

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, on January 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Laible (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary
Tammy McGill, 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: SB 154, 1/12/2009; SB 203,
1/13/2009
Executive Action: SB 168, SB 152

HEARING ON SB 154

00:01:05 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. KIM GILLAN (D), SD 24**, opened the hearing on **SB 154**, Authorize issuance of enhanced drivers licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:50 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Transportation (DOT)

[EXHIBIT\(his13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his13a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his13a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:21 None.

Informational Testimony:

00:13:53 Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

[EXHIBIT\(his13a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:25 Sen. Hinkle
00:18:17 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:18:31 Sen. Hinkle
00:18:37 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:19:05 Sen. Hinkle
00:19:09 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:19:28 Sen. Zinke
00:20:01 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:20:33 Sen. Zinke
00:20:53 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:21:26 Sen. Zinke
00:21:43 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:22:51 Chairman Brueggeman
00:23:41 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:14 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 203

00:26:38 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 203, Eliminate requirement for periodic replacement of state license plates.

00:28:34 Chairman Brueggeman

00:29:38 Sen. Shockley

00:32:00 Postpone hearing on SB 203

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 168

00:32:24 **Motion:** SEN. ZINKE moved that SB 168 DO PASS.

00:32:33 **Motion:** SEN. ZINKE moved that SB 168 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT \(his13a05\)](#)

Discussion:

00:33:22 Chairman Brueggeman

00:33:40 Sen. Zinke

00:34:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenreid, Sen. Hinkle, and Sen. Laible voted by proxy.

00:34:50 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ZINKE moved that SB 168 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenreid, Sen. Hinkle, and Sen. Laible voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

00:35:57 **Motion:** SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that SB 152 DO PASS.

00:36:02 **Motion:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 152 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT \(his13a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:37:03 Sen. Laslovich

00:37:39 Chairman Brueggeman

00:38:24 Sen. Laslovich

00:39:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenreid, Sen. Laible, and Sen. Hinkle voted by proxy.

00:39:57 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved that **SB 152 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenreid, Sen. Hinkle, and Sen. Laible voted by proxy.

RESUME HEARING ON SB 203

00:40:25 Sen. Shockley
00:41:25 Chairman Brueggeman
00:41:34 Sen. Shockley
00:43:30 Sen. Brueggeman
00:43:40 Sen. Shockley

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:50 None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:52 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Office
EXHIBIT(his13a07)

00:43:58 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol
EXHIBIT(his13a08)

00:45:39 Pam Bucy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police
00:46:18 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

Informational Testimony:

00:47:12 Gayle Lambert, Department of Corrections (DOC)
00:47:39 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:10 Sen. Zinke
00:48:42 Gayle Lambert (DOC)
00:49:11 Sen. Zinke
00:49:21 Gayle Lambert (DOC)
00:49:59 Sen. Zinke
00:50:12 Gayle Lambert (DOC)
00:50:42 Sen. Keane
00:50:52 Tom Butler (MHP)

00:51:18 Sen. Keane
00:51:33 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:52:01 Sen. Tutvedt
00:52:27 Brenda Nordlund (DOT)
00:54:02 Sen. Laslovich
00:54:18 Sen. Shockley
00:55:23 Sen. Tutvedt
00:55:39 Gayle Lambert (DOC)
00:57:07 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:59 Sen. Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his13aad.pdf](#))