

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 11, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
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. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
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: SB 471, SB 409

Executive Action: SB 409, SB 249

00:00:05 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 409

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:49 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 409, Revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:02 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
00:07:10 Tim Reardon, Chief Council, Department of
Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:14 Rep. Berry
00:08:43 Sen. Brueggeman
00:09:19 Rep. Arntzen
00:09:38 Mr. Reardon
00:10:33 Rep. Roundstone
00:11:01 Sen. Brueggeman
00:11:35 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:54 Sen. Brueggeman

(Rep. Barrett and Rep. Wilson arrived.)

HEARING ON SB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:06 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 471, Fuel criteria for state fleet and contractors.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:41 Tyler Evilsizer, Student Advocates for Valuing the
Environment Foundation (SAVE)

[EXHIBIT\(trh54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh54a02\)](#)

00:20:35 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:56 Rep. Barrett
00:23:13 Sen. Brueggeman
00:27:14 Rep. Sonju
00:28:39 Sen. Brueggeman
00:29:44 Rep. Arntzen
00:30:09 Sen. Brueggeman
00:32:19 Rep. MacDonald
00:32:32 Sen. Brueggeman
00:33:14 Rep. Barrett
00:34:06 Sen. Brueggeman
00:36:01 Rep. Sonju
00:36:30 Sen. Brueggeman
00:38:03 Rep. Kottel
00:39:09 Sen. Brueggeman
00:39:30 Rep. Sonju
00:39:43 Rep. Kottel
00:40:10 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:41 Sen. Brueggeman
00:43:30 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 409

00:43:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 409 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Ebinger voted by proxy.

00:44:28 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 249

00:44:36 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 249 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:44:54 Rep. Kottel
00:46:40 Rep. Arntzen
00:47:40 Rep. Barrett
00:48:04 Rep. Kottel
00:48:11 Rep. Barrett

00:48:47 Rep. Kottel

00:48:51 Ms. Weiss

(Rep. Ebinger arrived.)

00:49:49 Rep. Sonju

00:52:12 Rep. Wilson

00:53:02 Rep. Kottel

00:54:41 Rep. Wilson

00:54:46 Rep. Kottel

00:55:20 Rep. Vance

00:55:35 Ms. Weiss

00:56:04 Rep. Vance

00:56:42 Chairman Sonju

00:56:49 Rep. Ebinger

00:56:56 Rep. Wilson

00:57:08 Chairman Sonju

00:57:36 Rep. Vance withdrew his motion without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

00:59:03 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

kb

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh54aad.pdf](#))