

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on March 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)

**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 717, 3/22/2019; HB 719, 3/22/2019 HB 756, 3/25/2019

Executive Action: HB 717, HB 719, HB 756, HB 81, HB 661

15:24:25 Chair Loge

### **HEARING ON HB 717**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:52 Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB717, Establish the Louis Charles Charlo memorial highway.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:29:14 Jason Smith, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs  
15:29:34 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
15:30:43 Leah Whitford, self  
15:31:30 Rep. Dudik, HD 94  
15:31:40 Rep. Harvey left the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:32:12 Chair Loge  
15:32:32 Jordan Thompson, CSKT  
15:32:47 Chair Loge

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

15:33:06 Rep. Weatherwax  
  
15:34:00 Rep. Sweeney  
15:34:04 Chair Loge

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 717**

15:34:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sweeney moved that **HB 717 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

### **HEARING ON HB 719**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:35:28 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB719, Establish the Jeannette Rankin memorial highway.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:37:29 Pat Wise, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:38:26 Vice Chair Smith  
15:38:39 Rep. Dudik  
15:38:54 Rep. Fleming  
15:39:12 Rep. Dudik  
15:39:35 Rep. Fleming  
15:39:52 Rep. Dudik  
15:40:12 Chair Loge  
15:40:26 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
15:40:53 Rep. Fern  
15:41:09 Chair Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:41:21 Rep. Dudik

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 719**

15:41:44 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 719 DO PASS.**

15:41:56 Rep. Sweeney

15:42:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON HB 756****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:43:23 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB756, Establish the Dolly Smith Akers memorial highway.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:47:05 Jason Smith, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs  
15:47:35 Rep. Harvey joined the meeting.  
15:47:38 Rep. Garcia joined the meeting.  
15:48:07 Leah Whitford, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:50:06 Rep. Fern  
15:50:50 Rep. Smith  
15:52:48 Rep. Fern

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:53:15 Rep. Smith

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 756**

15:54:07 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 756 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:54:34 Rep. Sweeney

15:54:52 Chair Loge

15:55:07 Rep. Garcia

15:55:12 Chair Loge

15:55:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner voted by proxy.

15:56:02 Chair Loge

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15:58:31 Rep. Fern

15:58:45 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:00:12 Rep. Fern

16:00:21 Chair Loge

16:00:26 Rep. Fern

16:00:39 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:00:46 Rep. Fern

16:01:04 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:01:15 Chair Loge

16:02:00 Rep. Garcia

16:02:07 Chair Loge

16:02:58 Rep. Krotkov

16:03:12 Chair Loge

16:03:39 Rep. Greef

16:03:46 Chair Loge

16:04:32 Recessed

16:35:01 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81**

16:35:23 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 81 DO PASS.**

16:35:40 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith made a substitute motion that **HB 81 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 661**

16:36:27 **Motion:** Rep. Harvey moved that **HB 661 DO PASS.**

16:36:45 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 661 BE AMENDED.**  
(see Exhibit 1)

**Discussion:**

16:37:27 Rep. Kassmier  
16:37:57 Chair Loge  
16:38:15 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:38:50 Rep. Kassmier  
16:39:22 Chair Loge  
16:39:40 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:40:14 Chair Loge  
16:40:32 Vice Chair Smith  
16:40:43 Rep. Kassmier  
16:41:14 Chair Loge  
16:41:18 Rep. Kassmier  
16:41:48 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:42:42 Chair Loge  
16:42:51 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:43:03 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved to **SEGREGATE SECTIONS 1 AND 7 OF THE AMENDMENT.**

**Discussion:**

16:43:20 Rep. Harvey  
16:43:38 Chair Loge  
16:44:00 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:44:18 Chair Loge  
16:44:27 Rep. Fern  
16:45:10 Chair Loge  
16:45:26 Rep. Fern  
16:45:51 Chair Loge  
16:46:30 Rep. Kassmier  
16:46:42 Chair Loge  
16:47:04 Joe Carroll, LSD  
16:48:08 Chair Loge  
16:48:26 Rep. Fern  
16:48:46 Chair Loge  
16:49:14 Rep. Krautter  
16:49:38 Chair Loge  
16:50:10 Rep. Fern  
16:51:50 Rep. Krotkov  
16:53:36 Vice Chair Smith

16:53:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia and Rep. Kassmier voting aye. Rep. Garner voted by proxy.

16:55:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Kassmier voting no. Rep. Garner voted by proxy.

16:57:08 Rep. Krautter

16:57:38 Rep. Sweeney

16:58:26 Rep. Fern

16:58:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Kassmier voting no. Rep. Garner voted by proxy.

16:59:50 Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:00:10

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Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh61aad.pdf](#))