

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Gordon Vance, on March 18, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (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: HB 614, SB 457

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 457

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:36 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on
SB 457, Revise scenic byways laws.

(Rep. Wilson, Rep. Arntzen and Rep. MacDonald arrived.)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:41 Mike Penfold, Frontier Heritage Association; Commercial
Lodge Owner, Red Lodge, Montana
00:08:58 Howard Boggess, Project Coordinator, Frontier Heritage
Alliance
00:19:01 Christina Volek, City Administrator, City of Billings
00:21:20 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Inn Keepers Association
00:22:07 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner
00:22:31 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association,
Western Environmental Trade Association
00:23:34 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:07 Rep. Ebinger
00:26:51 Sen. Branae
00:28:19 Rep. Ebinger
00:28:29 Mr. Penfold
00:28:58 Rep. MacDonald
00:29:25 Sen. Branae
00:31:24 Rep. Arntzen
00:31:41 Mr. Penfold
00:34:12 Rep. Arntzen
00:34:43 Sen. Branae

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:01 Sen. Branae

HEARING ON HB 614

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:15 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 614, Crime to ride off-highway vehicles on closed public lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:53 Jim Kropp, Chief, Enforcement Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(trh60a01)

00:41:29 Jeff Noble, Powder River County Attorney

00:50:54 Greg Munther

EXHIBIT(trh60a02)

00:53:52 Gary Carbajal, Montana Bow Hunters Association

00:55:39 Ben Long, Back Country Hunters and Anglers

00:59:37 Larry Copenhaver, Conservation Director, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:04:42 Mike Penfold, Priors Coalition

01:06:17 Howard Boggess, Frontier Heritage Alliance, Priors Coalition

01:09:37 Kevin Chappell, Chief, Agriculture and Grazing Management Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:30 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

01:14:43 Cory Swanson, Citizens for Balanced Use

EXHIBIT(trh60a03)

01:24:29 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

01:29:25 Vanessa Clark, Montana Snowmobilers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:44 Rep. Taylor

01:31:04 Mr. Copenhaver

01:31:29 Rep. Taylor

01:32:24 Mr. Kropp

01:33:25 Rep. Kottel

01:33:42 Mr. Noble

01:38:32 Rep. Arntzen

01:39:01 Mr. Kropp

01:43:48 Rep. Ebinger

01:44:09 Mr. Kropp

01:45:03 Rep. Barrett
01:45:38 Mr. Kropp
01:46:31 Rep. Kottel
01:47:24 Mr. Noble
01:50:34 Rep. Barrett
01:51:32 Mr. Noble
01:53:59 Rep. Barrett
01:54:22 Rep. MacLaren
01:54:38 Vice Chairman Vance
01:54:55 Mr. Swanson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:17 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh60aad.pdf](#))