

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 16, 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. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Present by Video 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
Karlle Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 193, 2/11/2021; SB 205, 2/11/2021; SB 212, 2/11/2021
Executive Action: SR 69, Be Adopted, HB 129, Be Amended

09:01:49 Chair Hoven

09:01:51 Sen. Cohenour assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:06 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB205, Revise name of state tax appeal board.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:02:49 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board

[EXHIBIT\(tas32a01\)](#)

09:03:51 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:04:01 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

09:04:27 Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:45 Sen. Hoven

09:05:57 Sen. Hoven resumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:06:26 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB193, Revise appraisal requirement for tax-deed land that did not sell at auction.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:45 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:11:10 Sen. Hertz entered the hearing.

09:14:02 Dennis Zander, Dawson County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:48 Sen. Molnar

09:19:08 Mr. Bryson, MACo

09:19:44 Sen. Sales

09:21:26 Mr. Bryson

Closing by Sponsor:

09:21:41 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:22:52 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB212, Revise laws related to property tax bills.

[EXHIBIT\(tas32a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas32a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas32a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:27:48 Rob Cook, citizen

09:28:59 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute

Opponents' Testimony:

09:30:20 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:35:45 Betty Romo, Roosevelt County treasurer

Informational Testimony:

09:39:25 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas32a05\)](#)

09:57:38 Nick VanBrown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:40:35 Sen. Molnar

09:44:45 Sen. Osmundson

09:45:44 Sen. Tempel

09:46:50 Sen. Osmundson

09:47:22 Sen. Hertz

09:49:41 Mr. Bryson, MACo

09:50:36 Sen. Pomnichowski

09:51:37 Sen. Osmundson

09:52:21 Chair Hoven

09:53:22 Sen. Osmundson

09:53:33 Sen. Cohenour

09:54:35 Mr. Bryson

09:57:11 Sen. Hertz

09:58:50 Mr. Van Brown, LFD

09:59:19 Sen. Cohenour

09:59:53 Mr. Bryson

Closing by Sponsor:

10:00:46 Sen. Osmundson

10:03:15 Chair Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129

10:04:16 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **HB 129 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:04:30 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **HB 129 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas32a06)

Discussion:

10:05:20 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:07:25 Sen. Hertz

10:08:07 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:08:45 Mr. Coles, LSD

10:10:41 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:11:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

10:11:23 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **HB 129 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas32a07)

Discussion:

10:11:41 Mr. Coles

10:13:11 Sen. McClafferty

10:13:18 Mr. Coles

10:13:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

Discussion:

10:14:01 Sen. Hertz

10:14:17 Sen. Cohenour

10:14:31 Sen. Hertz

10:14:38 Without objection Sen. Cohenour moved to postpone further action on HB 129.

10:14:46 Sen. Hertz

10:15:06 Chair Hoven

10:15:08 Mr. Coles

10:15:34 Chair Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 69

10:15:45 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SR 69 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

10:16:07 Sen. Cohenour

10:16:53 Sen. Hertz

10:17:17 Chair Hoven

10:17:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Pomnichowski and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

10:18:22 Chair Hoven

10:19:03 Sen. Hertz

10:19:36 Chair Hoven

10:19:42 Sen. Cohenour

10:20:04 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas32aad.pdf](#))