

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

**Members Present Via Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary

**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 48, 1/11/2021; SB 74, 1/11/2021; SB 79, 1/11/2021

15:00:09 Chair Vance  
15:01:37 Laura Sankey-Keip, Legislative Services Division  
15:01:49 Chair Vance

**HEARING ON SB 79**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:06 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB79, Revise laws regarding vehicle salvage certificates and certificates of title.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:08 Thomas McArdle, general manager, Copart Inc.  
15:05:49 Bruce Spencer, Copart Inc.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:08:03 Joann Loehr, Legal Services Bureau chief, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:08:47 Sen. Sands  
15:09:31 Mr. McArdle, Copart  
15:09:49 Sen. Sands  
15:10:08 Chair Vance  
15:10:59 Sen. Sands  
15:11:16 Sen. Gross  
15:11:29 Mr. McArdle  
15:11:40 Sen. McGillvray  
15:12:00 Mr. McArdle  
15:12:17 Sen. McGillvray  
15:12:27 Mr. McArdle  
15:13:11 Chair Vance  
15:13:17 Sen. Boland  
15:13:32 Mr. McArdle  
15:14:20 Chair Vance  
15:14:33 Sen. Boland  
15:15:09 Mr. McArdle  
15:15:41 Chair Vance  
15:15:46 Sen. Bennett  
15:16:17 Mr. McArdle  
15:17:26 Chair Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:17:38 Sen. Kary

**HEARING ON SB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:18:30 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB48, Allowing transfer of certain highway funding to tribes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:19:51 Laurie Little Dog, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(his09a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:21:37 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(his09a02\)](#)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(his09a03\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

15:27:24 Lawrence Flynn, CFO, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:28:08 Sen. Manzella

15:28:43 Mr. Flynn, MDT

15:29:21 Sen. Gross

15:30:16 Mr. Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:30:43 Sen. Fox

**HEARING ON SB 74**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:24 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB74, Revise county school transportation laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:34:16 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(his09a04\)](#)

15:37:53 Tom Stack, superintendent, Clinton School District

15:42:23 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

[EXHIBIT\(his09a05\)](#)

15:43:46 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(his09a06\)](#)

15:45:11 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(his09a07\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:46:08 Sen. Bennett

15:46:58 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:48:48 Sen. Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:40 PM

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**Additional Documents:**

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