

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on February 11, 2005 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

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 543, 2/7/2005; HB 566, 2/7/2005;
HB 583, 2/7/2005
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 543

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. PENNY MORGAN (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on **HB 543**, One license plate to be issued and displayed on motor vehicle.
00:02:19

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:34 Dwight Wade, Montana Car Club

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a02\)](#)

00:09:04 Doug Strong, Helena Street Rodders

00:10:07 Don Brocopp, Billings Street Rodders

00:11:00 Bob Stredwick, Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:32 Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a04\)](#)

00:17:33 Jim Smith, Montana Peace Officers Association

00:18:59 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

Informational Testimony:

00:19:27 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

00:20:14 Gail Lambert, Montana Correctional Enterprises

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:59

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:06

HEARING ON HB 566

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on **HB 566**, Revise law on license plates and decals.
00:27:57

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:41 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division

00:33:01 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh34a06\)](#)

00:36:26 Mark Taylor, Montana Highway Patrol Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:22

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:29

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on **HB 583**,
Registration of rental cars in county where office located.

01:02:02

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:37 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:25 Robert Ward, Enterprise Rent-A-Car

01:06:36 Steve Costley, Montana Car Rental Association

01:08:42 Bill Hilsendeger, Dollar Rent-A-Car

01:10:03 Andy Wilcox, Alamo & National Car Rental

01:11:31 Jeff Taylor, Alamo Rent-A-Car

EXHIBIT(trh34a07)

Informational Testimony:

01:14:05 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:25

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:12

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh34aad0.PDF](#))