

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 29, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:** Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)

**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: HR 3  
Executive Action: HB 26, HB 275, HR 3, HB 303

**HEARING ON HR 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:35 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HR 3, Encourage federal funding for highway construction.  
**EXHIBIT**(trh19a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:25 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:02:46 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:15 Rep. Wiseman  
00:03:20 Rep. Lange  
00:03:25 Rep. Wiseman  
00:03:50 Rep. Lange  
00:04:54 Rep. Sonju  
00:05:09 Mr. Hegreberg  
00:06:47 Rep. Malcolm  
00:07:10 Director Lynch, DOT  
00:10:50 Rep. MacLaren  
00:11:14 Director Lynch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:28 Rep. Lange

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 26**

00:13:13 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS.**

00:13:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman  
and Rep. Kottel voted aye by proxy.

**EXHIBIT**(trh19a02)

00:14:47 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:15:00 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (trh19a03)

**Discussion:**

00:15:26 Leanne Heisel  
00:16:42 Rep. Sonju  
00:16:58 Rep. Arntzen  
00:17:14 Rep. Sonju  
00:17:22 Leanne Heisel  
00:17:45 Rep. Sonju  
00:18:05 Leanne Heisel  
00:18:18 Rep. Wilson

00:18:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:19:04 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS**  
**AMENDED.**

00:19:29 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 26 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (trh19a04)

**Discussion:**

00:20:58 Rep. Arntzen  
00:21:06 Rep. Sonju  
00:21:17 Director Lynch  
00:21:53 Rep. Arntzen  
00:22:13 Director Lynch  
00:22:23 Rep. Sonju  
00:22:46 Rep. Furey  
00:22:58 Rep. Sonju  
00:23:05 Director Lynch  
00:24:05 Rep. Arntzen  
00:24:13 Director Lynch  
00:24:53 Rep. Arntzen  
00:25:01 Director Lynch  
00:25:39 Rep. MacLaren  
00:26:04 Rep. Furey  
00:26:40 Director Lynch  
00:29:30 Rep. Nooney  
00:29:36 Director Lynch  
00:30:52 Rep. Arntzen  
00:31:08 Director Lynch  
00:31:15 Rep. Sonju  
00:31:24 Directory Lynch  
00:31:30 Rep. Sonju  
00:31:34 Director Lynch

00:32:38 Rep. Sonju  
00:32:48 Director Lynch  
00:32:54 Rep. Sonju  
00:33:00 Director Lynch  
00:35:15 Rep. Wilson  
00:36:21 Director Lynch  
00:36:55 Rep. Wilson  
00:37:25 Director Lynch  
00:38:54 Rep. Sonju  
00:39:13 Rep. Arntzen  
00:39:40 Rep. Sonju  
00:40:04 Director Lynch  
00:40:52 Rep. Arntzen  
00:41:17 Director Lynch  
00:41:20 Rep. Arntzen  
00:41:33 Rep. Furey  
00:42:09 Rep. Sonju  
00:42:39 Director Lynch

00:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:43:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275**

00:44:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 275 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 3**

00:46:07 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED**.

#### **Discussion:**

00:46:27 Rep. Wiseman  
00:46:37 Rep. Sonju  
00:46:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:47:20 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:47:38 Rep. Malcolm  
00:47:53 Leanne Heisel

00:48:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 303**

00:48:52 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 DO PASS.**

00:49:02 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (trh19a05)**

**Discussion:**

00:49:20 Rep. Furey  
00:49:51 Rep. Arntzen  
00:50:09 Rep. Furey

00:50:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

00:50:59 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 303 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:29 Rep. Wiseman  
00:52:09 Rep. Malcolm  
00:52:35 Rep. Furey  
00:53:28 Rep. Malcolm  
00:53:35 Rep. Furey  
00:53:43 Rep. MacLaren  
00:54:18 Rep. Hilbert  
00:54:51 Rep. Furey  
00:55:34 Rep. Arntzen  
00:57:19 Rep. Furey  
00:57:28 Director Lynch  
00:59:05 Chairman Sonju

00:59:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. MacLaren, and Rep. Malcolm voting no. Rep. Kottel voting aye by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:01:19 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh19aad.pdf](#))**