

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 51, 1/4/2019; SB 76, 1/4/2019

15:00:09 Chair Vance

### **HEARING ON SB 76**

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

15:01:19 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 76, Regulate encroachments in highway right of way.

15:03:52 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

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

15:06:29 Dwane Kailey, chief engineer, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:12:33 John Alke, NorthWestern Energy

[EXHIBIT\(his04a01\)](#)

15:16:07 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities

15:16:36 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

15:17:04 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

15:17:26 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

15:19:27 Sen. Gross

15:19:59 Mr. Kailey, MDT

15:21:05 Sen. Gross

15:21:18 Mr. Kailey

15:21:55 Sen. Gross

15:22:06 Mr. Kailey

15:22:19 Chair Vance

15:22:32 Mr. Kailey

15:22:51 Chair Vance

15:22:54 Mr. Kailey

15:22:58 Sen. Esp

15:23:09 Mr. Kailey

15:23:21 Sen. Esp

15:23:25 Mr. Kailey

15:23:38 Sen. Esp

15:24:03 Mr. Kailey

15:24:23 Sen. Esp

15:24:30 Mr. Kailey

15:24:36 Sen. Webb

15:25:01 Mr. Kailey

15:26:02 Sen. Webb

15:26:09 Mr. Kailey

15:26:27 Sen. Webb

15:26:35 Mr. Kailey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:27:13 Sen. Hoven

**HEARING ON SB 51**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:28:23 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 51, Revise highway definitions, terminology, and allocation process for consistency.

[EXHIBIT\(his04a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:33:56 Lynn Zanto, Rail Transit and Planning Division, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:41:00 Jeremy Verhasselt, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(his04a03\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:42:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:42:16 Mr. Verhasselt, LAD

15:43:01 Sen. Esp

15:43:20 Sen. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:43:50 Sen. Barrett

15:43:59 Chair Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his04aad.pdf](#))