

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 4, 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: Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None.

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 304, HB 311
Executive Action: HB 304, HB 311

00:00:00 Call to order
(Chairman Sonju opened the meeting and asked Vice Chairman Vance to serve as temporary chair.)

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Rep. Jon Sonju (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 304, Name portion of US Highway 2 after Highway Patrol officer David Graham.

(Rep. Wilson arrived)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:47 Steve Bullock, Attorney General
00:05:15 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor, Montana
00:06:51 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(trh26a01)
00:09:18 Mike Tooley, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol
00:12:03 Victor Nelson, Brother of Officer David Graham
00:14:42 Jenny Graham, Wife of Officer David Graham
00:18:25 David Graham, Sr., Father of Officer David Graham
00:21:42 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers
00:22:26 Pauline Linnell, Big Fork, MT.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:20 Rep. Sonju

HEARING ON HB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:52 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 311, Name portion of Highway 2 in honor of Evan Schneider.

EXHIBIT(trh26a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:30 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor, Montana
00:27:14 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation
00:30:17 Mike Tooley, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol
00:33:32 Rebecca Sturdevant, Mother of Officer Evan Schneider
00:35:41 Carrie Schneider, Wife of Officer Evan Schneider

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:23 Rep. Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304

00:42:04 **Motion:** Rep. Wilson moved that **HB 304 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:42:24 Rep. Sonju
00:42:33 Ms. Weiss
00:42:47 Vice Chairman Vance

00:42:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

00:43:17 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 311 DO PASS.**

00:43:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 311 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:53 Rep. Sonju

00:44:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 311 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

00:44:30 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh26aad.pdf](#))