

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on April 16, 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) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R) (arrived after roll call)  
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: SR 56, 4/14/2015

Executive Action: SR 56, Do Pass; HB 604, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 486, Be Concurred In

00:00:55 Chair Arntzen  
00:01:23 Vice Chair Vance assumed duties as chair

**HEARING ON SR 56**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:35 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SR 56, Confirm Governor's appointees to the transportation commission.  
00:02:09 Sen. Sands entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:14 Pat Wise, deputy director, Department of Transportation (MDT)  
00:04:39 Dan Belcourt, appointee

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:16 Sen. Brown  
00:05:33 Mr. Belcourt, appointee  
00:05:38 Sen. Sales entered the hearing.  
00:06:45 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.  
00:09:25 Sen. Sands  
00:09:49 Mr. Belcourt  
00:09:55 Sen. Taylor  
00:10:44 Mr. Belcourt  
00:11:25 Sen. Sands  
00:11:37 Ms. Wise, MDT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:00 Sen. Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 56**

00:12:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 56 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
00:12:41 Chair Arntzen resumed duties as chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604**

00:13:55 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:13:57 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:14:04 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sales made a substitute motion that **HB 604 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Sales, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Vance voting aye.

**Discussion:**

00:14:20 Chair Arntzen

00:15:27 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division, LSD

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00:16:26 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:16:30 Chair Arntzen

00:18:34 Sen. Brown

00:19:08 Sen. Barrett

00:19:25 Chair Arntzen

00:19:59 Sen. Kaufmann

00:21:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:21:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-4 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Sales, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 486**

00:22:02 Chair Arntzen

00:22:06 Sen. Kaufmann

00:23:30 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:25:01 Sen. Kaufmann

00:25:08 Chair Arntzen

00:25:26 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 486 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:25:45 Chair Arntzen

00:25:48 Sen. Buttrey

00:26:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Sales, Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Kaufmann will carry the bill.

**Discussion:**

00:27:31 Leanne Kurtz, LSD  
00:27:46 Sen. Buttrey  
00:27:51 Chair Arntzen  
00:29:25 Sen. Vance  
00:30:25 Sen. Sands  
00:30:32 Chair Arntzen  
00:30:59 Sen. Sands  
00:31:00 Chair Arntzen  
00:31:03 Sen. Vance  
00:31:08 Sen. Sales  
00:31:32 Chair Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT([his77aad.pdf](#))**