

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 19, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

**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: HB 178, 3/8/2013; HB 216, 3/8/2013; HB 299, 3/8/2013, HB 442, 03/11/2013

Executive Action: HB 299, Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HB 442**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:48 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 442, Increase vehicle damage reporting requirement.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:30 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:57 Sen. Buttrey

00:18:52 Rep. Randall

00:19:02 Sen. Brown

00:20:02 Rep. Lavin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:23 Rep. Randall

**HEARING ON HB 178**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:36 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 178, Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:55 Charlie Brown, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(his59a01\)\*\*](#)

00:29:49 Gary Dalton, Sealy Lake High School (SLHS)

00:31:05 Spencer Severin, representing self

00:32:10 Jim Carroll, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(his59a02\)\*\*](#)

00:34:44 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(his59a03\)\*\*](#)

00:38:14 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA), Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:39:39 Jane Lee Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

[EXHIBIT\(his59a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:46:38 Fran Penner-Ray, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:11 Sen. Barrett  
00:50:30 Jane Hamman, MTEA  
00:50:49 Sen. Barrett  
00:51:08 Gary Dalton, SLHS  
00:51:42 Sen. Barrett  
00:53:25 Dennis Parman, OPI  
00:53:47 Sen. Brown  
00:59:40 Charlie Brown, MTEA  
00:59:53 Sen. Rosendale  
01:01:48 Charlie Brown  
01:01:58 Sen. Webb  
01:02:20 Gary Dalton  
01:03:23 Sen. Buttrey  
01:03:59 Rep. Price  
01:05:46 Sen. Buttrey  
01:06:08 Bob Vogel, MTSBA, MREA  
01:07:28 Sen. Barrett  
01:09:01 Dennis Parman  
01:09:10 Sen. Arntzen  
01:09:30 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI  
01:11:51 Sen. Barrett  
01:12:42 Fran Penner-Ray  
01:13:01 Sen. Barrett  
01:13:48 Sen. Arntzen  
01:13:58 Fran Penner-Ray  
01:14:44 Sen. Brown  
01:16:21 Fran Penner-Ray  
01:16:37 Sen. Brown  
01:18:15 Jim Carroll, MTEA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:32 Rep. Price

**HEARING ON HB 299**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:35 Rep. Wendy Warburton (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 299, Name portion of highway 2 in Blaine County for slain officers.

01:24:12 Rep. Clarena Brockie (D), HD 32,

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:26:57 Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17

01:28:13 Mary Phippen, representing self

01:28:51 Larry Epstein, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)

01:29:39 Dennis DeLaitre, Concerns of Police Survivors, (COPS)

**EXHIBIT(his59a05)**

01:32:49 Becky Sturdevant, Concerns of Police Survivors, (COPS)

**EXHIBIT(his59a06)**

01:36:23 Jim Smith, on behalf of Glenn Huestis, Blaine County Sheriff (COB); Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**EXHIBIT(his59a07)**

01:39:17 Jerry Williams. Montana Protective Police Association (MPPA)

01:40:09 Mike Tooley, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

01:41:05 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299**

01:41:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vuckovich moved that **HB 299 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Jergeson will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 216**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:46:52 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 216, Revise laws related to distribution of overweight and oversize permit fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:48:02 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
**EXHIBIT(his59a08)**

01:50:40 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

01:51:39 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:52:39 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Motor Carrier Services (MCS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:52:58 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:53:37 Rep. Doane  
01:54:23 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:56:38 Duane Williams, MDT  
01:57:09 Harold Blattie, MACo  
01:58:18 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:59:59 Harold Blattie  
02:00:31 Sen. Webb  
02:01:35 Harold Blattie  
02:02:02 Sen. Buttrey  
02:02:25 Harold Blattie  
02:02:34 Sen. Arntzen  
02:02:52 Harold Blattie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:05:34 Rep. Doane

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his59aad.pdf](#))**