

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 12, 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Brady Wiseman (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 & Date Posted: HB 517, HB 531, HB 546, HB 385
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 546

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 546, Revise local authority to alter speed limits.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Rep. Phillips

HEARING ON HB 531

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:05 Rep. Carol Lambert (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 531, Designate warrior trail.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:19 Laura Ulrich

00:18:49 Don McDowell, Powder County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:43 Rep. Kottel

00:20:11 Rep. Lambert

00:20:41 Leanne Heisel

00:21:12 Rep. Kottel

00:21:52 Rep. Arntzen

00:22:07 Rep. Lambert

00:23:20 Rep. Nooney

00:23:37 Rep. Lambert

00:24:14 Rep. Malcolm

00:24:55 Ms. Ulrich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:37 Rep. Lambert

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:11 Rep. Gary Branae (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 517, Revise scenic byways laws.

EXHIBIT(trh31a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:13 Homer Staves
00:43:31 Dyani Bingham, Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance
00:45:27 Howard Boggess, Frontier Heritage Alliance
00:47:41 Kathleen Burrage, Crow Agency
00:48:16 Mike Penfold, Our Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:46 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)
00:52:53 Donn Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
00:55:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Informational Testimony:

00:57:35 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)
00:57:52 Betsy Baumgart, Montana Travel Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:15 Rep. Nooney
00:58:48 Rep. Branae
01:00:30 Rep. Hilbert
01:00:46 Rep. Branae
01:00:56 Mr. Staves
01:03:01 Rep. Kottel
01:03:26 Director Lynch, DOT
01:05:51 Rep. Nooney
01:06:29 Mr. Staves
01:08:16 Rep. Nooney
01:08:28 Mr. Stang, MMCA
01:10:30 Rep. Malcolm
01:11:33 Rep. Sonju
01:11:40 Director Lynch, DOT

01:13:47 Rep. MacLaren
01:14:09 Director Lynch, DOT
01:15:27 Rep. MacLaren
01:15:48 Rep. Branae
01:16:08 Rep. Arntzen
01:16:59 Director Lynch, DOT
01:17:46 Rep. Sonju
01:18:40 Mr. Staves
01:21:31 Rep. Hilbert
01:22:12 Mr. Staves
01:24:36 Rep. Nooney
01:25:05 Rep. Sonju
01:25:32 Director Lynch, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:28 Rep. Branae

01:28:00 Break
01:33:15 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 385

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:33:40 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 385, Authorize funding of transportation systems with revenue bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:41 Brent Campbell,
01:44:27 Alec Hansen,

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:14 Rep. MacLaren
01:49:28 Mr. Campbell
01:50:15 Rep. Arntzen
01:50:34 Mr. Campbell
01:52:39 Rep. Nooney
01:53:26 Director Lynch, DOT
01:54:38 Rep. Arntzen
01:55:09 Mr. Campbell

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:18 Rep. Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

01:58:48 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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