

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on January 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Kathlyn Royal, Committee Clerk

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 141, 1/10/2019; HB 178, 1/14/2019; HB 190, 1/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 37, HB 38, HB 115

Call to Order:

15:01:45 Chair Loge

HEARING ON HB 190**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:03 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 190, Revise local government authority to set school zone speed limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:17 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:08:10 Chair Loge

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15:08:37 Chair Loge

15:08:47 Joe Skinner, Commissioner, Gallatin County Commissioner's Office

[EXHIBIT\(trh13a01\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:10:31 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

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

15:11:33 Vice Chair Garner

15:11:51 Dwane Kailey, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

15:12:12 Rep. Grubbs

HEARING ON HB 178**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:13:25 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 178, Prohibit texting and driving by minors.

[EXHIBIT\(trh13a02\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:15:20 John Iverson, AAA

15:18:04 Aidan Myhre, AT&T, self

15:19:28 Amy Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless

15:20:46 Rep. Krotkov entered the meeting

15:22:00 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

15:23:21 Todd Harwell, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(trh13a03\)](#)

15:25:21 Janet Kenny, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:26:03 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

15:27:01 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:28:32 Rep. Greef
15:29:29 Rep. Anderson
15:30:00 Rep. Garcia
15:30:34 Rep. Anderson
15:31:42 Vice Chair Smith
15:32:06 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
15:32:57 Rep. Krotkov
15:33:17 Rep. Anderson
15:33:33 Rep. Krautter
15:34:38 Rep. Anderson
15:35:10 Rep. Krautter
15:35:28 Vice Chair Garner
15:36:21 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
15:36:33 Rep. Fern
15:37:19 John Iverson, AAA
15:38:12 Rep. Fern
15:39:22 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
15:39:54 Vice Chair Garner
15:40:29 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
15:40:34 Vice Chair Garner
15:41:10 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
15:41:18 Chair Loge
15:41:47 Aidan Myhre, AT&T
15:42:10 Chair Loge
15:42:18 Amy Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless

Closing by Sponsor:

15:42:55 Rep. Anderson

15:45:04 Recessed
15:55:49 Reconvened

15:56:59 Rep. Fern
15:57:14 Chair Loge

15:57:50 Recessed
16:14:54 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 141

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:15:09 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 141, Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, under insured motorists.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:20:04 Pat Fox, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

16:24:06 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance
16:29:41 Bruce Spencer, All State Insurance
16:32:44 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana
16:35:54 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
16:36:41 Greg VanHorssen, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies,
Farmers Insurance Company

EXHIBIT(trh13a04)**Informational Testimony:**

16:37:57 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:38:35 Rep. Krautter
16:39:20 Pat Fox, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
16:42:30 Rep. Fern
16:42:54 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner
16:44:26 Rep. Fern
16:44:52 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner
16:45:26 Rep. Krotkov
16:46:03 Rep. Olsen
16:47:12 Vice Chair Garner
16:47:25 Rep. Olsen
16:48:07 Vice Chair Garner
16:48:34 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner
16:49:32 Chair Loge
16:49:49 Bob Biskupiak, Deputy Insurance Commissioner

Closing by Sponsor:

16:50:32 Rep. Olsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37

16:54:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 37 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38

16:55:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 38 DO PASS**. Motion carried 11-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Krautter voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

16:57:16 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 115 DO PASS**.

16:57:37 **Motion:** Rep. Fleming moved that **HB 115 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(trh13a05)**Discussion:**

16:58:22 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:58:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:59:10 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 115 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:59:24 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 115 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh13a06\)](#)

Discussion:

16:59:46 Joe Carroll, LSD

17:00:13 Joanne Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

17:01:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:01:30 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 115 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:01:41 Rep. Harvey

17:02:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:02:49

Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh13aad.pdf](#))