

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley M. Loge, on February 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
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. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary
Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 238, 1/28/2021; HB 256, 1/28/2021; SB 3, 1/29/2021
Executive Action on: HB 184; SB 3, HB 256

HEARING ON SB 3**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:06:04 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 3, Revise motor carrier authority within reservation boundaries.

15:06:05 Vice Chair Trebas and Rep. J. Hinkle left the meeting.

15:06:06 Vice Chair Smith joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:07:56 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony:

15:09:26 Brad Marten, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:57 Rep. Fern
15:11:53 Brad Marten, MDT
15:12:26 Rep. Usher
15:12:45 Sen. Small
15:12:53 Rep. Marshall
15:13:17 Sen. Small
15:13:54 Vice Chair Smith
15:14:25 Duane Williams, MCM
15:14:35 Rep. Usher
15:15:03 Sen. Small
15:15:30 Rep. Usher
15:15:34 Chair Loge
15:16:54 Sen. Small

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:23 Sen. Small

15:18:51 Chair Loge

HEARING ON HB 238**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:19:35 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 238, Revise tow truck laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:22:24 Hal Broadhead, Yellowstone Park Service Stations

Informational Testimony:

15:30:03 Brad Marten, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:30:51 Jim Dusenberry, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)

15:33:44 Rep. J. Hinkle rejoined the meeting.

15:35:56 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA)

EXHIBIT(trh21a01)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:43:52 Rep. Marshall

15:46:34 Hal Broadhead, Yellowstone Park Service Stations

15:47:07 Vice Chair Smith

15:48:57 Hal Broadhead, Yellowstone Park Service Stations

15:49:22 Rep. Usher

15:50:34 Brad Marten, MDT

15:50:49 Rep. Fern

15:52:50 Jim Dusenberry, MTTA

15:53:26 Rep. Usher

15:54:12 Jim Dusenberry, MTTA

15:54:51 Rep. Usher

15:55:46 Hal Broadhead, Yellowstone Park Service Stations

15:56:28 Vice Chair Smith

15:56:42 Hal Broadhead, Yellowstone Park Service Stations

15:57:11 Vice Chair Smith

15:57:34 Rep. Dooling

15:58:10 Brad Marten, MDT

15:58:54 Chair Loge

15:59:26 Brad Marten, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:00 Rep. Malone

HEARING ON HB 256**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:02:33 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), HD 85 , opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise child restraint laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:04:56 Carol Strizich, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:05:27 Rep. Harvey

16:06:20 Carol Strizich, MDT

16:06:58 Rep. Usher

16:08:00 Carol Strizich, MDT

16:08:19 Rep. Whitman
16:08:49 Carol Strizich, MDT
16:09:35 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:10:04 Rep. Binkley

Closing by Sponsor:

16:10:19 Rep. Binkley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 184

16:11:44 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:14:39 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 184 DO PASS.**

16:14:50 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 184 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh21a02)

Discussion:

16:15:06 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:15:33 Rep. Fern

16:15:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

16:17:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 184 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. J. Hinkle and Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

16:18:30 Rep. Usher

16:19:40 Chair Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 3

16:20:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy. Rep. Smith will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256

16:21:18 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 256 DO PASS.**

16:21:31 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey made a substitute motion that **HB 256 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Harvey, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

16:23:21 Rep. Harvey

16:24:00 Rep. Fern

16:24:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey and Rep. Whiteman
Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Trebas
voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:26:26

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh21aad.pdf](#))