

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeremy Trebas, on February 8, 2021 at 3:00 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. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whitman Pena (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 271, 2/1/2021; HB 272, 2/1/2021; HB 96, 2/1/2021;
HB 79, 1/29/2021

Executive Action: HB 20, HB 238, SB 96

HEARING ON SB 96**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:19 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 96, Establish Helen Clarke memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:49 Rep. Loge
15:10:22 Sen. Webber
15:10:42 Rep. Whitman
15:10:59 Sen. Webber
15:11:20 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:11:35 Sen. Webber

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:52 Sen. Webber

15:14:00 Rep. C. Knudsen joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 79**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:14:28 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 79, Revise laws regarding vehicle salvage certificates and certificates of title.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:53 Thomas McArdle, Copart, Inc.
[EXHIBIT\(trh26a01\)](#)

15:18:24 Mark Binder, Copart, Inc.
15:18:48 Bruce Spencer, Copart, Inc.
[EXHIBIT\(trh26a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:32 Rep. Whitman
15:22:02 Sen. Kary
15:22:12 Bruce Spencer, Copart, Inc
15:25:07 Rep. Whitman
15:25:28 Bruce Spencer, Copart, Inc

15:25:41 Rep. Marshall
15:26:23 Thomas McArdle, Copart, Inc

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:43 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON HB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:27 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 271, Revise county road adoption procedure re: subdivision plats.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:30:24 Terry Nelson, self
15:33:19 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:02 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MTLA)
15:38:41 Erin Arnold, Gallatin County Attorney

EXHIBIT(trh26a03)

15:43:06 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:42 Rep. Fern
15:47:14 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:49:19 Rep. Loge
15:51:39 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:51:55 Rep. Usher
15:52:28 Eric Bryson, MACo
15:53:04 Rep. Dooling
15:54:19 William Gowen, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:55:38 Rep. Marshall

HEARING ON HB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:56:53 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 272, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

Opponents' Testimony:

15:57:53 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
16:03:40 Coby Gierke, Montana State Parks Foundation
16:05:47 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
16:07:41 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
16:09:12 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

Informational Testimony:

16:10:37 Russ Christoferson, Motor Carrier Services Division of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:11:24 Rep. Noland

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:14:36 Rep. Marshall
16:15:51 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:16:30 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:16:58 Rep. Stromswold
16:17:19 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:18:57 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:19:16 Rep. Harvey
16:20:07 Russ Christoferson, MDT
16:20:55 Rep. Usher
16:21:20 Rep. Stromswold
16:21:37 Rep. Usher
16:22:34 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:22:42 Rep. Usher
16:23:07 Rep. Stromswold
16:23:18 Rep. C. Knudsen
16:26:33 Dan Smith, MPPA
16:26:55 Rep. Fern
16:27:37 Nanette Gilbertson, MSPOA
16:27:55 Rep. Fern
16:28:51 Jessie Luther, AMT
16:29:37 Rep. Fern
16:30:03 Rep. Stromswold
16:30:30 Rep. Marshall
16:31:32 Coby Gierke, Montana State Parks Foundation
16:32:07 Rep. Marshall
16:32:43 Chair Trebas
16:33:05 Rep. Stromswold
16:33:46 Vice Chair Smith
16:34:17 Rep. C. Knudsen left the meeting.
16:34:40 Russ Christoferson, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:02 Rep. Stromswold

16:37:33 Recess

16:48:12 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20

16:48:30 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 20 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:48:47 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:49:41 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 20 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh26a04)

Discussion:

16:49:56 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:50:39 Rep. Loge

16:51:19 Rep. Usher

16:52:05 Rep. Fern

16:52:28 Rep. Loge

16:52:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:53:50 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 20 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:54:01 Vice Chair Smith

16:54:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. F. Smith voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

16:55:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **SB 96 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Whiteman Pena will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 238

16:56:38 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 238 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:56:50 Joe Carroll, LSD

16:57:44 Rep. Loge

16:58:20 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Loge made a substitute motion that **HB 238 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

16:59:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 79 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:03

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh26aad.pdf](#))