

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on January 28, 2005  
at 3:15 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. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bob Bergren (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 377, 1/21/2005; HB 393,  
1/21/2005; HB 385, 1/21/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 377**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75**, opened the hearing on **HB 377**, Enforce license plate violations by nonresidents working in Montana.

00:02:28

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:28 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers

00:06:26 Jerry Driscoll, Montana AFL-CIO

00:07:22 J.D. Lynch, Building Trades

00:07:37 Dan Flynn, IBW Local 44

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:37 Dean Roberts, Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:37

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:06

**HEARING ON HB 393**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL (R), HD 77**, opened the hearing on **HB 393**, Mandatory reporting of failed drug tests to motor vehicle division.

00:17:36

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:14 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a01\)](#)

00:23:28 Doug Nulle, Resident of Clancy

00:24:17 Lance Zanto, Mergenthaler Transfer and Storage

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a02\)](#)

00:26:54 Randy Paul, Montana Motor Carriers Association

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a03\)](#)

00:27:33 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractor's Association

00:28:19 **REP. DAVID WANZENRIED, HD 97, MISSOULA**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:30:23 David Udey, Chemnet Consortium

**Informational Testimony:**

00:33:17 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:26

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:38

**HEARING ON HB 385**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69**, opened the hearing on **HB 385**, Revise law on driver license eligibility.

01:09:20

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:16:04 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General's Office and Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT \(trh22a05\)](#)

01:21:12 Doug Nulle, Resident of Clancy

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:24:17

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:00

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh22aad0.PDF](#))**