

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Lavin, on March 13, 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. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)

**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: SB 332, 3/9/2015; SB 338, 3/5/2015; SB 180, 3/6/2015

00:00:01 Chair Lavin

### HEARING ON SB 332

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 332, Establish the Joseph J. Dunn memorial highway.

[EXHIBIT\(trh52a01\)](#)

00:03:33 Rep. Kipp and Rep. Smith arrived.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:39 Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe, SD 12

00:05:09 Robynn Dunn, self

00:06:01 Tim Fox, Attorney General

00:07:56 Lee Sturdevant, Montana Concerns of Police Survivors

00:09:22 Shane Grimes, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

00:10:08 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:11:17 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

00:11:53 Rep. Casey Schreiner, HD 25

00:12:23 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff, HD 22

00:13:55 Sen. Brian Hoven, SD 13

00:14:27 Shyla Patera, self

00:15:02 Mike Tooley, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:15:45 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:19 Rep. McKamey

#### Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:45 Sen. Buttrey

00:17:40 Rep. MacDonald arrived.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 332

00:17:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 332 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Randall voted by proxy. Rep. Schreiner will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 180****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:36 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 180, Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:13 Jane Amdahl, American Association of Retired Persons, Montana (AARP Montana)  
00:32:04 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living  
00:35:47 Jim Helgeson, Great Fall Transit District  
00:39:25 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers  
00:43:59 Lyn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association  
00:50:39 David Kack, Skyline Transit  
00:52:47 Erin Alt, Sanders County Council on Aging  
00:55:47 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes

[EXHIBIT\(trh52a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:59:14 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)  
00:59:43 Lee Bearlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:03 Rep. Miller  
01:00:33 Sen. Hoven, SD 13  
01:01:13 Rep. Miller  
01:01:22 Sen. Hoven, SD 13  
01:01:29 Rep. Curdy  
01:01:59 Lynn Zanto, DOT  
01:03:16 Rep. Curdy  
01:03:23 Lynn Zanto, DOT  
01:03:55 Rep. Curdy  
01:03:58 Lynn Zanto, DOT  
01:04:51 Rep. McKamey  
01:05:31 Sen. Hoven, SD 13  
01:06:30 Rep. Cook  
01:06:53 Lynn Zanto, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:04 Sen. Hoven, SD 13

**HEARING ON SB 338****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:12:09 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 338, Exclude certain vehicles on MT 16 from certain maximum weight limits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:14:26 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain, Incorporated  
[EXHIBIT\(trh52a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:20:46 Duane William, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:21:06 Rep. Miller  
01:21:43 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain, Inc.  
01:22:18 Rep. Fiscus  
01:22:45 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain, Inc.  
01:23:14 Rep. McKamey  
01:23:45 Pat Keim, Columbia Grain, Inc.  
01:24:11 Duane Williams, DOT  
01:24:42 Rep. Wilson  
01:25:54 Duane Williams, DOT  
01:26:05 Rep. Wilson  
01:26:15 Duane Williams, DOT  
01:26:34 Rep. Miller  
01:26:58 Duane Williams, DOT  
01:27:11 Rep. McKamey  
01:28:11 Duane Williams, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:28:27 Sen. Arntzen

01:31:13 Chair Lavin  
01:32:17 Rep. Curdy  
01:32:37 Rep. McKamey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:33:21

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Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([trh52aad.pdf](#))**