

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on January 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, 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 117, 1/8/2015; SB 38, 1/5/2015

Committee Business:

00:01:07 Chair Arntzen
00:01:30 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.
00:04:14 Sen. Brown
00:04:49 Chair Arntzen
00:05:52 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(his07a01\)](#)
00:06:27 Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:02 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 117, Generally revise Montana rail service competition council.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:25 Lynn Zanto, Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:56 Sen. Kaufmann
00:11:45 Ms. Zanto, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:06 Sen. Tutvedt
00:13:44 Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:03 Sen. Lea Whitford (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 38, Clarify authority of dept. of transportation to install memorial signs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:32 Pat Wise, deputy director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:23:34 Vernon Finley, chairperson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:46 Sen. Sands
00:27:10 Ms. Wise, MDT
00:27:29 Sen. Barrett
00:28:19 Ms. Wise
00:28:23 Sen. Brown
00:32:51 Ms. Wise
00:33:38 Sen. Taylor
00:34:27 Ms. Wise
00:35:45 Sen. Malek
00:36:47 Chair Arntzen
00:36:53 Sen. Malek
00:36:58 Ms. Wise
00:37:40 Chair Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:11 Sen. Whitford

00:40:46 Chair Arntzen
00:41:10 Sen. Buttrey
00:42:34 Chair Arntzen
00:43:00 Sen. Vance
00:43:10 Chair Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:42 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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