

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on February 4, 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)

**Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (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: HB 111, 2/26/2021

08:59:53 Sen. Hertz entered the hearing.

### **HEARING ON HB 111**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:00:48 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB111, Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:04:14 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a03\)](#)

09:10:35 E.J. Redding, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors' Association

09:12:01 Tom Johnson, VFW

09:15:28 Edward Sperry, American Legion

09:28:39 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

09:29:55 Gary White, American Legion

09:32:10 Fran Viereck, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a04\)](#)

09:36:17 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a05\)](#)

09:37:33 Shane Etwiler, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, Montana Defense Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a06\)](#)

09:40:45 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors' Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a07\)](#)

09:42:18 Austin Trunkle, Big Sky Economic Development

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a08\)](#)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

09:43:56 Rose Bender, Montana Budget & Policy Center

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a09\)](#)

09:46:05 Ella Smith, Montana Women Vote

[EXHIBIT\(tas24a10\)](#)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:47:16 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:47:39 Sen. Cohenour

09:48:05 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR

09:48:29 Sen. Hertz

09:49:53 Mr. Baerlocher  
09:50:03 Sen. O'Brien  
09:50:39 Mr. Baerlocher  
09:51:12 Sen. Molnar  
09:52:14 Mr. Hagen, American Legion  
09:53:40 Sen. Molnar  
09:56:22 Rep. Fuller  
09:56:51 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:02:08 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:03:12 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:04:49 Rep. Fuller  
10:06:03 Mr. Coles, LSD  
10:07:05 Sen. Hertz  
10:07:21 Mr. Coles  
10:07:48 Chair Hoven  
10:08:26 Mr. Etwiler, Chamber of Commerce

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:10:00 Rep. Fuller  
  
10:10:37 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:12 A.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas24aad.pdf](#))