

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Denley Loge-R, on March 15, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Denley Loge, Chair (R)
Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Butcher (R)

Staff Present: Sara Hess, Research Analyst
Macy McCauley, 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 221 03/10/2023

SB 234 03/10/2023

SB 106 03/11/2023

Executive Action:

15:02:46 Rep. Sprunger has left

15:04:09 Chair Loge has left

HEARING ON SB 106 - Revise vehicle and vessel title laws relating to transfer

Opening Statement:

15:04:04 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 106, Revise vehicle and vessel title laws relating to transfer.

Discussion:

15:04:06 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:06:10 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 106.

15:08:57 **Recessed**

15:11:46 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 221 - Allow USS Montana crew to apply for license plates

Opening Statement:

15:11:39 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 221, Allow USS Montana crew to apply for license plates.

Discussion:

15:04:33 Vice Chair Duram takes over as Chair.

15:11:41 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Proponent Testimony:

15:13:14 Leo Barry

15:15:30 Roger Haigan

15:16:26 Bill Whitsitt

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:20:18 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:23:00 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:24:23 Rep. Julie Dooling

15:25:06 Rep. Frank Smith

15:25:38 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:26:56 Vice Chair Neil Duram

15:27:50 Rep. Edward Butcher

Closing Statement:

15:30:11 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 221.

Discussion:

15:30:15 Sen. Barry Usher-R

HEARING ON SB 234 - Revise laws related to vending machine installation at rest areas

Opening Statement:

15:32:46 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 234, Revise laws related to vending machine installation at rest areas.

Discussion:

15:32:48 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Proponent Testimony:

15:34:35 Duane Williams

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:35:47 John Swartz

15:36:11 Chander Hermanson

Questions from Committee:

15:36:45 Vice Chair Dave Fern

15:36:59 Rep. Jennifer Lynch left the meeting.

15:38:29 Rep. Tanner Smith

15:39:35 Rep. Denise Baum

15:41:04 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

15:42:49 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 234.

Discussion:

15:42:53 Sen. Barry Usher-R

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:46:23

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315TRHaad\)](#)