

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 13, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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 531, 3/6/2007; HB 332, 3/6/2007
Executive Action: HB 332, HB 531

00:03:28

HEARING ON HB 531

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:18 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HB 531**, Designate warrior trail.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:32 Rep. Lambert

HEARING ON HB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:45 **REP. BILL THOMAS (D), HD 26**, opened the hearing on **HB 332**, Sound emission standards for off-highway vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:58 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:15:38 Russ Ehnes, President, MTVRA

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[EXHIBIT\(his53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his53a04\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(his53a06\)](#)

00:24:52 Ramona Ehnes, Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association

[EXHIBIT\(his53a07\)](#)

00:26:16 Heidi Annau, MTVRA

00:26:56 Rhonda brueggeman carry Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:27:56 Mary Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

00:28:28 Marilyn Krause, Legislative Liaison, Bureau of Land Management

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:18 Sen. Jerry Black to Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA

00:29:52 Sen. Roy Brown to Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA

00:32:09 sen. Brown to Rep. Thomas

00:33:26 Sen. Frank Smith to Rep. Thomas

00:34:30 Sen. Black to Rep. Thomas

00:35:26 Andrew Geiger, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:58 Rep. Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 332

00:37:29 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 332 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:37:47 Sen. Smith to Sen. Pease

00:38:11 **Vote:** Motion that HB 332 BE CONCURRED IN carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 531

00:39:08 Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. PEASE will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his53aad.pdf](#))