

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN BERNIE OLSON**, on January 21, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (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 170, 1/13/2005; HB 192,
1/13/2005
Executive Action: HB 224, HB 187, HB 275

HEARING ON HB 170

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BILL WILSON (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on **HB 170**, Clarify fund transfers for certain vehicle taxes and fees.
00:02:00

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:09 Doug Monger, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (trh16a01)

00:06:32 Dan McGown, Disaster and Emergency Services

00:07:16 Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:07:44 Doug Abelin, Montana Trail Vehicles Association

00:08:10 Bob Gilbert, Montana Weed Control Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:09

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:41

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, HD 77, CLANCY came into the meeting

HEARING ON HB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on **HB 192**, Revise commercial driver's license, driver's license, and commercial motor vehicle laws.
00:13:01

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:02 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General's Office

EXHIBIT (trh16a02)

00:34:13 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:39:31 Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:31 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association

Informational Testimony:

00:43:41 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:44

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:21

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

Motion: REP. MACLAREN moved that HB 224 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:27:41

Vote: Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with BERGREN, COHENOUR, GOLIE, JENT, and LINDEEN voting no. REPS. LINDEEN, JENT AND BERGREN voted no by proxy. REP. BALYEAT voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

Motion: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 187 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:32:44

Motion: REP. ARNTZEN moved that HB 187 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT](#) (trh16a03)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 187 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. REPS. BERGREN, JENT, BALYEAT, and LINDEEN voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 275 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:35:10

Vote: Motion carried unanimously. REPS BERGREN, LINDEEN, BALYEAT and JENT voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

SM/KK

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh16aad0.PDF](#))