

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Hertz, on March 16, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
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 346, 3/12/2021; HJ 6, 3/12/2021

09:02:38 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:53 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB346, Revise renewable energy laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:18 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

09:06:59 President Blasdel left the meeting.

09:08:30 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County

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09:13:50 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, & Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:05 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:17:12 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ6, Provide for study of natural resources trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:22:32 Conor Ploeger, Montana Environmental Informational Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:24:06 Mark Bostrum, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)

09:24:52 Cindy Trimp, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:25:27 Sen. Molnar

09:27:25 Rep. Fern

09:28:01 Mr. Bostrom, DNRC

09:29:49 Chair Hertz

09:29:57 Sen. Molnar

09:30:54 Rep. Fern

09:32:12 Chair Hertz

09:32:27 Sen. Tempel
09:34:15 Ms. Trimp, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:35:05 Rep. Fern

09:37:51 Chair Hertz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:38 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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