

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on March 18, 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  
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 357, 3/16/2021; HB 394, 3/16/2021; HB 432, 3/16/2021

**HEARING ON HB 357****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:30 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB357, Revise property tax assistance program inflation adjustment laws.

**EXHIBIT(tas54a01)**

09:02:46 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:07:46 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:08:05 Sen. Hertz  
09:10:09 Rep. Hamilton  
09:10:53 Chair Hoven  
09:11:29 Rep. Hamilton  
09:11:59 Sen. Molnar  
09:13:33 Rep. Hamilton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:13:51 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 394****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:15:50 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB394, Exempt certain pollution control and carbon capture equipment from property tax.

09:17:17 Sen. Sales entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:18:12 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)  
09:19:35 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association  
09:21:03 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council  
09:21:52 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association  
09:23:10 Brian Thompson, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
09:24:06 Charles Robertson, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:25:37 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:28:08 Doug Roehm, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:28:29 Sen. Cohenour  
09:30:24 Mr. Roehm, DOR  
09:30:34 Sen. Hertz  
09:31:13 Ms. Hedges, MEIC  
09:32:12 Sen. Molnar  
09:34:13 Mr. Roehm  
09:34:55 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:35:25 Ms. Hedges  
09:36:57 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:37:29 Rep. Noland  
09:38:09 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:39:24 Mr. Roehm  
09:39:51 Sen. Hertz  
09:40:25 Mr. Roehm  
09:40:42 Sen. Cohenour  
09:41:47 Mr. Olson, MPA  
09:43:54 Sen. Molnar  
09:44:24 Rep. Noland  
09:44:37 Chair Hoven  
09:45:29 Mr. Olson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:45:55 Rep. Noland

**HEARING ON HB 432****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:47:45 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB432, Revise property tax exemptions for affordable housing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:50:24 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

09:52:20 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:52:39 Sen. Cohenour  
09:53:31 Ms. Trenk, MHC  
09:53:41 Sen. Cohenour  
09:53:50 Mr. Kaatz, DOR  
09:54:20 Sen. Tempel  
09:56:28 Rep. Gunderson  
09:57:28 Sen. Tempel  
09:58:02 Mr. Kaatz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:59:02 Rep. Gunderson

10:00:35 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:02 A.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas54aad.pdf](#))