

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 31, 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 158, 1/25/2019; SB 169, 1/25/2019; SB 173, 1/25/2019

**HEARING ON SB 169**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:12 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 169, Revise motor vehicle taxation laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:03:20 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:05:42 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:07:27 Sen. Brown

15:08:05 Sen. Hoven

15:09:37 Sen. Brown

15:10:02 Ms. Garcia, DOJ

15:11:44 Sen. Brown

15:11:56 Sen. Webb

15:12:41 Ms. Garcia

15:14:27 Sen. Webb

15:14:48 Ms. Garcia

15:15:28 Sen. Webb

15:16:02 Sen. Brown

15:16:25 Sen. Esp

15:17:12 Ms. Garcia

15:17:45 Sen. Esp

15:18:03 Ms. Garcia

15:19:07 Sen. Esp

15:19:38 Sen. Welborn

15:20:20 Ms. Garcia

15:21:40 Sen. Welborn

15:22:38 Ms. Garcia

15:23:01 Sen. Webb

15:23:25 Ms. Garcia

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:24:07 Sen. Hoven

**HEARING ON SB 173**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:20 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 173, Revise laws related to electric vehicle charging stations.

**EXHIBIT(his19a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:31:16 Erik Pritchard, self  
 15:34:45 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:36:16 Sen. Brown  
 15:36:50 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:37:18 Sen. Brown  
 15:37:38 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:38:35 Sen. Brown  
 15:38:50 Sen. Esp  
 15:39:05 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:39:23 Sen. Esp  
 15:39:56 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:40:51 Sen. Bennett  
 15:41:18 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:41:51 Chair Vance  
 15:42:07 Sen. Gauthier  
 15:42:38 Chair Vance  
 15:42:50 Sen. Gauthier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:43:03 Sen. Gauthier  
  
 15:43:59 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON SB 158**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:44:36 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 158, Define autocycle and provide exemption from motorcycle endorsement.

[EXHIBIT\(his19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his19a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:47:14 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)  
 15:48:08 Frank Cote, Polaris Industries

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:49:11 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:49:32 Sen. Brown

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15:50:31 Ms. Garcia, DOJ  
15:50:51 Sen. Brown  
15:51:09 Sen. Sands  
15:51:35 Sen. Vance  
15:51:50 Sen. Sands  
15:52:19 Sen. Vance  
15:52:23 Sen. Sands  
15:52:49 Sen. Vance  
15:53:28 Sen. Bennett  
15:54:02 Sen. Vance  
15:54:19 Sen. Bennett  
15:54:35 Sen. Vance  
15:54:56 Sen. Webb  
15:55:13 Mr. Cote, Polaris  
15:56:59 Sen. Webb  
15:57:04 Mr. Cote  
15:57:20 Sen. Webb  
15:57:59 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)  
15:58:22 Sen. Webb  
15:58:29 Ms. Loehr, DOJ  
15:58:35 Sen. Webb  
15:58:37 Ms. Loehr  
15:58:48 Sen. Welborn  
15:59:10 Ms. Loehr  
15:59:20 Sen. Welborn  
15:59:34 Ms. Loehr  
15:59:40 Sen. Welborn  
15:59:48 Sen. Boland  
16:00:23 Mr. Cote  
16:01:13 Sen. Sands  
16:01:27 Mr. Cote  
16:01:39 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:01:57 Sen. Vance

**EXHIBIT(his19a04)**

16:03:17 Sen. Brown

16:03:36 Sen. Vance

16:04:06 Sen. Vance resumed the chair.

16:04:48 Chair Vance

16:05:53 Sen. Gross

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:06 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([his19aad.pdf](#))**