

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on February 18, 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. Jasmine Krotkov (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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 491, 2/14/2019; SB 196, 2/15/2019; SB 175, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: SB 196, SB 175, HB 491

15:01:18 Chair Loge
15:02:12 Vice Chair Garner
15:02:35 Chair Loge

HEARING ON SB 196

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:02 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 196, Establish the Brent Witham memorial highway.

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15:06:08 Rep. Krautter arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:44 Sonya Germann, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:08:01 Gary White, American Legion of Montana (ALM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:42 Rep. Fern

15:08:48 Chair Loge

15:09:08 Vice Chair Garner

15:09:36 Sen. Sands, SD 49

Closing by Sponsor: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 196

15:10:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey moved that **SB 196 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney was excused. Rep. Curdy will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:34 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 175, Establish David Thatcher memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:00 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana, Montana National Guard Association

15:15:53 Gary White, American Legion of Montana (ALM)

15:16:22 Sen. Sands, SD 49

15:17:44 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:04 Chair Loge
15:21:15 Sen. Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:34 Sen. Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

15:22:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **SB 175 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney was excused. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

15:23:52 Chair Loge

Questions from the Committee on HB 393

Director Tooley answered Committee's questions on HB 393 heard on Feb. 13th, 2019, due to him not being able to attend the meeting that day.

15:24:33 Director Tooley, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:25:37 Chair Loge
15:25:58 Rep. Krotkov
15:26:07 Mr. Tooley, MDT
15:26:58 Rep. Fern
15:28:02 Mr. Tooley, MDT
15:31:03 Rep. Fern
15:31:31 Mr. Tooley, MDT

HEARING ON HB 491

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:06 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 491, Name Continental Divide Pass on Highway 569 after Doc Norman.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:56 Dan Norman, self
15:39:02 Michael O'Brien, self
15:42:02 Creighton O'Brien, self
15:42:33 Johannah O'Brien, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:43:13 Chair Loge
15:43:28 Rep. Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

15:43:45 Rep. Tschida

15:45:23 Rep. Fern

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 491

15:46:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 491 DO PASS**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Rep. Sweeney was excused.

15:47:01 Chair Loge

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:48:37

Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

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