

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on March 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon Vance, Chairman (R)
Rep. Lee Randall, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, 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 & Date Posted: SB 211, 3/11/2011; SB 213, 3/11/2011

Executive Action: SB 179; SB 213

HEARING ON SB 213**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:06 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 213, Designate Montana Highway 1 Pintler Veterans' Memorial Scenic Highway.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:03 Rep. Arntzen arrived.
00:03:04 Lorry Thomas, American Legion Post 21, Anaconda
00:03:22 Nick Nardacci, Vice Chairman, American Legion Post 21

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:09 Rep. Arntzen
00:04:22 Sen. Vuckovich
00:04:28 Rep. Arntzen
00:04:31 Sen. Vuckovich
00:05:01 Rep. O'Neil
00:05:20 Sen. Vuckovich
00:05:39 Rep. O'Neil
00:05:44 Sen. Vuckovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:01 Sen. Vuckovich

HEARING ON SB 111**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:20 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 111, Limit noneconomic damages in motor vehicle accidents.

EXHIBIT(trh59a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:57 John Metropoulos, Farmer's Insurance Group
00:16:20 Lyle Mitchell, State President, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), Columbia Falls
00:19:38 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:22:15 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Motor Carriers of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:49 Jim Hunt, Attorney, Helena
00:29:12 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers (MTLA)

EXHIBIT(trh59a02)**Informational Testimony:** None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:48 Rep. O'Neil
00:39:57 Mr. Smith, MTLA
00:41:15 Rep. Lavin
00:42:13 Mr. Hunt
00:43:19 Rep. Lavin
00:43:37 Mr. Hunt
00:44:46 Vice Chairman Randall
00:45:21 Mr. Van Horssen
00:46:06 Rep. Smith arrived.
00:46:26 Vice Chairman Randall
00:46:31 Mr. Smith
00:46:47 Mr. Hunt
00:48:13 Vice Chairman Randall
00:48:38 Mr. Hunt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:40 Sen. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 179

00:54:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Randall moved that **SB 178 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kerns voting no. Rep. Lavin will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213

00:55:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Randall moved that **SB 213 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kerns voting no. Rep. Smith will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

00:55:30 Adjournment:

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh59aad.pdf](#))