

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 6, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Roy Brown (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**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 219, 2/23/2007; HB 274,  
2/23/2007  
Executive Action: HB 219, HB 274

00:00:12

**HEARING ON HB 219**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:00 **REP. BOB EBINGER (D), HD 62**, opened the hearing on **HB 219**, Authorize dealer to use storage lot for vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:38 Manny Goetz, Livingston

00:04:41 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)

00:06:18 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:21 Sen. Frank Smith to Mr. Roberts, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:40 Rep. Ebinger

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 219**

00:12:22 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** moved that **HB 219 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. BROWN** voted aye by proxy. **SEN. HAWKS** will carry.

00:13:44 recess

00:29:54 reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 274**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:00 **REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL (R), HD 77**, opened the hearing on **HB 274**, Allow certain recreational vehicles to have personalized veteran's license plate.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:09 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division,  
Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:31:37 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:06 Rep. Mendenhall

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 274**

00:33:04 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 274 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
SEN. BROWN voted aye by proxy. SEN. BLACK will carry.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:41 P.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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