

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Frank Garner, on April 8, 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)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Joel G. Krautter (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: HJ 45, 4/3/2019; SB 319, 4/3/2019; SB 353, 4/3/2019; SB 365,
4/3/2019

Executive Action: SB 228, SB 319, SB 353, HJ 45, SB 365

15:02:05 Vice Chair Garner assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:32 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HJ 45, Interim study on bicycle and pedestrian paths.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:41 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana

15:09:12 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:41 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:31 Rep. Sweeney

15:12:55 Rep. Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

15:13:46 Rep. Loge

15:15:26 Rep. Loge resumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:40 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 365, Memorialize Flathead veterans on the new southfork bridge.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:17:45 Karen Semple, American Legion of Montana (ALM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:29 Chair Loge

15:18:39 Sen. Brown, SD 2

15:19:08 Rep. Fern

15:19:23 Sen. Brown, SD 2

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:41 Sen. Brown, SD 2

HEARING ON SB 319**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:20:47 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 319, Generally revise veteran license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:27 Karen Semple, American Legion of Montana (ALM), Self

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

15:26:35 Rep. Krotkov
15:26:52 Sen. Kary, SD 22
15:27:27 Rep. Krotkov
15:27:40 Sen. Kary, SD 22
15:28:21 Rep. Perry
15:28:44 Sen. Kary, SD 22
15:29:15 Chair Loge
15:29:56 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
15:30:12 Chair Loge
15:30:22 Joann Loehr, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:48 Sen. Kary, SD 22

HEARING ON SB 353**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:31:46 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 353, Generally revise MVD laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:35 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)
15:39:50 Josh Brown, Captain, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
15:41:39 Joe Cohenour, Self

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

15:50:40 Rep. Fern
15:51:28 Joann Loehr, MVD
15:52:10 Rep. Fern
15:52:33 Joann Loehr, MVD
15:52:41 Rep. Krotkov

15:53:11 Joann Loehr, MVD
15:53:43 Rep. Krotkov
15:54:16 Joann Loehr, MVD
15:55:11 Rep. Fern
15:55:34 Joann Loehr, MVD
15:55:39 Rep. Fern
15:55:55 Joann Loehr, MVD

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:20 Sen. Cohenour, SD 42

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 228

15:58:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **SB 228 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 7-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Krotkov, Rep. Perry and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Krautter was excused.

16:00:29 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 228 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:00:40 Rep. Fern
16:01:50 Vice Chair Garner
16:02:00 Rep. Fern
16:02:14 Chair Loge
16:02:38 Rep. Harvey
16:03:45 Rep. Krotkov
16:04:10 Vice Chair Smith

16:04:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Fern, Rep. Garner, Rep. Greef, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Krautter and Rep. Loge voting aye. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

16:05:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 228 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

16:06:06 Chair Loge
16:06:40 Rep. Fern
16:06:48 Chair Loge
16:06:55 Rep. Garcia
16:06:58 Chair Loge
16:07:37 Rep. Dooling
16:07:42 Chair Loge
16:08:00 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:08:30 Vice Chair Garner
16:08:38 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319

16:09:52 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 319 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:10:08 Vice Chair Smith
16:10:25 Chair Loge
16:10:39 Vice Chair Garner
16:11:09 Rep. Harvey
16:11:49 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:11:58 Vice Chair Smith
16:12:17 Chair Loge

16:12:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.
Rep. Weatherwax will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 353

16:14:07 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 353 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:14:26 Rep. Fern
16:15:07 Rep. Dooling
16:15:40 Chair Loge

16:15:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.
Rep. Usher will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 45

16:16:40 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HJ 45 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:16:51 Rep. Greef
16:17:25 Rep. Fern

16:18:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

16:18:28 Chair Loge
16:18:52 Vice Chair Smith
16:19:07 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:19:14 Vice Chair Smith
16:19:18 Chair Loge
16:19:38 Vice Chair Garner
16:20:04 Rep. Kassmier
16:20:16 Chair Loge
16:21:10 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 365

16:21:10 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **SB 365 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:21:25 Rep. Dooling
16:21:33 Rep. Kassmier
16:21:43 Chair Loge
16:21:54 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:22:17 Vice Chair Garner
16:22:51 Joe Carroll, LSD
16:23:07 Chair Loge
16:23:10 Rep. Krotkov

16:24:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Perry will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:25:14

Kathlyn Royal, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh73aad.pdf](#))