

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on April 9, 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: HB 667, 4/7/2021

Executive Action: HB 397 - Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HB 667****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:16 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB667, Revise tobacco tax allocation for state veterans' nursing homes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:02:33 Roger Hagan, American Legion; Montana National Guard Association

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

09:08:10 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:08:27 Sen. Molnar  
09:13:53 Mr. Hagan, American Legion  
09:14:16 Sen. Cohenour  
09:15:01 Mr. Hagan  
09:16:25 Sen. O'Brien  
09:16:41 Mr. Hagen  
09:17:50 Sen. Sales  
09:18:13 Mr. Hagan  
09:19:18 Sen. Sales  
09:19:47 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:19:59 Rep. Marshall  
  
09:21:17 Chair Hoven  
  
09:21:20 Sen. Molnar left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 397**

09:21:36 **Motion:** Sen. Hertz moved that **HB 397 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:21:56 Sen. Cohenour  
09:22:37 Chair Hoven  
09:23:53 Sen. Sales  
09:24:07 Chair Hoven  
09:24:37 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:25:32 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division  
09:27:09 Sen. Hertz

09:29:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Hertz, Sen. Tempel and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Molnar and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:29 A.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas68aad.pdf](#))