

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 16, 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)
Rep. Bill Wilson (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 581, HJ 32
Executive Action: HB 546, HB 318, HB 531, HB 175
HB 176, HB 332, HB 556, HB 567
HB 441

HEARING ON HB 581

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:21 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 581, Revise stopping requirements for cyclists.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:22 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chief of Police
(MACOP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:12 Rep. Kottel
00:06:42 Rep. Hamilton
00:08:08 Rep. Hilbert
00:09:17 Rep. Furey
00:10:16 Rep. Hamilton
00:11:12 Rep. Hilbert
00:12:33 Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:41 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HJ 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:38 Rep. McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 32,
Urge increased funding for public transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:01 Steve Earle, Missoula Urban Transportation District
(MUTD)
00:22:52 Andy Sponseller, MUTD
00:27:28 Michael Peirce
00:29:43 Roger Thompson, AARP
[EXHIBIT \(trh35a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:32 Rep. McAlpine

Additional Exhibits

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh35a02)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 546

00:36:07 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 546 DO PASS.**

00:36:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 546 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 318

00:37:36 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 318 DO PASS.**

00:38:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 318 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried by voice vote with Rep. Furey voting no.
Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

00:39:25 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 175 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:39:58 Leanne Hesiel

00:40:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 175 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh35a03)

00:41:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:41:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 175 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh35a04)

Discussion:

00:42:38 Rep. Furey

00:43:07 Rep. Sonju

00:43:14 Rep. Nooney

00:43:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting no. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:44:51 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 175 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:45:06 Rep. Arntzen

00:45:30 Director Lynch, Department of Transportation

00:46:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176

00:46:54 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 176 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:47:37 Rep. Arntzen

00:47:42 Leanne Heisel

00:48:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 332

00:48:44 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 332 DO PASS.**

00:49:10 **Motion:** Rep. Hilbert moved that **HB 332 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (trh35a05)

Discussion:

00:49:25 Leanne Heisel

00:49:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

00:50:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 332 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:51:04 Rep. Nooney

00:51:23 Rep. Arntzen

00:51:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Rep. Sonju voting no. Rep. Wiseman and Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

(Rep. Wiseman entered the room)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 531

00:52:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 531 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 441

00:54:38 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 441 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:54:54 Rep. MacLaren

00:55:24 Rep. Furey

00:55:49 Rep. Malcolm

00:56:10 Rep. Kottel

00:58:41 Rep. Nooney

00:58:59 Rep. Arntzen

00:59:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson voting aye. Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:00:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 441 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 556

01:00:59 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 DO PASS.**

01:01:16 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (trh35a06)

Discussion:

01:01:59 Leanne Heisel

01:04:09 Rep. Sonju

01:04:13 Rep. MacLaren

01:04:26 Leanne Heisel

01:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

01:04:55 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 556 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:05:07 Rep. Arntzen

01:05:24 Rep. Kottel

01:05:28 Director Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

01:06:00 Rep. Arntzen

01:06:04 Director Lynch, DOT

01:06:29 Rep. Nooney

01:06:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 567

01:07:27 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 567 DO PASS.**

01:07:59 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 567 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(trh35a07)

Discussion:

01:08:19 Rep. Sonju

01:09:18 Director Lynch, DOT

01:16:11 Rep. Arntzen

01:16:33 Director Lynch

01:17:00 Rep. Furey

01:17:11 Director Lynch

01:17:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilson and Rep. MacLaren voted by proxy.

01:18:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 567 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:21:32 Rep. Wiseman

01:22:43 Rep. Hilbert

01:23:40 Rep. Furey

01:24:00 Director Lynch, DOT
01:25:43 Rep. Nooney
01:25:55 Rep. Malcolm
01:26:12 Director Lynch, DOT
01:27:13 Rep. Arntzen
01:28:11 Rep. Hilbert
01:30:02 Rep. Kottel
01:30:26 Rep. Hilbert
01:31:22 Rep. Kottel
01:32:50 Rep. Sonju
01:33:18 Leanne Heisel
01:33:45 Rep. Kottel
01:34:06 Leanne Heisel
01:34:14 Rep. Sonju
01:34:38 Leanne Heisel

01:35:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Rep.
Furey, Rep. Malcolm, and Rep. Wilson voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

01:36:00 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh35aad.pdf](#))