

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 14, 2007 at  
3:40 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 & Date Posted: HB 556, HB 567  
Executive Action: HB 309

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 309**

00:00:34 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 309 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:00:51 Leanne Heisel

00:01:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 309 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried by voice vote with Rep. Wilson voting  
no. Rep. Arntzen and Rep. Wiseman voted aye by proxy.

**EXHIBIT (trh33a01)**

00:02:47 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 309 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

00:02:58 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 309 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (trh33a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:03:43 Leanne Heisel

00:04:36 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote with Rep. MacLaren  
and Rep. Wilson voting no. Rep. Wiseman voted yes by  
proxy.

00:04:55 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 309 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:05:10 Rep. Nooney

00:05:53 Leanne Heisel

00:07:56 Rep. Arntzen

00:08:09 Rep. Furey

00:08:30 Rep. Nooney

00:08:57 Rep. Furey

00:09:20 Rep. Nooney

00:10:46 Rep. Sonju

00:11:22 Leanne Heisel

00:11:44 Rep. Kottel

00:12:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 with Rep. Furey, Rep. Wiseman  
and Rep. Kottel voting aye. Rep. Wiseman voted by  
proxy.

00:12:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 309 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON HB 567**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:21 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 567, Montana safety corridor act.

**EXHIBIT** (trh33a03)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:51 Loren Bough, Friends of Big Sky Education  
00:28:58 Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:15 Loran Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation  
**EXHIBIT** (trh33a04)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:22 Rep. Kottel  
00:44:02 Mr. Frazier  
00:44:48 Rep. Kottel  
00:45:19 Rep. Koopman  
00:47:56 Rep. Nooney  
00:48:08 Rep. Koopman  
00:48:20 Rep. Nooney  
00:48:39 Director Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
00:51:46 Rep. Sonju  
00:51:56 Director Lynch  
00:52:24 Rep. Arntzen  
00:52:36 Director Lynch  
00:55:01 Rep. Hilbert  
00:55:49 Director Lynch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:30 Rep. Koopman

**Additional Exhibits:**

**EXHIBIT** (trh33a05)

**HEARING ON HB 556**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:32 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 556, Allowing a special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions.

**[EXHIBIT \(trh33a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:42 Hal Fuglevand, Oftedal and Son's

01:13:31 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors Association

**[EXHIBIT \(trh33a07\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT \(trh33a08\)](#)**

01:17:51 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:19:17 Robert Turner, Montana Department of Transportation

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:27:19 Rep. Furey

01:27:33 Mr. Turner

01:28:02 Rep. Furey

01:28:25 Ms. Abercrombie

01:29:33 Rep. Hilbert

01:29:57 Mr. Turner

01:30:28 Rep. Kottel

01:30:58 Mr. Lambrecht, PPL Montana

01:31:53 Rep. Nooney

01:32:23 Mr. Turner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:33:33 Rep. McChesney

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:35:27 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh33aad.pdf](#))**