

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Greg Hertz-R, on February 14, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Greg Hertz, Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Research Analyst
Lorna Mason, Secretary

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 212 02/09/2023

HB 221 02/09/2023

SB 253 02/09/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 253 - Revise contractor's gross receipts tax

Opening Statement:

09:02:43 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 253, Revise contractor's gross receipts tax.

Discussion:

09:11:37 Sen. Jason Ellsworth

Proponent Testimony:

09:07:38 Dan Schmauch, self

09:09:14 Sen. Shannon O'Brien joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:12:58 Jared Isom, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:13:22 Russ Christianson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:14:00 Sen. Becky Beard

09:14:52 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

09:15:43 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

09:15:49 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

09:16:15 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

09:16:44 Jared Isom, DOR

09:17:23 Sen. Becky Beard

09:17:41 Jared Isom, DOR

Closing Statement:

09:18:25 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 253.

HEARING ON HB 212 - Increase business equipment tax exemption

Opening Statement:

09:19:20 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 212, Increase business equipment tax exemption.

Proponent Testimony:

09:20:46 Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT\(230214TASa1\)](#)

09:23:43 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

09:24:32 Allen Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

09:25:05 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce (CoC)

09:25:26 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

09:26:23 Leanne Taylor, Department of Commerce (COMMERCE))

09:27:07 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Bankers Association (MB)

09:28:09 George Harris, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

09:28:40 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA) ,
Montana Grain Elevator Association (MGEA)

09:29:30 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

09:29:59 Ronda Wiggers, National Federation of Montana Water Well Drillers
Association (MWWDA)

09:30:50 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

09:31:26 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

09:31:53 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

09:32:50 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell left the meeting.

09:33:13 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

09:33:56 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:34:29 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

Opponent Testimony:

09:35:16 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
[EXHIBIT\(230214TASa2\)](#)
09:37:15 joined the meeting.
09:38:13 Margaret McDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus
09:40:05 Shawn Reager, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)
09:41:28 Tirza Asbell, Montana Women Vote

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:43:10 Jill Gallagher, Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:43:31 Dylan Cole, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:44:08 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
09:45:55 Rep. Joshua Kassmier-R
09:47:29 Sen. Greg Hertz
09:48:15 Sen. Brad Molnar
09:48:27 Sen. Greg Hertz
09:48:29 Sen. Greg Hertz left the meeting.
09:56:34 Brendan Beatty, DOR
09:59:14 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
09:59:40 Brendan Beatty, DOR
10:00:33 Sen. Becky Beard
10:01:43 Jason Todhunter, MLA

Closing Statement:

10:02:35 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 212.

HEARING ON HB 221 - Revise income tax rates for net-long term capital gains

Opening Statement:

10:03:44 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise income tax rates for net-long term capital gains.

Proponent Testimony:

10:07:01 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(230214TASa3\)](#)

10:10:43 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

10:12:25 Dave Gault, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COC)

10:12:49 George Harris, Montana Coal Counsel (MCC)

Opponent Testimony:

10:13:19 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center, (MBPC)

10:16:13 Margaret McDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus

10:16:59 Shoun Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

10:18:31 Wren Greaney, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

10:19:46 Tirza Asbell, Montana Women Vote

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:21:55 Aaron McNay, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

10:22:36 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

10:23:04 Rose Bender, MBPC

10:23:43 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

10:23:57 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

10:27:17 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

10:27:46 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

10:29:04 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

10:29:32 Robert Story, MonTax
10:32:55 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
10:33:01 Rose Bender, MBPC
[EXHIBIT\(230214TASa4\)](#)
10:35:55 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
10:37:17 Glenn Oppel, self
10:37:26 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
10:38:23 Rose Bender, MBPC

Closing Statement:

10:39:07 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 221.

Discussion:

10:40:06 Sen. Greg Hertz joined the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:42:48

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214TASaad\)](#)