

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 8, 2021 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Zoom Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 7, 1/4/2021; SB 35, 1/4/2021

08:30:08 Sen. Molnar entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:24 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB7, Revise tax credit for energy-conserving expenditures.

[EXHIBIT\(tas05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas05a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:05 Conor Ploeger, Montana Environmental Informational Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:39:31 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:40:17 Sen. Molnar
08:42:10 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR
08:42:40 Chair Hoven
08:42:44 Sen. Cohenour
08:43:28 Sen. Molnar
08:43:33 Sen. Hertz
08:47:30 Mr. Baerlocher
08:49:22 Sen. Hertz
08:49:36 Sen. O'Brien
08:49:58 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

08:51:09 Sen. Cohenour

08:51:48 Chair Hoven

08:52:09 Vice Chair Hertz assumed the role of Chair.

HEARING ON SB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:52:29 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB35, Repeal expired property tax exemption for electrical generation facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(tas05a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:56:53 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
09:00:04 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:58:54 Sen. Sales
08:59:50 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
09:01:02 Sen. O'Brien
09:02:11 Sen. Hoven
09:02:20 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:04:46 Sen. O'Brien
09:05:17 Sen. Cohenour
09:05:35 Mr. Coles, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

09:06:35 Sen. Hoven

09:07:06 Chair Hertz

09:07:21 Chair Hoven resumed the role of the chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:08 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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