 **Motion:** Rep. Fielder moved that **HB 162 DO PASS.**

09:40:09 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 162 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Mitchell voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Buckley voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

09:42:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 187 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Buckley voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

09:43:17 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 203 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:43:38 Vice Chair Fern
09:44:34 Rep. Brewster
09:45:26 Rep. Buckley joined the meeting

09:45:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

09:47:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 203 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 204

09:47:54 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 204 DO PASS**.

09:48:32 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 204 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

09:49:04 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:49:21 Vice Chair Fern

09:50:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

09:50:33 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 204 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

09:50:49 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier made a substitute motion that **HB 204 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 205

09:53:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 205 DO PASS**. Motion failed 3-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Welch voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

09:56:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 205 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35

09:56:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 35 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy. Rep. Kerns will carry the bill.

09:57:21 Chair Beard

09:57:26 Rep. Kerns

09:57:41 Chair Beard

09:58:03 Megan Moore, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:58:24

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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