

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 2, 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. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

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 309, HB 419
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 419

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 419, Revise fuel taxes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:51 Rep. Hilbert
00:05:29 Leanne Heisel
00:05:40 Rep. Koopman
00:06:09 Rep. Nooney
00:06:29 Rep. Koopman
00:06:55 Rep. Kottel
00:07:18 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:31 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 309

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:02 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 309, Revise bio diesel and ethanol laws.

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh23a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:16 Kimball Leighton Yellowstone bio diesel
00:21:47 Paul Miller, Sustainable Systems, LLC
[EXHIBIT\(trh23a04\)](#)
00:26:40 Helen Waller, Northern Plains Resource Council
[EXHIBIT\(trh23a05\)](#)
00:29:21 Clare Witcomb, Carbon County Resource Council
00:30:51 Fran Marceau, UTU
00:32:06 Barbara Ranf, Burlington Northern Santa Fa Railroad
(BNSF)

00:34:13 David Kallenbach
00:37:30 Wade Sikorski
00:38:35 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:39:46 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

EXHIBIT(trh23a06)

00:43:59 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
00:53:17 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

EXHIBIT(trh23a07)

EXHIBIT(trh23a08)

01:01:22 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

EXHIBIT(trh23a09)

01:06:34 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
01:09:33 Ronna Alexander, Montana Convenient Stores Retailers
01:16:09 Mike Halligan, Washington Corporations

Informational Testimony:

01:18:23 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry
01:18:43 Brian Spangler, Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:29 Rep. Wiseman
01:19:50 Mr. Kane, Department of Labor and Industry
01:21:01 Rep. Hilbert
01:21:47 Rep. Bergren
01:23:51 Rep. Nooney
01:24:31 Rep. Bergren
01:27:03 Mr. Kane
01:28:07 Rep. Nooney
01:28:14 Mr. Kane
01:29:43 Rep. Bergren
01:30:11 Rep. Nooney
01:30:36 Rep. Bergren
01:31:06 Mr. Kane
01:32:09 Rep. Kottel
01:32:38 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
01:34:33 Rep. Wilson
01:35:06 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
01:37:12 Rep. Furey
01:37:44 Mr. Miller, Sustained Systems, LLC
01:43:14 Rep. Hilbert
01:43:53 Rep. Bergren
01:45:36 Rep. Nooney
01:46:43 Rep. Bergren

01:47:58 Rep. Sonju
01:48:13 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:48:38 Rep. Wiseman
01:49:13 Rep. Bergren
01:50:17 Rep. Malcolm
01:50:47 Rep. Bergren
01:51:14 Mr. Kane
01:51:20 Rep. Malcolm
01:53:42 Rep. Bergren
01:55:28 Rep. Furey
01:56:23 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:57:01 Rep. Sonju
01:57:20 Ronna Alexander, Montana Convenient Store Retailers
02:00:39 Mr. Kane
02:01:09 Rep. Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:28 Rep. Bergren
EXHIBIT(trh23a10)

ADJOURNMENT

02:05:00 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh23aad.pdf](#))