

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None

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: HB 133, 1/29/2021; SB 148, 1/29/2021; SB 150, 1/29/2021

HEARING ON HB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:23:54 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB133, An act for antilittering signs paid for by donations.

15:23:36 Sen. Friedel and Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

15:24:46 Sen. Glimm and Sen. Smith left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:26:44 Jon Swartz, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:27:49 Sen. Boland

15:28:19 Rep. Anderson

15:29:05 Sen. McGillvray

15:29:23 Rep. Anderson

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:44 Rep. Anderson

15:30:20 Chair Vance

15:30:34 Rep. Anderson

15:30:43 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

15:31:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:24 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB150, Revise seatbelt regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:34:52 Ole Hedstrom, Montana State Firemen's Association

15:36:13 Heather O'Hara, vice president, Montana Hospital Association

15:36:52 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

15:38:34 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(his22a01\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(his22a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:40:56 Tracie Kiesel, citizen
15:41:35 Carol Strizich, Montana Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:42:05 Sen. Friedel
15:42:42 Sen. Sands
15:42:57 Ms. Kiesel, citizen

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15:43:32 Sen. Friedel
15:45:26 Ms. Kiesel
15:46:36 Sen. Friedel
15:46:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:47:08 Sen. Sands
15:48:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:48:53 Sen. Sands
15:51:09 Chair Vance
15:51:15 Sen. Sands
15:51:23 Sen. McGillvray
15:51:46 Sen. Sands
15:52:05 Sen. Manzella
15:53:09 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:24 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON SB 148

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:54:27 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB148, Establish Bill McCauley memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:59:52 Sen. Gross
16:00:17 Sen. Gillespie

Closing by Sponsor:

16:01:15 Sen. Gillespie

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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