

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 19, 2007 at 3:15 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 593, HB 661
Executive Action: HB 593, HJ 32, HB 517, HB 385

HEARING ON HB 593

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:18 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 593, Reduced speed limit near Milltown.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Rep. Furey

HEARING ON HB 661

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:57 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 661, Revise transportation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:47 Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:19 Willy Duffield

00:07:57 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:49 Rep. Nooney

00:12:16 Director Lynch, DOT

00:14:49 Rep. Wiseman

00:15:02 Director Lynch, DOT

00:17:16 Rep. Hilbert

00:17:36 Director Lynch

00:20:24 Rep. Kottel

00:21:47 Director Lynch, DOT

00:22:02 Rep. Nooney

00:22:31 Director Lynch, DOT

00:24:54 Rep. Furey
00:25:14 Rep. Cohenour
00:26:34 Rep. Malcolm
00:27:12 Rep. Cohenour
00:28:16 Rep. Kottel
00:29:14 Director Lynch
00:32:28 Rep. Hilbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:01 Rep. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 593

00:36:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 593 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 32

00:37:04 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **HJ 32 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:37:21 Rep. Nooney
00:37:47 Rep. Furey
00:39:13 Rep. Kottel
00:40:31 Rep. MacLaren
00:41:15 Rep. Arntzen
00:42:02 Rep. Furey
00:43:35 Rep. Wiseman

00:44:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Rep.
Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman
voting aye.

00:45:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HJ 32 BE TABLED AND
THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 385

00:46:35 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 385 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:46:56 Rep. Nooney
00:47:10 Leanne Heisel
00:48:40 Rep. Sonju
00:50:07 Rep. Hilbert
00:50:35 Leanne Heisel
00:50:51 Rep. Malcolm
00:51:50 Rep. Kottel
00:52:40 Rep. Sonju
00:52:44 Leanne Heisel
00:53:05 Rep. Nooney
00:53:32 Rep. MacLaren
00:53:52 Rep. Furey

(Rep. Arntzen left the room)

00:54:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye. Rep. Arntzen voted by proxy.

00:55:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 385 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

(Rep. Arntzen returned)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 517

00:55:37 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 517 DO PASS**.

00:56:06 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **HB 517 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT \(trh37a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:58:32 Rep. Malcolm
00:59:10 Rep. Kottel
01:00:05 Rep. Nooney
01:01:51 Rep. Kottel
01:02:07 Rep. Sonju

01:02:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:02:55 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 517 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:04:23 Rep. Nooney

01:05:03 Director Lynch, DOT

01:06:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye.

01:07:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **HB 517 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

01:10:21 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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