

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on March 9, 2005 at 3:43 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. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 759, 3/4/2005; SB 102, 3/4/2005;
SB 244, 3/4/2005; SB 369, 3/4/2005
Executive Action: HB 671, HB 757

HEARING ON SB 369

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 369**, Limited use license plate for dealer driving to repair shop.
00:02:05

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:49 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:32

HEARING ON SB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on **SB 244**, Exclude RV appurtenances from width measurements.
00:04:50

[EXHIBIT](#) (trh52a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:46 Stewart Doggett, RV Dealers Association

[EXHIBIT](#) (trh52a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:08

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:04

HEARING ON HB 759

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on **HB 759**,
Revise registration rental vehicle fleets.
00:16:10

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:19 Bill Hilsendeger, Fleet Owner
00:20:32 Steve Costley, Montana Car Rental Association
00:21:02 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
00:21:20 Joe Taylor, Dollar Rent-A-Car

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:24 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:23

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:35

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on **SB 102**,
Revise securing load law.
00:29:24

[EXHIBIT \(trh52a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:26 Luke Anderson, Student

[EXHIBIT \(trh52a04\)](#)

00:37:59 **REP. ROY BROWN, HD 49, BILLINGS**
00:39:01 Clancy King, Montana Highway Patrol
00:39:21 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
00:41:43 John Blacker, Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:23 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm
Economics

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:32

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:59

REP. BERGREN entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 671

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 671 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 671 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:15:06

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh52a05)

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh52a06)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. JENT AND
GOLIE voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 671 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:36:24

Vote: Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with REP. KEANE voting
no. REPS. JENT AND GOLIE voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 757

Motion: REP. KEANE moved that HB 757 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:39:21

Motion: REP. KEANE moved that HB 757 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:39:43

[EXHIBIT](#) (trh52a07)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. JENT AND GOLIE voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 757 BE FURTHER AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:42:47

[EXHIBIT](#) (trh52a08)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. JENT AND GOLIE voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 757 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:44:47

Vote: Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with REP. COHENOUR, REP. GOLIE, and REP. JENT voting no. REPS. JENT AND GOLIE voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

SM/kk

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh52aad0.PDF](#))