

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on January 28, 2021 at 9:00 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. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 6, 1/22/2021; SR 7, 1/22/2021; SR 8, 1/22/2021
Executive Action: SR 8, Be Adopted, SR 6, Be Adopted, SR 7 Not Be Adopted

09:00:23 Vice Chair Hertz assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SR 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:53 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SR8, Confirm Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Revenue.

09:02:10 Sen. Molnar entered the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:10 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

09:05:20 Brendan Beatty, Governor's appointee

EXHIBIT(tas19a01)

09:12:12 Kurt Alme, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

09:15:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

09:16:53 Dan Whyte, Helena

09:21:50 Terry Cosgrove, Helena

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:24:54 Sen. Cohenour

09:31:42 Mr. Beatty, appointee

09:43:41 Sen. McClafferty

09:44:32 Mr. Beatty

09:46:39 Sen. McClafferty

09:46:48 Sen. Tempel

09:47:54 Mr. Beatty

09:49:25 Sen. Tempel

09:49:53 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:01:24 Mr. Beatty

10:02:34 Sen. Cohenour

10:05:55 Mr. Beatty

10:06:24 Chair Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

10:06:52 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON SR 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:07:32 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SR6, Confirm Governor appointee to the State Tax Appeal Board.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:08:15 Lieutenant Governor Kristin Juras
10:09:41 Amie Zendron, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a02\)](#)

10:12:07 Dave McAlpin, chair, Montana Tax Appeal Board
10:14:11 Michael Lawlor, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:15:49 Sen. Cohenour
10:17:23 Ms. Zendron, appointee
10:18:11 Chair Hertz
10:18:30 Ms. Zendron

Closing by Sponsor:

10:18:57 Sen. Hoven

10:19:00 Brief Recess
10:26:04 Reconvened

10:26:05 Sen. Vance and Sen. McClafferty left the hearing.

HEARING ON SR 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:26:19 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SR7, Confirm Governor's appointee to the State Tax Appeal Board.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:26:59 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board
10:27:52 Scott Reichner
10:28:33 Eric Stern, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:35:25 Sen. Cohenour
10:35:50 Mr. Stern, appointee
10:38:13 Chair Hertz
10:43:01 Mr. Stern
10:43:59 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:46:29 Mr. Stern

Closing by Sponsor:

10:48:37 Sen. Hoven

10:49:08 Sen. Hoven resumed the role of the Chair.

10:49:24 Brief Recess

11:09:54 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 8

11:09:56 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 8 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

11:10:13 Sen. Cohenour

11:10:50 Sen. Pomnichowski

11:11:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7

11:11:51 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

11:11:53 Chair Hoven

11:12:00 Without objection, Sen. Hertz withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 6

11:12:34 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 6 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

11:12:40 Sen. Cohenour

11:13:09 Sen. Hertz

11:13:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7

11:14:11 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 7 NOT BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

11:14:17 Sen. Cohenour

11:14:33 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:16:29 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour made a substitute motion that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED**. Substitute Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

11:17:42 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 7 NOT BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion:

11:17:52 Sen. Cohenour

11:17:58 Sen. Hertz

11:18:11 Mr. Coles, LSD

11:18:30 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SR 7 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

Discussion:

11:18:41 Chair Hoven

11:19:22 Sen. Cohenour

11:19:38 Sen. Hertz

11:20:10 Mr. Coles

11:20:29 Chair Hoven

11:20:35 Sen. Hertz

11:21:50 Sen. Cohenour

11:23:21 Chair Hoven

11:23:41 Sen. Hertz

11:24:30 Sen. Pomnichowski

11:27:33 Sen. Hertz

11:28:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Pomnichowski voted no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

11:29:48 Chair Hoven

11:29:57 Sen. Hertz

11:30:58 Mr. Coles

11:32:43 Chair Hoven

11:32:55 Sen. Cohenour

11:33:01 Sen. Hertz

11:33:12 Sen. Cohenour

11:33:25 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas19aad.pdf](#))