

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 30, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, 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: HB 306, HB 271, HB 279
Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON HB 306

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:42 Rep. Penny Morgan (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 306, Extend certain permanent license plates for motorcycles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Angelo Bianco, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:27 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:54 Chairman Sonju

00:07:03 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:08:11 Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:27 Rep. Morgan

00:10:26 Rep. Taylor

00:10:44 Ms. Weiss

00:10:56 Chairman Sonju

00:11:06 Ms. Weiss

00:11:53 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:27 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise laws relating to transportation.

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:28 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Milltown, Montana

00:20:05 Roger Millar, Missoula County, City of Missoula, Office
of Planning and Grants
00:23:51 Tim Elsea, Missoula City Engineer
00:26:50 Josh Patterson, Contractor, Missoula, Montana
00:27:48 Jeff Patterson, Milltown and Bonner Development Group
00:29:14 Andrew Finch, Senior Transportation Planner, Great
Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Great
Falls Staff
00:34:03 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
EXHIBIT (trh22a02)
00:40:25 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County, Montana
Association of County Road Supervisors
00:42:08 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
00:44:08 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings
00:44:34 Peggy Layton, Piltzville, Montana
EXHIBIT (trh22a03)
00:45:40 Judy Matson, Missoula, Montana
00:46:50 Paul Layton, Sr., Piltzville, Montana
00:50:09 Lavonne Otto, Piltzville, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:50:41 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT (trh22a04)
01:02:09 Rep. Taylor
01:02:18 Chairman Sonju
01:02:31 Mr. Lynch
01:04:01 Rep. Taylor
01:04:12 Mr. Lynch

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:34 Rep. Kottel
01:13:57 Mr. Lynch
01:15:19 Rep. Taylor
01:15:42 Mr. Lynch
01:16:10 Rep. Taylor
01:16:19 Mr. Lynch
01:16:53 Rep. Arntzen
01:17:12 Mr. Lynch
01:19:32 Rep. Arntzen
01:19:44 Mr. Lynch
01:20:06 Rep. Arntzen
01:20:20 Mr. Lynch
01:21:19 Rep. Taylor
01:22:09 Mr. Lynch
01:23:28 Rep. Barrett

01:24:20 Rep. Reinhart
01:24:43 Rep. Barrett
01:24:48 Mr. Millar
01:25:53 Rep. Barrett
01:26:03 Mr. Millar
01:26:13 Chairman Sonju
01:26:25 Mr. Lynch
01:26:27 Chairman Sonju
01:26:45 Mr. Lynch
01:26:52 Chairman Sonju
01:27:11 Mr. Lynch
01:27:16 Rep. Arntzen
01:27:53 Mr. Lynch
01:29:06 Rep. MacDonald
01:29:52 Mr. Lynch
01:29:59 Rep. MacDonald
01:30:07 Mr. Lynch
01:31:29 Chairman Sonju
01:31:49 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:27 Rep. Reinhart

01:37:04 Break
01:48:18 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:30 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on
HB 271, Revise license plate fee laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:51:34 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:39 Rep. Taylor
01:52:55 Ms. Luther
01:53:00 Rep. Ebinger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:50 Rep. Reinhart

ADJOURNMENT

01:54:39 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh22aad.pdf](#))