

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Greg Hertz-R, on April 13, 2023 at 8:33 AM, in 405

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Becky Beard (R)  
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)  
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

**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 840 04/07/2023

HB 861 04/08/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 840 - Revise tobacco tax allocation for state veterans' nursing homes**

**Opening Statement:**

08:33:59 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 840, Revise tobacco tax allocation for state veterans' nursing homes.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:35:13 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:41:28 Sen. Denise Hayman  
08:42:13 Roger Hagan, self  
08:43:59 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell  
08:44:03 Rep. Ron Marshall-R  
08:44:49 Sen. Brad Molnar  
08:45:13 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

**Closing Statement:**

08:45:19 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 840.

**HEARING ON HB 861 - Provide business property tax exemption during state of emergency or disaster**

**Opening Statement:**

08:46:06 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 861, Provide business property tax exemption during state of emergency or disaster.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:47:35 Jedediah Hinkle, self

08:49:36 Mike Hope, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:51:51 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:59:30 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

08:59:38 Rep. Bob Phalen-R

09:00:26 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

09:00:42 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:03:22 Sen. Wendy McKamey

09:04:14 Rep. Bob Phalen-R

09:05:35 Sen. Brad Molnar

09:07:04 Bryce Kaatz, DOR

09:11:08 Sen. Becky Beard

09:11:35 Rep. Bob Phalen-R

09:14:28 Sen. Wendy McKamey

09:14:49 Rep. Bob Phalen-R

**Closing Statement:**

09:15:26 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, closed the hearing on HB 861.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:17:50

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Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413TASaad\)](#)