

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on January 25, 2021 at 4:05 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch  
Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 184, 1/20/2021; SB 5, 1/21/2021

Executive Action: SB 5

16:05:20 Roll Call  
16:07:03 Vice Chair Trebas assumed the Chair

### HEARING ON SB 5

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:07:24 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 5, Establish a memorial highway designation.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

16:09:39 Dale Fossen, self  
16:10:32 Rep. Usher joined the meeting.  
16:15:16 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
16:16:30 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)  
16:17:37 George Olsen, self

#### [EXHIBIT\(trh16a01\)](#)

16:20:51 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association, Montana Law Enforcement Museum (MPPA) (MLEM)  
16:21:56 Karley Connolly, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:24:13 Rep. Fern  
16:24:41 Sen. Tempel

#### Closing by Sponsor:

16:25:18 Sen. Tempel

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5

16:26:13 Motion: Rep. Fern moved that **SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### Discussion:

16:26:46 Rep. Harvey  
16:27:16 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Loge and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy. Rep. Welch will carry the bill.  
16:29:16 Recess  
16:42:19 Reconvened with Rep. Whiteman Pena present.

**HEARING ON HB 184****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:42:23 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 184, Generally revise bicycle laws regarding safety and lights.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:48:39 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

16:49:47 Chris Smith, self

16:54:28 Ruth Hinnaland, self

**[EXHIBIT\(trh16a02\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:58:29 Rep. Kerns

17:04:49 Rep. Harvey left the meeting.

17:04:57 John Juras, Great Falls Bicycle Club

**[EXHIBIT\(trh16a03\)](#)**

17:07:59 Doug Habermann, Bike Walk Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(trh16a04\)](#)**

17:10:47 Mark Egge, self

**[EXHIBIT\(trh16a05\)](#)**

17:15:44 Eugene Schmitz, self

**[EXHIBIT\(trh16a06\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:**

17:25:41 Carol Strizich, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:26:09 Rep. Marshall

17:27:50 Rep. Kerns

17:28:45 Rep. Marshall

17:29:27 Rep. Loge

17:29:50 Rep. Usher

17:30:28 Rep. Fern

17:34:15 Carol Strizich, MDT

17:34:29 Rep. J. Hinkle

17:38:58 Rep. Loge

17:39:19 Rep. Usher

17:41:03 Mark Egge, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:41:28 Rep. Loge

17:44:54 Rep. Loge assumed the chair.

17:45:24 Rep. Dooling

17:45:35 Chair Loge

17:45:55      Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Clerk  
17:46:10      Chair Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:46:26

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh16aad.pdf](#))