

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 23, 2007 at 3:30 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 271, SB 302, SB 305
Executive Action: SB 160, SB 386

HEARING ON SB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:37 Sen. Gregory Barkus (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 302, Remove daytime speed limit restriction on Highway 93.

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh62a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Jim Curry, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:53 Susan Brown

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh62a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:40 Rep. Kottel
00:10:05 Mr. Curry, MDOT
00:12:13 Rep. Hilbert
00:12:27 Mr. Curry, MDOT
00:14:58 Rep. MacLaren
00:15:15 Mr. Curry, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:21 Sen. Barkus

HEARING ON SB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:48 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 271, Revise requirements for securing loads.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:51 Luke Anderson

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh62a03)

00:31:43 Captain Butch Husiby, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:33:28 John Blacker, MDOT
00:35:23 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:36:29 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:38:05 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:39:14 Emma Murter

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:45 Rep. Kottel

00:39:56 Sen. Brown

00:41:43 Rep. Hilbert

00:43:07 Sen. Brown

00:44:07 Rep. Nooney

00:44:47 Sen. Brown

00:46:01 Rep. Arntzen

00:46:25 Sen. Brown

00:47:11 Andrew Geiger

00:47:29 Rep. Arntzen

00:48:02 Andrew Geiger

00:48:27 Rep. Arntzen

00:48:40 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:49:01 Rep. Sonju

00:49:23 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:52:18 Rep. Nooney

00:52:40 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:53:08 Rep. Arntzen

00:53:48 Mr. Anderson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:10 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:27 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on
SB 305, Revise motor vehicle dealer laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:09 Bill Dee, Dee Motor Company

01:03:13 Bruce Spenser, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

01:05:48 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:19 Rep. Nooney
01:08:25 Mr. Roberts, MVD
01:10:19 Rep. Arntzen
01:10:30 Mr. Roberts, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:49 Sen. Laslovich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 160

01:14:18 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 160 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:14:29 Rep. Arntzen
01:14:59 Andrew Geiger
01:15:21 Rep. Nooney
01:15:42 Rep. Kottel
01:17:50 Rep. Nooney
01:18:00 Rep. Sonju
01:18:35 Rep. Nooney
01:19:06 Rep. Hilbert
01:20:14 Rep. Kottel

01:21:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Kottel will carry the bill on the house floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 386

01:22:43 **Motion:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:22:54 **Motion:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh62a04)

Discussion:

01:24:38 Rep. Hilbert
01:25:56 Rep. Sonju
01:26:05 Andrew Geiger
01:26:35 Rep. Hilbert
01:27:09 Rep. Malcolm
01:27:23 Andrew Geiger
01:28:12 Rep. Hilbert

01:28:27 Rep. Kottel
01:28:45 Andrew Geiger
01:28:59 Rep. Kottel
01:29:32 Rep. Sonju
01:29:37 Andrew Geiger
01:29:48 Rep. MacLaren
01:30:01 Andrew Geiger
01:30:28 Rep. MacLaren
01:30:34 Andrew Geiger
01:30:48 Rep. Wiseman

01:31:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:31:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Malcolm will carry the bill on the house floor.

ADJOURNMENT

01:32:51 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh62aad.pdf](#))