

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 13, 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)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None

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 103, HB 441, HB 437
Executive Action: HB 356, HB 103, HB 380, HB 441

00:00:01 Call to order

Presentation from the Motor Vehicle Division

00:00:52 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney, Motor Vehicle Division,
Department of Justice

EXHIBIT(trh34a01)

00:01:47 Dale Matheson, Marketing Specialist, Department of
Justice

00:13:33 Rep. Taylor

00:13:45 Mr. Matheson

00:15:28 Rep. MacDonald

00:15:50 Mr. Matheson

00:18:05 Chairman Sonju

00:18:09 Mr. Matheson

00:18:30 Chairman Sonju

00:18:55 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:19:25 Mr. Matheson

00:19:35 Chairman Sonju

00:19:55 Mr. Matheson

00:20:58 Ms. Nordlund

00:21:14 Rep. Berry

00:21:32 Ms. Nordlund

00:22:37 Rep. Roundstone

00:23:01 Mr. Matheson

00:23:19 Ms. Nordlund

00:24:11 Chairman Sonju

(Rep. Barrett left.)

HEARING ON HB 441

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:49 Rep. Krayton Kerns (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on
HB 441, Revise rulemaking authority of department of
transportation.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:09 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

EXHIBIT(trh34a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:54 Rep. Arntzen

00:32:09 Mr. Lynch
00:32:29 Rep. MacDonald
00:32:48 Mr. Lynch
00:33:05 Rep. Arntzen
00:33:15 Mr. Lynch
00:34:11 Rep. Randall
00:34:34 Mr. Lynch
00:35:32 Chairman Sonju
00:35:38 Mr. Lynch
00:37:11 Rep. Taylor
00:37:26 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:02 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON HB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:53 Rep. Bill Wilson (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on
HB 103, Revise tow truck insurance reporting
provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:46 Ken Toole, Montana Public Service Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:34 Gary Becker, Montana Highway Patrol
00:46:47 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:41 Chairman Sonju
00:48:30 Mr. Becker
00:52:24 Rep. Arntzen
00:52:48 Mr. Dusenberry
00:53:49 Rep. Arntzen
00:53:55 Mr. Toole

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:49 Rep. Wilson

HEARING ON HB 437

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:35 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on
HB 437, Consider energy policy in transportation
planning and decision making.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:23 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
01:00:18 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:39 Rep. Arntzen
01:02:07 Mr. Lynch
01:04:51 Rep. Kottel
01:05:55 Mr. Lynch
01:06:30 Rep. Vance
01:07:02 Mr. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:43 Rep. Hands
(Rep. Barrett arrived.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

01:10:46 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 356 DO PASS.**

01:11:29 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 356 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh34a03)

Discussion:

01:11:43 Ms. Weiss
01:12:25 Chairman Sonju
01:13:19 Rep. Barrett
01:13:30 Ms. Weiss
01:14:04 Chairman Sonju

01:14:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:58 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 356 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:15:11 Rep. Barrett
01:15:35 Mr. Lynch
01:16:29 Chairman Sonju
01:17:08 Rep. Arntzen
01:17:35 Rep. Kottel
01:18:00 Rep. Taylor
01:18:21 Mr. Lynch
01:19:11 Chairman Sonju
01:19:15 Mr. Lynch

01:19:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103

01:20:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wilson moved that **HB 103 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 441

01:21:38 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 441 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:21:54 Rep. Kottel
01:23:38 Rep. Berry
01:23:48 Rep. Randall
01:24:11 Rep. Arntzen
01:24:52 Rep. Taylor
01:26:14 Rep. MacDonald
01:26:34 Rep. Kottel
01:26:59 Mr. Lynch
01:28:53 Rep. Vance
01:29:05 Mr. Lynch
01:30:58 Rep. Taylor
01:31:17 Mr. Lynch
01:32:41 Rep. Barrett
01:33:20 Mr. Lynch
01:34:37 Chairman Sonju
01:35:11 Mr. Lynch
01:37:06 Rep. MacDonald

01:37:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Randall, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Vance voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 380

01:39:08 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 380 DO PASS.**

01:39:32 **Motion:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **HB 380 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh34a04)

Discussion:

01:39:49 Ms. Weiss
01:40:52 Rep. Kottel
01:41:00 Ms. Weiss
01:41:15 Rep. Vance
01:42:33 Rep. Berry
01:42:49 Rep. Vance
01:43:03 Rep. Arntzen
01:43:13 Rep. Vance
01:43:41 Ms. Weiss

01:44:01 Rep. Arntzen withdrew her amendment without objection.

01:44:42 Rep. Taylor
01:44:48 Rep. Kottel
01:44:59 Ms. Weiss

01:45:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

01:48:00 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh34aad.pdf](#))