

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on February 14, 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 228, 2/8/2019; SB 251, 2/8/2019

Executive Action: SB 226 DO PASS; SB 193 TABLED; SB 194 TABLED

**HEARING ON SB 228**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:06 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 228, Authorize joint resident and non-resident vehicle ownership.

**EXHIBIT(his31a01)**

15:01:06 Sen. Welborn entered the hearing.

15:01:26 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:07:48 Roy Andes, Deer Creek Corporate Services

**EXHIBIT(his31a02)**

15:15:13 Michael Willing, Deer Creek Corporate Services

15:18:48 Scott Meredith, Deer Creek Corporate Services

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:21:52 Sarah Garcia, administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:27:17 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

15:29:26 Greg Mohr, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:31:33 Sen. Brown

15:32:02 Ms. Garcia, DOJ

15:32:53 Sen. Brown

15:33:08 Ms. Garcia

15:33:48 Sen. Bennett

15:34:10 Ms. Garcia

15:35:57 Sen. Boland

15:36:34 Ms. Garcia

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:04 Sen. Hoven

15:40:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON SB 251**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:37 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 251, Revise automobile repair laws and insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:44:03 Matthew McDonnell, Montana Collision Repair Association

15:46:28 Paul Flores, Montana Collision Repair Association

15:50:07 Bruce Halcro, Montana Collision Repair Association (MCRA)  
 15:53:36 Rob Moore, Big Sky Collision Network  
 15:56:22 Drew Geiger, Montana Collision Repair Association  
 15:56:40 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

**EXHIBIT(his31a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:59:32 Catalina Pareja, LKQ Corporation

16:02:05 Sen. Gross entered the hearing.

16:04:16 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

**EXHIBIT(his31a04)**

16:05:57 Sen. Brown left the hearing.

16:13:44 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance

16:20:44 Sarah Swanson, Montana Retail Association

16:26:01 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance

16:27:15 Aimee Grmoljez, American Property Casualty Insurers Association (APCIA)

**EXHIBIT(his31a05)**

**Informational Testimony:**

16:29:57 Bob Biskupiak, Montana State Auditor's Office

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:30:15 Sen. Sands

16:30:32 Ms. Grmoljez, APCIA

16:30:49 Sen. Boland

16:31:27 Mr. Halcro, MCRA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:32:53 Sen. Vance

16:36:28 Sen. Vance resumed the chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226**

16:38:05 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 226 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:38:15 Chair Vance

16:38:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. D. Brown voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 193**

16:39:06 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 193 DO PASS.**

16:39:37 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 193 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(his31a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:39:50 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:41:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. R. Webb voting no. Sen. D. Brown voted by proxy.

16:41:27 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 193 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:41:38 Sen. Boland

16:42:04 Sen. Gross

16:43:40 Sen. Webb

16:44:49 Chair Vance

16:45:21 Sen. Gross

16:45:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Esp, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. D. Brown voted by proxy.

16:46:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 193 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. D. Brown was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 194**

16:47:14 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 194 DO PASS.**

16:47:31 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 194 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(his31a07\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:47:40 Ms. Sankey Keip, LSD

16:48:09 Sen. Sands

16:48:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. D. Brown voted by proxy.

16:48:29 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:48:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb made a substitute motion that **SB 194 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. D. Brown voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([his31aad.pdf](#))**