

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Greg Hertz, on March 30, 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
Jessica Tsias, 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: SB 390, 3/25/2021; SB 394, 3/25/2021

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

09:03:42 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB394, Revise capital gains and provide property tax relief.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:09:15 Rose Bender, Montana Budget & Policy Center
[EXHIBIT\(tas62a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:10:39 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
09:13:38 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

09:15:29 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:15:57 Sen. Cohenour
09:16:49 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR
09:17:17 Sen. Cohenour

09:17:43 Sen. Hoven entered the meeting.

09:17:55 Chair Hertz left the meeting.

09:18:05 David Merrien, DOR

09:18:55 Sen. Hoven assumed the role of the Chair.

Closing by Sponsor:

09:19:12 Sen. O'Brien

HEARING ON SB 390**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:21:03 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), , opened the hearing on SB390, Establish the Water Severance Beneficial Use Act.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:27:06 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
[EXHIBIT\(tas62a02\)](#)

09:35:24 Tom Ebzery, Avista Corporation
[EXHIBIT\(tas62a03\)](#)

09:40:05 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition; Association of Gallatin
Agriculture Irrigators
09:42:02 Charles Robison, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
09:44:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
09:45:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
09:46:18 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Informational Testimony:

09:47:55 Mark Reller, Bonneville Power Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:53:27 Sen. Sales
09:53:52 Sen. Molnar
09:56:12 Sen. Tempel
09:56:24 Sen. Molnar

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:02 Sen. Molnar

10:06:14 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:08 A.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas62aad.pdf](#))