

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 17, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (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)

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:

Hearing: HB 188, HB 175, HB 176,
Executive Action: HB 188,

HEARING ON HB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:27 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 188, Revise traffic laws for transporting of certain agricultural equipment by farm implement dealers.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Rep. McNutt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188

00:01:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 188 BE TABLED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wiseman voted aye by voice proxy.

HEARING ON HB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 175, Revise ethanol production laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:11 Jim Lynch, Director Montana Department of Transportation

00:10:23 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Association

00:12:25 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:10 Rep. Kottel

00:14:33 Rep. Bergren

00:17:12 Rep. Arntzen
00:17:50 Rep. Bergren
00:18:12 Rep. Malcolm
00:18:56 Rep. Bergren
00:19:54 Director Lynch
00:23:12 Rep. Sonju
00:23:40 Rep. Bergren
00:26:33 Rep. Sonju
00:26:39 Director Lynch
00:29:49 Rep. Furey
00:30:00 Director Lynch
00:30:21 Rep. Kottel
00:30:41 Director Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:41 Rep. Bergren

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:29 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 176, Change term gasohol to ethanol.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:41 Art Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:42 Mike Barrett
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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:03 Rep. Wilmer

ADJOURNMENT

00:46:13 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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