

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 10, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

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:

Hearings: HB 26, HJ 3
Executive Action: HJ 3

HEARING ON HB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on
HB 26, Revise rail service competition council.

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh06a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:04 Senator Ken Hansen, SD 17

00:10:05 Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:54 Rep. Hilbert

00:13:11 Rep. Wilson

00:14:25 Rep. Sonju

00:15:10 Rep. Wilson

00:15:34 Rep. Malcolm

00:17:53 Rep. MacLaren

00:18:56 Rep. Wiseman

00:20:03 Rep. Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:13 Rep. MacLaren

HEARING ON HJR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:37 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HJ
3, Urge port of Wild Horse be kept open 24 hours.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:24 Senator Ken Hansen, SD 17

00:27:18 Rep. Bob Bergren, HD 33

00:28:57 Lynn Mitzil, Canadian Legislative Assembly

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh06a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh06a03)

00:35:32 Bob Rice, Mayor of Havre

[EXHIBIT\(trh06a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh06a05\)](#)

00:39:11 Garth Vallely, Mayor of Medicine Hat, Saskatchewan

00:46:08 Rep. Hal Jacobson, HD 82

00:47:01 Kay Olsen, Alberta Chamber of Commerce Executive

00:49:42 Harold Wilson

00:51:38 Allen Hyland

00:55:37 Bob Sivertsen

[EXHIBIT\(trh06a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh06a07\)](#)

00:58:22 Charles Grant

00:59:36 Mike Winland

01:00:01 Mike Anderson, Hill County Commissioner

01:00:54 William McCauley

01:02:50 Robert Kaul

01:03:49 Jim Lynch, Director of the Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:05 Rep. Wiseman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:41 Rep. Musgrove

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 3

01:06:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HJR 3 DO PASS.**
Chairman called for a roll call vote. Motion carried
unanimously 10-0 by roll call vote. Rep. Wiseman voted
by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:08:31 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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