

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 31, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, 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: HB 483  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 483**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:43 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 483, revise laws governing tires.

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:55 John Youngber, Montana Farm Bureau

00:07:00 Jason Todhanter, Montana Logging

00:08:02 Bruce Spenser, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:09:29 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:10:08 Ramona Ehnes, Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a04\)](#)

00:13:07 Bob Korizek

00:15:05 Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited

00:16:14 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:16:52 Roger Hagen, Montana Trail Vehicle Rider Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh21a06\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:06 Rep. Hilbert

00:19:11 Rep. Cohenour

00:19:15 Rep. Hilbert

00:19:23 Rep. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:36 Rep. Cohenour

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:23:00 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh21aad.pdf](#))**