

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on April 3, 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. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (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:** SB 317 3/29/19

Executive Action: SB 317, HJ 34, SB 228

15:01:03 Chair Loge

### **HEARING ON SB 317**

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

15:02:22 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 317, Revise transportation weight limits and permits.

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

15:05:47 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

15:06:35 Rep. Dooling joined the meeting.

15:06:50 Rich Tatarka, self

15:07:50 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:08:22 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

15:08:52 Dean Nelson, self

#### **EXHIBIT(trh69a01)**

15:11:52 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:12:18 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

15:12:44 Kathleen O'Leary, Dawson Community College (DCC)

#### **EXHIBIT(trh69a02)**

15:13:38 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:14:35 Dwane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

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

15:15:05 Vice Chair Garner

15:15:20 Sen. Lang, SD 17

15:15:54 Rep. Fern

15:16:16 Dwane Williams, MDT

15:16:43 Rep. Fern

15:16:58 Dwane Williams, MDT

15:17:27 Chair Loge

15:17:59 Jason Rittal, MACo

15:18:04 Chair Loge

15:18:16 Dwane Williams, MDT

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

15:19:13 Sen. Lang, SD 17

15:20:04 Vice Chair Garner

15:20:24 Chair Loge

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 317**

- 15:20:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **SB 317 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.
- 15:22:00 Chair Loge
- 15:22:33 Recessed
- 15:40:14 Reconvened with Rep Harvey present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 34**

- 15:40:32 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HJ 34 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

- 15:41:16 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

- 15:42:10 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HJ 34 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(trh69a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

- 15:43:01 Rep. Krautter
- 15:43:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia voted by proxy.
- 15:44:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HJ 34 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling and Rep. Kassmier voting no. Rep. Garcia voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 228**

- 15:46:13 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 228 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

- 15:46:30 Rep. Krotkov
- 15:48:05 Vice Chair Smith
- 15:48:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Garner, Rep. Greef, Rep. Kassmier and Rep. Loge voting aye. Rep. Garcia voted by proxy.
- 15:49:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 228 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garcia voted by proxy.
- 15:50:25 Chair Loge
- 15:51:00 Vice Chair Garner
- 15:51:10 Joe Carroll, LSD
- 15:51:32 Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:51:50

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Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh69aad.pdf](#))