

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Theresa Manzella-R, on February 02, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Theresa Manzella, Chair (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Joe Carroll, Attorney

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 76 01/30/2023

SB 221 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

Committee Discussion:

15:02:24 Joe Carroll

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

Opening Statement:

15:02:29 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 221, Allow USS Montana crew to apply for license plates.

15:03:01 Sen. Friedel has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:15 Leo Berry, USS Montana Committee

15:07:27 Laurie Bakri, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:08:05 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell joined the meeting.

15:08:10 Bill Whitsitt, USS Montana Committee

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:16:35 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

15:17:21 Sen. Barry Usher-R

15:17:36 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:17:59 Leo Berry, USS Montana Committee

15:18:29 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:18:49 Sen. Barry Usher-R

15:19:41 Sen. Chris Friedel

15:19:48 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:20:11 Sen. Barry Usher-R
15:20:36 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:20:50 Sen. Becky Beard left the meeting.
15:22:14 Laurie Bakri, MDT
15:23:08 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:23:46 Laurie Bakri, MDT
15:24:05 Sen. Shelley Vance left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

15:24:26 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 221.

HEARING ON HB 76 - Generally revise transportation laws

Opening Statement:

15:26:44 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 76, Generally revise transportation laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:28:25 Sen. Usher has left
15:29:24 Sen. Mandeville has left
15:30:20 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
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15:31:00 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.
15:40:26 Ross Butcher, Fergus County
15:41:25 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MAoC)
15:42:06 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns
15:43:08 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:45:02 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
15:45:59 Larry Flynn, MDT
15:46:36 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:47:20 Larry Flynn, MDT
15:48:56 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:49:08 Jason Rittal, MAoC
15:49:44 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:50:20 Larry Flynn, MDT
15:50:39 Joe Carroll
15:51:55 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:52:25 Larry Flynn, MDT
15:53:05 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:53:08 Sen. Becky Beard left the meeting.
15:53:57 Larry Flynn, MDT
15:54:14 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:54:28 Larry Flynn, MDT

Closing Statement:

15:54:55 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 76.

Committee Discussion:

15:57:14 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:58:54 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:59:10 Sen. Andrea Olsen

15:59:59 Joe Carroll

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:00:32

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230202HISaad\)](#)