

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Janna Taylor, on January 29, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Janna Taylor, Chairman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Amy Sassano, OBPP
Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Greg DeWitt, 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 & Date Posted: Department of Transportation
DP 1101, 1102, 1302, 1401, 1403,
1407, 1502, 1503, 1508, 1509, 1510,
1511, 1512, 1303, 1501, 201, 202,
203, 208, 209, 210, 211, 207,
226, 301, 305, 307, 308, 313

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

00:01:16 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)
00:05:38 Rep. Taylor
00:05:47 Greg DeWitt
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00:11:33 Rep. McChesney
00:12:12 Jim Curry, Deputy Director, DOT
00:13:59 Rep. McChesney
00:14:20 Mr. Curry
00:15:21 Rep. McChesney
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00:26:10 Rep. McChesney
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00:27:07 Mr. Lynch
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00:29:13 Mr. Lynch
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00:29:51 Mr. Lynch
00:30:05 Mr. DeWitt
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DP 1101 OVERTIME DIFFERENTIAL

00:32:21 Mr. DeWitt
00:34:20 Rep. Taylor
00:35:26 Mr. Flynn
00:35:48 Rep. Sesso
00:36:01 Mr. Flynn
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DP 1102 EQUIPMENT RENTAL

00:38:01 Sen. Laible
00:38:22 Mr. Flynn
00:39:08 Amy Sassano

DP 1302 TRAINING PROGRAM

00:39:43 Mr. Flynn

DP 1401 SOFTWARE UPGRADE

00:40:33 Sen. Laible
00:40:53 Mr. Flynn
00:41:24 Sen. Laible
00:41:41 Mr. Flynn

DP 1403 REORGANIZATION IMPLEMENTATION

00:42:23 Mr. Flynn

DP 1407 MOTOR FUELS SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

00:42:57 Mr. Flynn

DP 1502 ACS CONTRACT - RESTRICTED

00:43:16 Mr. Flynn
00:43:41 Sen. Williams
00:43:54 Mr. Flynn

DP 1503 CONVERT MODIFIED FTE TO PERMANENT

00:44:08 Mr. Flynn

DP 1508 IT COST REDUCTIONS

00:44:37 Mr. Flynn
00:44:58 Rep. Sesso
00:45:32 Mr. Flynn
00:46:13 Sen. Laible
00:46:37 Mr. Flynn
00:46:46 Sen. Laible
00:46:58 Mr. Flynn
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00:48:08 Mr. Flynn
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DP 1509 IT EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

00:49:07 Mr. Flynn
00:49:46 Sen. Laible
00:50:12 Mr. Flynn
00:50:31 Mr. DeWitt
00:51:01 Rep. McChesney
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00:52:43 Mike Bousliman, DOT
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00:54:11 Mr. Bousliman
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DP 1510 SOFTWARE COST REDUCTION

00:59:12 Mr. Flynn

DP 1511 PRINT SHOP REDUCTION

00:59:48 Mr. Flynn

DP 1512 IT MAINTENANCE COSTS

01:00:06 Mr. Flynn
01:01:37 Sen. Laible
01:01:45 Mr. Flynn
01:01:49 Rep. Sesso
01:02:23 Mr. Flynn

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DP 1303 CIVIL RIGHTS GRANTS

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01:04:27 Rep. Sesso
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01:05:14 Rep. Sesso
01:06:53 Jennifer Jensen, Human Resources Administrator, DOT
01:07:35 Rep. Sesso
01:07:57 Ms. Jensen
01:08:15 Rep. Sesso
01:08:32 Sen. Laible
01:09:17 Ms. Jensen
01:10:02 Sen. Laible
01:10:06 Ms. Jensen
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01:11:15 Ms. Jensen
01:11:32 Sen. Laible
01:11:53 Ms. Jensen
01:12:30 Mr. Lynch
01:13:27 Rep. Taylor

DP 1501 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION LITIGATION

01:14:08 Mr. Lynch
01:19:58 Rep. Sesso
01:20:14 Mr. Lynch
01:20:28 Rep. Sesso
01:20:45 Mr. Lynch
01:29:01 Rep. Taylor
01:29:20 Chris Tweeten, Chief Legal Counsel, Attorney General's
Office
01:34:27 Rep. Taylor
01:34:36 Nancy Peterson, Agriculture Producer, Director, Montana
Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(jgh19a01)

01:38:10 Rep. Taylor
01:38:48 John Youngbird
01:39:03 Darren Argenbright, President, Montana Graingrowers
Association
01:40:23 Donald Fast, Wheat and Barley Committee Member from
Glasgow

EXHIBIT(jgh19a02)

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01:43:08 Tracy Hauck, Executive Director, Montana Farmer's Union
01:46:46 Janice Mattson, Grain Producer, Montana Wheat and
Barley Committee, U.S. Wheat Associates
01:48:01 Mike O'Hara, Grain producer, Chairman, Montana Rail
Service Counsel
01:49:45 Terry Whiteside, Transportation Consultant, Montana
Wheat Committee

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01:51:14 Sen. Laible
01:52:18 Mr. Tweeten
01:54:11 Sen. Laible
01:54:52 Mr. Whiteside
01:55:23 Rep. Sinrud
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02:03:28 BREAK

02:11:56 Rep. Taylor

DP 201 CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS/FEDERAL AID CONTRUCTION PROGRAM

02:13:25 Lorin Frazier, Chief Engineer, DOT

DP 202 CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS/STATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

02:13:53 Mr. Frazier
02:14:16 Rep. Sinrud
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DP 203 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FTE ADJUSTMENTS

02:19:44 Mr. Frazier
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DP 208 OVERTIME/DIFFERENTIAL

02:24:46 Mr. Frazier

DP 209 EQUIPMENT RENTAL

02:25:24 Mr. Frazier

DP 210 PROGRAM REDUCTION

02:25:51 Mr. Frazier

DP 211 TRAINING REDUCTIONS

02:26:48 Mr. Frazier

DP 207 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION-408 OTO

02:27:07 Mr. Frazier

DP 226 NHTSA TRANSFER

02:27:42 Mr. Frazier
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02:28:35 Sen. Laible
02:29:04 Director Lynch
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MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

02:32:35 John Blacker, Maintenance Director, Department of
Transportation

DP 301 ADDITIONAL SECONDARY ROADS

02:33:01 Mr. Blacker

DP 305 COMMUNICATIONS REPLACEMENTS

02:34:06 Mr. Blacker
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DP 307 CONTRACTED MAINTENANCE

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DP 308 LAND PURCHASES

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DP 313 OVERTIME/DIFFERENTIAL

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. JANNA TAYLOR, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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