

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 6, 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. 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)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

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 377, HB 387, HB 373
Executive Action: HB 373, HB 49

00:00:00 Call to order
00:00:32 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(trh28a01)
00:00:56 Chairman Sonju
00:01:00 Ms. Weiss
00:01:24 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON HB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:48 Rep. Michele Reinhardt (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on
HB 377, Revise transportation commission.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:06 Roger Millar, Office of Planning and Grants, Missoula,
Montana
EXHIBIT(trh28a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:17 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(trh28a03)
00:31:15 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and
Coal Counties

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:29 Rep. Ebinger
00:32:48 Mr. Lynch
00:32:53 Rep. Ebinger
00:33:05 Mr. Lynch
00:34:12 Rep. Roundstone
00:34:38 Mr. Lynch
00:35:13 Chairman Sonju
00:35:21 Mr. Lynch
00:35:43 Chairman Sonju
00:35:50 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:59 Rep. Reinhardt

HEARING ON HB 387

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:12 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on
HB 387, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:43 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association
EXHIBIT(trh28a04)

00:45:49 Mona Jamison, General Motors

00:47:09 Tom Rispens, Montana Boat Center

00:48:26 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:20 Rep. Reichner

00:50:05 Rep. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 373

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:33 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on
HB 373, Gold star families special license plates.

EXHIBIT(trh28a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:21 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, Montana
American Legion

00:56:25 Dan Antonietti, Legislative Chairman, Veterans of
Foreign Wars

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:57:19 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:44 Rep. Wilmer

EXHIBIT(trh28a06)

00:59:29 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373

00:59:37 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 DO PASS.**

00:59:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:22 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:00:31 Rep. Arntzen

01:00:58 Ms. Weiss

01:01:40 Chairman Sonju

01:02:10 Rep. Arntzen

01:02:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Further discussion on HB 279

01:03:04 Chairman Sonju

01:03:22 Rep. Barrett

01:04:16 Chairman Sonju

01:04:31 Rep. Barrett

01:05:01 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

01:12:36 Roger Millar, Office of Planning and Grants, Missoula, Montana

01:22:11 Rep. Barrett

01:23:08 Mr. Millar

01:23:13 Rep. Barrett

01:23:31 Mr. Millar

01:24:15 Rep. Arntzen

01:24:29 Mr. Lynch

(Rep. Barrett left)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49

01:25:34 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 49 DO PASS.**

01:26:33 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 49 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh28a07)

Discussion:

01:26:48 Ms. Weiss
01:28:37 Rep. Vance
01:29:12 Mr. Lynch
01:29:44 Rep. Ebinger
01:30:00 Ms. Weiss
01:30:18 Rep. Ebinger
01:30:52 Ms. Weiss
01:31:11 Chairman Sonju
01:31:16 Rep. Arntzen
01:31:42 Rep. Kottel
01:31:45 Ms. Weiss
01:32:03 Rep. Kottel
01:32:11 Chairman Sonju
01:32:20 Ms. Weiss
01:32:31 Rep. Kottel

01:32:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 0-12 by roll call vote.
Rep. Barrett voted by proxy.

01:33:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 49 BE**
TABLED. Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep.
Taylor voting no. Rep. Barrett voted by proxy.

01:34:45 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:23 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

Information on HB 279, ICAP Exemption

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh28aad.pdf](#))