

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chairman Bill Nooney, on February 5, 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)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**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 & Date Posted: HB 413, HB 428  
Executive Action: HB 143, HB 428, HB 413, HB 419  
HB 273, HB 483

**HEARING ON HB 428**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:29 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 428, Revise junk vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:40 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
00:02:11 Bob Gilbert, Montana Automobile Dismantlers and Recyclers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:02:49 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:11 Rep. Sonju  
00:04:02 Rep. Gallik  
00:04:22 Mr. Thamke  
00:05:27 Darrel Stankey, Department of Environmental Quality  
00:06:42 Rep. Sonju

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:39 Rep. Gallik

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**HEARING ON HB 413**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:38 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 413, License plate fee waiver for national guard.

**[EXHIBIT \(trh25a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:16 Roger Hagen, Members of the Montana National Guard  
**[EXHIBIT \(trh25a02\)](#)**  
00:15:49 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
00:16:35 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:21 Rep. Kottel  
00:17:58 Rep. Milburn  
00:19:12 Mr. Hagen  
00:21:25 Rep. Hilbert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:34 Rep. Milburn

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 428**

00:23:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 428 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:23:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wiseman moved that **HB 428 BE PLACED  
ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.** Motion carried unanimously by  
voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 413**

00:24:04 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 413 DO PASS.**

00:24:19 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 413 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:24:36 Rep. Arntzen

00:25:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:25:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 413 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 483**

00:26:24 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 483 DO PASS.**

00:26:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 483 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT (trh25a03)**

00:27:15 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 483 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:27:27 Rep. Wiseman  
00:27:42 Rep. MacLaren  
00:28:00 Rep. Furey  
00:28:22 Rep. Hilbert  
00:28:30 Rep. Arntzen  
00:29:12 Rep. Kottel  
00:30:02 Rep. Hilbert

00:30:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Wilson voting aye.

00:31:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 483 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Rep. Wilson voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273**

00:32:29 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 273 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:40 Leanne Heisel  
[EXHIBIT \(trh25a04\)](#)

00:33:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hilbert moved that **HB 273 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:33:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 273 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 143**

00:34:56 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 143 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:18 Rep. Nooney  
00:35:41 Rep. Hilbert  
00:36:23 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality  
00:37:13 Rep. MacLaren  
00:37:19 Mr. Thamke  
00:37:39 Rep. Hilbert

00:38:10 Mr. Thamke

00:38:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Sonju voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 419**

00:39:27 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 419 DO PASS.**

00:39:51 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 419 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (trh25a05)

**Discussion:**

00:40:29 Rep. Hilbert

00:41:01 Rep. Nooney

00:41:23 Rep. Kottel

00:42:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:12 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 419 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:21 Rep. Arntzen

00:42:37 Rep. Malcolm

00:42:52 Rep. Kottel

00:43:26 Leanne Heisel

00:44:00 Rep. Arntzen

00:44:12 Rep. Hilbert

00:44:24 Rep. Kottel

00:44:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

00:45:55 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh25aad.pdf](#))**