

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on April 14, 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)  
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: SJ 27, 4/13/2015

Executive Action: HB 407, Tabled; HB 599, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 604, Motion Withdrawn; HB 628, Be Concurred In; SJ 27, Do Pass; HB 486, Motion Withdrawn

00:00:08 Chair Arntzen

**HEARING ON SJ 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SJ 27, Interim study resolution on veterans memorial map designations.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:56 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2,

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:30 Lynn Zanto, administrator, Rail, Transit and Planning Division, Department of Transportation

00:03:49 Doug Mitchell, Department of Commerce (COM)  
**EXHIBIT(his75a01)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:27 Sen. Barrett  
00:05:05 Sen. Kary  
00:05:38 Chair Arntzen  
00:06:58 Mr. Mitchell, COM

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:03 Sen. Kary  
00:08:55 Chair Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 407**

00:09:07 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 407 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:09:13 Chair Arntzen  
00:09:42 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
00:10:06 Sen. Sands

00:10:27 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sales made a substitute motion that **HB 407 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Di. Barrett, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 599**

00:11:22 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 599 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:11:33 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 599 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:11:55 Chair Arntzen

00:12:06 Leanne Kurtz

00:12:31 Chair Arntzen

00:12:39 Sen. Brown

00:12:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:13:11 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 599 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:20 Sen. Brown

00:13:46 Sen. Vance

00:14:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sales will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604**

00:14:44 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:14:53 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(his75a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:15:34 Sen. Thomas

00:16:53 Chair Arntzen

00:16:56 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:17:30 Sen. Taylor

00:18:06 Sen. Thomas

00:18:25 Sen. Brown

00:19:04 Chair Arntzen

00:20:11 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:20:20 Chair Arntzen

00:20:25 Lynn Zanto, administrator, Rail, Transit and Planning Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:20:57 Chair Arntzen

00:21:02 Sen. Brown

00:21:39 Ms. Zanto, MDT

00:21:59 Sen. Barrett

00:22:29 Ms. Zanto

00:22:42 Chair Arntzen  
00:22:45 Sen. Thomas

00:25:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Sales voting no.

00:25:56 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:26:07 Sen. Sales  
00:27:17 Chair Arntzen  
00:27:22 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:27:53 Sen. Thomas  
00:28:43 Sen. Sales  
00:29:42 Sen. Vance  
00:29:58 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:30:12 Sen. Sales  
00:30:18 Sen. Whitford  
00:32:19 Sen. Brown  
00:33:23 Chair Arntzen  
00:35:00 Ms. Kurtz, LSD  
00:35:04 Sen. Sales  
00:36:41 Sen. Thomas  
00:37:17 Sen. Sales  
00:37:30 Sen. Thomas  
00:37:34 Chair Arntzen  
00:37:59 Ms. Kurtz  
00:38:03 Chair Arntzen  
00:38:13 Sen. Brown  
00:38:22 Chair Arntzen  
00:38:32 Sen. Thomas  
00:39:21 Sen. Barrett  
00:39:59 Sen. Thomas  
00:40:16 Chair Arntzen  
00:40:36 Sen. Kaufmann

00:41:11 Without objection, Sen. Vance withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 628**

00:41:26 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 628 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:39 Chair Arntzen  
00:41:51 Sen. Vance  
00:42:13 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
00:42:42 Chair Arntzen

00:43:28 Sen. Sands

00:43:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

00:44:03 Chair Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27**

00:44:25 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 27 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:50 Chair Arntzen

00:44:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Sen. Sales and Sen. Vance voting no.

00:45:06 Chair Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 486**

00:45:18 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 486 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:46:06 Sen. Sales

00:46:31 Chair Arntzen

00:46:34 Sen. Sales

00:46:40 Sen. Kaufmann

00:47:06 Sen. Sales

00:47:10 Chair Arntzen

00:47:19 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:48:00 Sen. Barrett

00:48:23 Ms. Kurtz, LSD

00:49:09 Sen. Sales

00:49:44 Sen. Barrett

00:50:08 Sen. Sales

00:50:12 Sen. Thomas

00:50:20 Chair Arntzen

00:50:42 Ms. Kurtz

00:51:01 Chair Arntzen

00:51:08 Sen. Sands

00:51:31 Sen. Vance

00:51:38 Sen. Sands

00:51:52 Chair Arntzen

00:52:11 Ms. Kurtz

00:52:26 Chair Arntzen

00:53:12 Sen. Sales

00:53:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye. (bill remains in committee)

00:54:47 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **HB 486 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.**

00:54:48 Sen. Kaufmann

00:55:06 Without objection, Sen. Sales withdrew the BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED motion.

00:55:18 Chair Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:03 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his75aad.pdf](#))**