

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 15, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 171, 2/11/2011; HB 187, HB 210, 2/11/2011
Executive Active: SB 211 (Partial Executive Action)
SB 251 Do Pass As Amended
SB 258 Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:12 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 187, Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:26 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Association of County Road Supervisors (MACRS)

EXHIBIT(his37a01)

00:09:06 Patrick Heffernan, representing the Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:09:46 Jason Todhunter, representing the Montana Logging Association (MLA)

00:10:23 Bob Gilbert, representing Dawson, Rosebud, and Musselshell Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:02 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department Of Transportation (MDT)

00:12:10 Sen. Zinke entered the committee room

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:53 Sen. Arthun

00:13:07 Rep. Connell, HD 87

00:14:28 Sen. Arthun

00:14:38 Rep. Connell

00:14:57 Sen. Keane

00:15:13 Rep. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:42 Rep. Connell

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 171, Allow standard license plates for motorcycle and smaller trailers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:43 Ronda Wiggers, representing the Montana County Treasurers' Association
(MCTA) and the Montana Snowmobile Association, Inc
00:21:13 Bob Gilbert, representing Walleye's Unlimited

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:35 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 210

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:42 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 210, Revise laws
relating to mobile home movers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:27 Ira Gresens, representing W&W Trucking
00:25:28 Sen. Wanzenried entered the committee room
00:27:02 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association
00:27:30 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department Of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:14 Sen. Zinke
00:29:37 Jim Lynch, (MDT)
00:30:31 Sen. Keane
00:30:49 Barry Stang, representing the Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:50 Rep. McChesney
00:32:47 recess
00:34:42 reconvene
(Sen. Tutvedt was absent)

Discussion:

00:35:07 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258

00:38:11 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 DO PASS.**

00:38:34 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(his37a02)

Discussion:

00:39:28 Sen. Zinke
00:39:39 Sen. Buttrey
00:40:17 Sen. Blewett
00:40:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
00:40:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 251

00:42:01 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 DO PASS.**
00:42:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
EXHIBIT(his37a03)

00:43:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 211

00:44:36 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:45:32 Sen. Wanzenried
00:45:38 Sen. Buttrey
00:46:05 Sen. Keane
00:46:14 Chairman Jones
00:46:49 Sen. Buttrey

00:47:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Wanzenried voting no.

00:47:41 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
(previously amended on 2/1/2011)

Discussion:

00:48:04 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:48:44 Sen. Buttrey
00:49:36 Rachel Weiss, (LSD)

00:49:43 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(his37a04)

Discussion:

00:50:03 Sen. Keane
00:50:28 Sen. Buttrey
00:50:37 Sen. Keane
00:51:09 Sen. Zinke
00:52:31 Chairman Jones
00:53:00 Sen. Zinke
00:53:41 Sen. Mowbray
00:54:03 Chairman Jones
00:54:24 Sen. Zinke

00:55:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Keane, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

00:56:14 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:56:31 Sen. Keane

00:56:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Arthun, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Jones, Sen. Mowbray, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voting aye. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:58:29 Sen. Zinke
00:58:40 Chairman Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
00:59:33

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his37aad.pdf](#))