

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on February 2, 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. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Murphy, Legislative Services Division
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: SB 34, 2/2/2021; SB 6, 2/2/2021; SB 30, 2/2/2021; HB 240,
2/2/2021
Executive Action: SB 6; SB 34; SB 30

08:01:34 Rep. Mitchell joined the meeting

HEARING ON SB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:48 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 6, Revise distribution dates for lodging taxes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:03:42 Sen. Jill Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:57 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 34, Revise biodiesel blending and storage tax credit reporting requirements.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:05:35 Vice Chair Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

08:05:51 Sen. Jill Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:06:36 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 30, Repeal credit for interest differentials for loans by utilities and banks.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:08:21 Sen. Blasdel

08:08:47 Recessed
08:10:53 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:11:06 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 240, Revise state income tax deduction for certain dependents.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

08:17:59 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana Foundation
08:20:01 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MTBPC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:21:04 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:21:26 Rep. Tschida
08:22:41 Rep. Malone
08:23:12 Rep. Tschida
08:23:56 Rep. Buckley
08:24:18 Rep. Tschida
08:25:29 Vice Chair Fern
08:26:31 Rep. Tschida
08:27:57 Rep. Thane
08:29:16 Rep. Tschida
08:32:23 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:32:47 Rep. Tschida
08:33:48 Vice Chair Fern
08:34:17 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

08:35:07 Rep. Tschida

08:38:19 Chair Beard

08:38:53 Recessed
08:45:30 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6

08:45:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 6 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Marler voted by proxy. Rep. Hinkle will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

08:47:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 34 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Marler voted by proxy. Rep. Malone will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

08:48:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 30 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Marler voted by proxy. Rep. Buckley will carry the bill.

08:49:45 Chair Beard
08:49:50 Vice Chair Fern
08:51:06 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:51:20 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:52:10

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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