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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 19, 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 224, 2/15/2019; SB 249, 2/15/2019

15:00:13 Sen. Gross entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:21 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 224, Generally revise laws related to county road access.

[EXHIBIT\(his35a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his35a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:35 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:05:44 Marty Lambert, county attorney, Gallatin County

15:07:03 Charles Lane, self

15:07:49 Andy Hunthausen, county commissioner, Lewis and Clark County

Opponents' Testimony:

15:08:50 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

[EXHIBIT\(his35a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his35a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his35a05\)](#)

15:12:42 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

15:15:31 Mark Baker, Weyerhaeuser

[EXHIBIT\(his35a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:39 Sen. Brown

15:19:49 Mr. Hunthausen

15:20:49 Sen. Brown

15:21:10 Mr. Hunthausen

15:21:51 Sen. Brown

15:22:31 Mr. Hunthausen, Lewis and Clark County

15:23:17 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:23:36 Mr. Bryson, MACo

15:24:19 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:24:38 Mr. Bryson

15:25:05 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:25:21 Mr. Bryson

15:27:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:27:21 Mr. Bryson

15:27:25 Sen. Sands

15:27:55 Mr. Lambert, Gallatin County

15:28:20 Sen. Welborn entered the hearing.

15:29:16 Sen. Sands

15:29:34 Mr. Lambert

15:29:57 Sen. Sands
15:30:09 Mr. Lambert
15:30:21 Sen. Boland
15:30:52 Mr. Bryson
15:31:54 Sen. Boland
15:32:19 Mr. Bryson
15:32:43 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:33:02 Mr. Lambert
15:33:32 Mr. Bryson
15:33:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:34:02 Sen. Webb
15:34:16 Mr. Hunthausen
15:34:44 Sen. Webb
15:34:50 Mr. Hunthausen
15:35:23 Sen. Boland
15:35:52 Ms. St. Lawrence, RMSGA
15:36:29 Sen. Boland
15:36:42 Ms. St. Lawrence

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:20 Sen. Jacobson

HEARING ON SB 249**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:40:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 249, Generally revise transportation laws related to bicycling.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:42:30 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana
15:52:10 Ralph Zimmer, Bozeman Area Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee
15:55:17 Bill Crane, self
15:55:55 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings
15:56:47 Marilee Brown, Safer Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(his35a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his35a08\)](#)

15:59:29 Linda Gryczan, self
16:00:36 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:01:13 Sen. Gross
16:01:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick
16:02:04 Mr. Habermann, Bike Walk Montana
16:02:31 Sen. Gross
16:02:52 Mr. Habermann

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16:03:39 Sen. Brown
16:03:58 Mr. Habermann
16:04:26 Sen. Webb
16:04:52 Mr. Habermann
16:05:25 Sen. Webb
16:05:34 Mr. Habermann
16:06:47 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:41 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:08:16 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:08 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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