

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Theresa Manzella-R, on February 07, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 405

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Theresa Manzella, Chair (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

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:

SB 234 02/02/2023

Executive Action:

HB 76
SB 221 DO PASS
SB 234 DO PASS

Committee Discussion:

15:22:42 Malcolm Long, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:23:27 Bob Vosen, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:23:58 Malcolm Long, MDT
15:24:33 Jim Wingerter, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:25:33 Shane Mintz, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:26:31 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:26:33 Sen. Barry Usher
15:26:53 Mike Taylor, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
15:28:05 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:28:10 Sen. Barry Usher
15:28:34 Malcolm Long, MDT

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

Opening Statement:

15:29:58 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 234, Revise laws related to vending machine installation at rest areas.

Proponent Testimony:

15:31:07 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:32:16 Jon Swartz, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee:

15:32:47 Sen. Jen Gross

15:33:21 Sen. Barry Usher
15:33:24 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:34:06 Sen. Jen Gross
15:34:13 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:34:34 Sen. Andrea Olsen
15:37:27 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:37:52 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:39:11 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:40:23 Sen. Chris Friedel
15:40:50 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
15:42:23 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:42:46 Sen. Becky Beard
15:43:10 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:43:24 Sen. Jeremy Trebas
15:44:06 Jon Swartz, MDT
15:44:51 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:45:08 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Closing Statement:

15:45:27 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 234.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76 - Generally revise transportation laws

15:55:43 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **HB 76 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:45:24 Sen. Olsen has left
15:46:51 Recessed
15:55:35 Reconvened

15:55:56 Joe Carroll

15:55:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:55:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

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

15:57:44 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 221 DO PASS.**

15:57:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

16:01:09 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 234 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:01:12 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

16:01:13 Sen. Barry Usher

16:01:15 Sen. Becky Beard

16:02:04 Sen. Barry Usher

16:03:02 Sen. Kathy Kelker

16:03:15 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

15:22:32

16:01:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:05:01

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230207HISaad\)](#)