

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on January 14, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, 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: HB 60, 1/6/2015; HB 83, 1/7/2015; HB 98, 1/7/2015; HB 99,
1/7/2015; HB 104, 1/6/2015

00:00:01 Chair Lavin

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HEARING ON HB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 60, Revise fuel tax penalties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:37 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:04:43 Rep. McKamey arrived

00:05:08 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:02 Rep. Miller

00:07:17 Dave Boyher, Legislative Branch

00:07:39 Rep. MacDonald

00:08:29 Larry Flynn, MDT

00:08:49 Rep. Smith

00:09:01 Larry Flynn, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:18 Rep Curdy

HEARING ON HB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:47 Rep. Denise Hayman (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 83, Repeal visitor information center-related law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:54 Jeri Duran, Administrator, Department of Commerce (DOC)

00:14:22 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:11 Rep. Hayman
00:15:24 Chair Lavin

00:16:19 Recessed.
00:30:31 Reconvened. Rep. Randall absent.

HEARING ON HB 99**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:39 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 99, Revise fuel tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:07 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
00:37:45 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers
00:40:39 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:41:21 Chair Lavin

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

00:41:31 Rep. Miller
00:41:51 Larry Flynn, MDT
00:42:35 Rep. Kipp
00:43:26 Larry Flynn, MDT
00:43:38 Rep. Kipp
00:44:21 Larry Flynn, MDT
00:44:47 Rep. Kipp
00:45:36 Larry Flynn, MDT
00:45:45 Chair Lavin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:52 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 98**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:23 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 98, Clarify authority of dept. of transportation to require traction devices.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:06 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:50:23 Major Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
00:50:57 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:48 Rep Fiscus
00:52:38 Barry "Spook" Stang, MCM
00:52:41 Rep Fiscus
00:52:50 Barry "Spook" Stang, MCM
00:53:04 Rep. Fiscus
00:53:13 Barry "Spook" Stang, MCM
00:53:26 Rep. Fiscus
00:53:41 Barry "Spook" Stang, MCM
00:53:44 Rep. Williams
00:53:54 Chairman Lavin
00:53:58 Rep. Garner
00:54:13 Rep. McClafferty
00:54:24 Rep. Garner
00:54:29 Rep. Wilson
00:55:18 Duane Williams, MDT
00:55:27 Major Jason Hildenstab, MHP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:40 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:03 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 104, Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:58 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:49 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:02 Rep. Smith
01:03:30 Duane Williams, MDT
01:03:59 Rep. Smith
01:04:03 Duane Williams, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:27 Rep. Eck

01:04:43 Chairman Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:05:45

Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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