

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on February 16, 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. 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 by Zoom Video Conference:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 75, 2/12/2021; HB 256, 2/12/2021
Executive Action: SB 198, HB 83

HEARING ON HB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:45 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), opened the hearing on HB256, Revise child restraint laws.

15:01:48 Sen. Bennett and Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:03:53 Sen. Friedel

15:04:14 Rep. Binkley

15:04:43 Sen. Friedel

15:04:54 Rep. Binkley

15:05:02 Sen. Sands

15:06:03 Rep. Binkley

15:06:24 Sen. Sands

15:06:46 Rep. Binkley

Closing by Sponsor:

15:07:26 Rep. Binkley

HEARING ON HB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:45 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB75, Allow MDT to conduct online sales of real property.

15:08:40 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:15 Rob Stapley, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:51 Sen. Sands

15:11:18 Mr. Stapley, MDT

15:11:59 Sen. Sands

15:12:13 Mr. Stapley

15:12:59 Sen. Sands

15:13:06 Sen. Welborn

15:13:44 Mr. Stapley

15:14:32 Sen. Glimm
 15:14:56 Rep. Putnam

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:42 Rep. Putnam

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198

15:16:04 Sen. Vance
 15:16:50 Sen. Boland

15:17:30 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 198 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:17:50 Sen. McGillvray
 15:18:30 Sen. Vance
 15:18:57 Sen. Sands

15:20:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Fox voted by proxy.

15:21:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SB 198 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gross and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Fox voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83

15:21:55 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 83 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:22:00 Sen. Vance
 15:22:30 Sen. Welborn
 15:22:37 Sen. Glimm
 15:22:45 Sen. Vance

15:22:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fox voted by proxy. Sen. Vance will carry the bill.

15:23:05 Sen. Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:23 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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