

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on March 12, 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. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)

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: HB 39, 3/8/2019; HB 120, 3/8/2019; HB 190, 3/8/2019; SB 317,
3/8/2019

HEARING ON SB 317

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:57:47 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 317, Revise transportation weight limits and permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:58:37 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

14:58:58 Sen. Welborn entered the hearing.

14:59:45 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

15:00:45 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:01:24 Dean Nelson, self

[EXHIBIT\(his50a01\)](#)

15:04:20 Kathleen O'Leary, Dawson Community College

[EXHIBIT\(his50a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his50a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his50a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:06:07 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:06:33 Sen. Brown

15:07:02 Mr. Bodner, MSGA

15:07:30 Sen. Brown

15:08:09 Mr. Nelson, self

Closing by Sponsor:

15:08:37 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON HB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:43 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 190, Revise local government authority to set school zone speed limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:45 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:13:35 Steve White, self

[EXHIBIT\(his50a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:17:13 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:38 Sen. Brown
15:18:27 Mr. Kailey, MDT
15:18:47 Mr. Bryson, MACo
15:19:09 Sen. Brown
15:19:33 Sen. Webb
15:19:50 Mr. Bryson

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:36 Rep. Grubbs

HEARING ON HB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:33 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 39, Amend fuel tax laws related to dyed fuel.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:35 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:25:12 Sen. Esp
15:25:48 Mr. Flynn, MDT
15:26:15 Chair Vance
15:26:19 Sen. Esp
15:26:26 Sen. Brown
15:26:54 Mr. Flynn
15:27:08 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:28 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON HB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:06 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 120, Revise local government authority of certain speed limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:28:43 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:30:42 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:31:03 Sen. Brown

15:31:20 Mr. Bryson, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

15:32:41 Rep. Curdy

15:33:41 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

nh

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his50aad.pdf](#))