

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Llew Jones, on January 27, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Kirk Lundby, 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 & Date Posted: SB 82, 1/7/2011; SB 211, 1/25/2011

HEARING ON SB 211

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:37 Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 211, Revise salvage title law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:36 Justin Walsh, General Manager, Lithia Motors

00:06:07 Bruce Spencer, representing the Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)

[EXHIBIT\(his21a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:33 Vice Chair Sonju

00:09:05 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:10:44 Sen. Tutvedt

00:11:07 Brenda Nordlund, (DOJ)

00:11:31 Sen. Tutvedt

00:11:39 Brenda Nordlund

00:11:50 Sen. Keane

00:12:11 Brenda Nordlund

00:12:46 Sen. Keane

00:12:52 Brenda Nordlund

00:13:14 Sen. Zinke

00:14:18 Brenda Nordlund

00:14:59 Chairman Jones

00:15:43 Brenda Norlund

00:16:06 Chairman Jones

00:16:20 Bruce Spencer, (MADA)

00:17:17 Chairman Jones

00:17:30 Sen. Hutton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:44 Sen. Hutton

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:36 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 82, Provide for a primary seat belt law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:15 Jim Lynch, Director, Department Of Transportation (DOT)

EXHIBIT(his21a02)

00:39:43 Colonel Mike Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

00:42:49 Brad Von Bergen, representing the City of Billings Clinic

00:45:03 Barry Stang, representing the Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

00:46:48 Denise Harris, representing AAA Mountain West

EXHIBIT(his21a03)

00:50:02 Ed Bartlett, representing the City of Billings

00:50:19 Stacy Wesen, representing Child Care Connections (CCC)

00:51:31 Kristen Morgan, Program Director, Brain Injury Association of Montana (BIAM)

00:53:31 John Spencer, Chief Pilot, (MHP)

00:54:30 Mike Foster, representing the Catholic Hospitals of Montana

EXHIBIT(his21a04)

EXHIBIT(his21a05)

00:56:52 John MacDonald, representing the City of Missoula and the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

EXHIBIT(his21a06)

00:58:01 Jane Hamman, representing the Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

EXHIBIT(his21a07)

00:59:17 Barbra Schneeman, representing RiverStone Health

EXHIBIT(his21a08)

00:59:48 Chairman Jones turned Chairman duties over to Vice Chair Sonju

00:59:55 Lora Wier, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO) and the Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

EXHIBIT(his21a09)

01:00:32 Connie Herberg

01:02:33 Koren Bloom, representing Safe Kids Yellowstone County

01:03:06 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

01:03:54 Don Judge, representing the Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

01:04:42 Bruce Spencer, representing the Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) and Allstate Insurance

01:05:09 Christina Davis, representing the Childrens Defense Fund

01:05:49 Dick Brown, representing the Montana Hospital Association

01:06:12 Jesse Luther, representing the Association of Montana Troopers

01:06:42 Brenda Nordlund, (DOJ)

01:07:33 Larry Epstein, representing the Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA) and the Montana County Attorneys Associatio (MCAA)

01:09:04 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association

01:10:47 Alan Hulse, representing the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)

01:11:25 Jon Bennion, representing the Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:12:19 Kris Minard

[EXHIBIT\(his21a10\)](#)

01:13:47 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health and Montana
Advocates for Children

Opponents' Testimony:

01:16:55 Doug Carpenter

[EXHIBIT\(his21a11\)](#)

01:23:24 Lisa Wamsley

01:26:19 Cindy Swank

[EXHIBIT\(his21a12\)](#)

01:31:27 Mike Fellows, representing the Montana Libertarian Party

[EXHIBIT\(his21a13\)](#)

01:36:21 Roger Nummerdor

01:39:25 Becky Stockton

[EXHIBIT\(his21a14\)](#)

01:43:04 Art Powell

01:45:56 Willie Duffield

01:49:17 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, SD 16

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:27 Sen. Caferro

01:52:48 Col. Mike Tooley, (MHP)

01:53:35 Sen. Caferro

01:54:25 Col. Mike Tooley

01:54:32 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:10 Sen. Hamlett

Additional Exhibits:

The following exhibits were received today relating to SB 137 heard in committee
on 1/13/2011

[EXHIBIT\(his21a15\)](#)

Email dated 1/13/2011 from Sheena Rice

[EXHIBIT\(his21a16\)](#)

Letter dated 1/13/2011 from Amanda Harrow

The following exhibits were received today relating to SB 111 heard in committee
on 1/25/2011

[EXHIBIT\(his21a17\)](#)

Email dated 1/26/2011 from Bruce Spencer

[EXHIBIT\(his21a18\)](#)

Analysis dated 1/26/2011 from Bruce Spencer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
01:58:13

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his21aad.pdf](#))