

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 21, 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)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, 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: SB 158, SB 160, SJ 22
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:37 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SJ 22, Urge Congress to lift restriction on vehicle length.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:34 Jim Curry, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:05:20 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:50 Rep. Nooney

00:07:17 Mr. Stang

00:08:08 Rep. Nooney

00:08:23 Mark Moberley, MDOT

00:08:39 Rep. Nooney

00:08:55 Mr. Moberley

00:09:45 Rep. Arntzen

00:10:19 Mr. Curry, MDOT

00:12:23 Rep. Hilbert

00:13:26 Mr. Moberley

00:13:49 Mr. Stang

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:58 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:03 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 158, Revise laws on transportation reciprocity agreements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:46 Jim Curry, MDOT

00:22:14 Barry (Spook) Stang, MMCA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:54 Rep. Kottel
00:23:55 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:24:06 Rep. Nooney
00:24:17 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:24:38 Rep. Arntzen
00:24:49 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:25:10 Mr. Curry, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:04 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:29:05 Break
00:33:26 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 160

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:41 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 160, Use of senior and disability transportation funds as matching funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:13 Larry Flynn, MDOT
00:39:01 Lynn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association
00:41:01 Dell Lonnquist, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:55 Tom Osborn, Montana Transportation Partnership (MTP)
00:48:26 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living
EXHIBIT (trh60a01)
00:50:42 Charley Briggs, Montana Association of Community Disabilities Services (MACDS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:06 Rep. Kottel
00:58:09 Jim Curry, MDOT
00:58:46 Rep. Kottel
00:59:30 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:00:39 Dick Turner, MDOT
01:01:54 Rep. Kottel
01:02:23 Mr. Turner, MDOT

EXHIBIT (trh60a02)

01:05:37 Rep. Nooney
01:05:56 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:07:03 Rep. Nooney
01:07:16 Ms. Patera
01:08:53 Rep. Nooney
01:09:11 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:11:43 Rep. Nooney
01:11:56 Sen. Schmidt
01:12:20 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:13:04 Rep. Sonju
01:13:42 Mr. Curry, MDOT
01:15:08 Rep. Sonju
01:15:45 Rep. Hilbert
01:16:03 Mr. Curry, MDOT
01:16:09 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:16:54 Rep. Hilbert
01:17:06 Mr. Flynn, MDOT
01:17:39 Rep. Arntzen
01:17:54 Mr. Osborn, MTP
01:19:17 Rep. Arntzen
01:19:43 Mr. Briggs, MACDS
01:22:00 Rep. Kottel
01:22:11 Mr. Curry, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:14 Sen. Schmidt

ADJOURNMENT

01:24:30 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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