

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on April 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (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 559, 4/3/2013; HB 607, 4/3/2013; SJ 26, 4/3/2013

Executive Action: HB 607, Motion, Withdrew Motion (No executive action taken)

HEARING ON HB 607

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:52 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 607, Expand electronic title, lien filing, and registration pilot program.

00:15:18 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:11 Chris Gallus, Bennett Law Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:17:26 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ), Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:44 Sen. Keane

00:18:23 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ, MVD

00:19:01 Sen. Barrett

00:19:05 Sen. Tutvedt entered the hearing.

00:19:25 Brenda Nordlund

00:19:57 Sen. Keane

00:20:46 Brenda Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:50 Rep. Lavin

HEARING ON HB 559

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:24 Rep. Liz Bangerter (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 559, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:47 Brenda Nordlund, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ), Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

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00:34:51 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers (MCT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:45 Sen. Tutvedt
00:37:59 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ, MVD
00:38:45 Sen. Keane
00:39:15 Rep. Bangerter
00:39:31 Sen. Keane
00:40:09 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
00:40:36 Brenda Nordlund
00:41:46 Sen. Arntzen
00:42:02 Brenda Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:52 Rep. Bangerter
00:45:55 Chair Arntzen turned chair responsibilities over to Sen. Wanzenried.

HEARING ON SJ 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:21 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SJ 26, Provide for study of commerce corridors along Montana highways.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:24 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
00:52:19 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Motor Carrier Services (MCS)
00:53:13 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
00:55:35 Ed Bartlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM), Billings Chamber of Commerce (COM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:07 Sen. Keane
00:58:54 Duane Williams, MDT, MCS
00:59:18 Sen. Wanzenried

01:00:36 Duane Williams
01:00:56 Sen. Wanzenried

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:07 Sen. Arntzen
01:03:40 Sen. Arntzen resumed chair responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607

01:05:12 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 607 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:05:26 Sen. Keane
01:05:30 Without objection, Sen. Tutvedt withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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