

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman John Brueggeman, on February 10, 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. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**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 319, 2/3/2009; SB 347, 2/3/2009

Executive Action: SB 319, SB 283

**HEARING ON SB 319**

00:0:30 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD  
38, opened the hearing on SB 319, Revise transportation  
law.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:10 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association  
**EXHIBIT(his31a01)**

00:04:33 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:06:22 Gary Spaeth, Solid Waste Contractors

00:06:34 Robert Johnson, Montana American Federation of  
Labor/Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL/CIO)

00:06:50 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:54 None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:02 None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:07 Sen. Laslovich

00:08:21 Brenda Nordlund, DOT

00:08:58 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Keane

**HEARING ON SB 347**

00:09:52 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD  
44, opened the hearing on SB 347, Revise laws governing  
ATV registration and use.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:09 Brenda Nordlund, DOT

**EXHIBIT(his31a02)**

00:20:44 Michael Korn, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
(FWP)

**EXHIBIT(his31a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:24:06 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association  
(MTVRA)

00:28:05 Russ Ehnes, MTVRA

**EXHIBIT(his31a04)**

00:32:59 Cory Swanson, Citizens for Balanced Use

00:34:50 Ramona Ehnes, MTVRA; and on behalf of Bob Gilbert,  
Walleyes Unlimited

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:13 None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:21 Sen. Hinkle  
00:37:03 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:37:50 Sen. Hinkle  
00:38:30 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:38:59 Sen. Hinkle  
00:39:15 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:40:26 Sen. Hinkle  
00:40:51 Mr. Ehnes, MTVRA  
00:41:52 Sen. Keane  
00:42:10 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:43:16 Sen. Keane  
00:43:36 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:44:28 Sen. Keane  
00:44:37 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:44:53 Sen. Keane  
00:45:09 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:45:37 Sen. Keane  
00:46:10 Mr. Korn, FWP  
00:46:30 Sen. Keane  
00:46:38 Mr. Korn, FWP  
00:47:21 Sen. Keane  
00:47:26 Mr. Korn, FWP  
00:47:30 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:48:00 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:49:11 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:49:20 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:49:28 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:49:43 Mr. Hagan, MTVRA  
00:50:19 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:50:56 Mr. Hagan, MTVRA  
00:51:31 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:51:59 Mr. Hagan, MTVRA

00:52:36 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:52:51 Sen. Laible  
00:54:28 Sen. Wanzenreid  
00:54:43 Sen. Laible  
00:55:34 Sen. Hinkle  
00:56:05 Sen. Laible  
00:57:26 Sen. Hinkle  
00:57:44 Sen. Laible  
00:58:20 Sen. Hinkle  
00:59:26 Sen. Laible  
  
00:59:53 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Laible

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319**

01:02:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **SB 319 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy  
Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 283**

01:03:32 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 283 DO PASS.**

01:03:13 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenreid moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** ([his31a05](#))

01:03:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.  
Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:04:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 283 DO PASS**  
**AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

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Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([his31aad.pdf](#))**