

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on April 9, 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. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kathy Sangray, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 7, 4/6/2021
Executive Action: SB 7, SB 159, SB 214

HEARING ON SB 7**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:01:38 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 7, Revise tax credit for energy-conserving expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:05:01 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony:

08:06:11 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:06:33 Vice Chair Fern

08:07:10 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

08:08:56 Sen. Cohenour

08:10:01 Recessed

08:20:59 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7

08:23:35 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 7 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:23:51 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern made a substitute motion that **SB 7 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159

08:24:42 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 159 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:25:05 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 159 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

08:25:10 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:27:18 Vice Chair Fern

08:28:01 Tony Zammit, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:30:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway left the meeting.

08:30:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

08:31:26 Chair Beard

08:31:40 Megan Moore, LSD

08:32:16 Rep. Dunwell
08:33:53 Chair Beard
08:34:02 Megan Moore, LSD

08:34:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Kerns, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Trebas and Rep. Welch voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

08:36:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welch moved that **SB 159 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 214

08:37:03 **Motion:** Rep. Fielder moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 214**.

Discussion:

08:37:12 Rep. Thane
08:37:46 Megan Moore, LSD
08:38:19 Chair Beard

08:38:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler and Rep. Thane voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy.

08:40:14 **Motion:** Rep. Fielder moved that **SB 214 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

08:40:33 Rep. Dunwell
08:41:32 Rep. Malone
08:42:05 Vice Chair Fern
08:43:28 Rep. Marler
08:44:08 Rep. Malone
08:44:46 Vice Chair Fern
08:45:02 Chair Beard
08:46:04 Rep. Fielder
08:46:58 Rep. Thane
08:47:50 Megan Moore, LSD

08:48:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Thane and Rep. Trebas voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voted by proxy. Rep. Fielder will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:49:58

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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