

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman John Brueggeman, on April 7, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Acting Committee Secretary
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 187, HB 615, SJ 39, 4/7/2009

Executive Action: HB 187, HB 615, SJ 39

HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:17 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 187, Eliminate charges for motor vehicle registration.

00:03:08 Sen. Laible left the room.

00:06:48 Sen. Wanzenreid left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:36 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:11:57 Sen. Tutvedt arrived.

00:12:13 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:31 Brenda Nordlund, acting Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division

00:13:39 Chairman Brueggeman left the room and Sen. Tutvedt assumed the position of Chair.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:55 Sen. Windy Boy

00:17:09 Brenda Nordlund

00:20:16 Sen. Hinkle

00:20:21 Brenda Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:59 Rep. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 615

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:04 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 615, Web-based system to verify liability insurance coverage for motor vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:45 Dean Roberts, self, former Head of Motor Vehicle
Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:30:03 Brenda Nordlund, acting Administrator, Motor Vehicle
Division, DOJ
00:32:37 Colonel Mike Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol
00:32:55 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:34:25 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
00:35:02 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Association
00:35:36 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group
00:36:08 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
00:36:56 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

00:37:21 Sen. Brueggeman returned. He did not assume the
position of Chair.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:45 Sen. Keane
00:40:11 Brenda Nordlund
00:40:40 Sen. Windy Boy
00:40:48 Sen. Brueggeman
00:41:29 Sen. Windy Boy
00:41:45 Brenda Nordlund
00:43:46 Sen. Hinkle
00:44:03 Dean Roberts
00:47:27 Sen. Hinkle
00:47:32 Brenda Nordlund
00:48:40 Sen. Keane
00:51:04 Brenda Nordlund
00:51:11 Sen. Windy Boy
00:52:05 Brenda Nordlund
00:52:22 Vice Chair Tutvedt
00:52:58 Rep. MacLaren
00:53:05 Vice Chair Tutvedt
00:53:15 Brenda Nordlund
00:54:21 Sen. Keane
00:54:30 Tammy McGill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:52 Rep. MacLaren

HEARING ON SJ 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:07 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SJ 39, Study DUI laws and enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:40 Colonel Mike Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol
00:59:37 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers
01:00:19 Brenda Nordlund, self
01:01:40 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:20 Sen. Windy Boy
01:04:41 Colonel Mike Tooley
01:05:35 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:02 Sen. Brueggeman

Note: Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenreid, and Sen. Zinke were not present when Executive Action took place.

01:06:59 Sen. Brueggeman assumed the position of chair.

01:08:06 Chairman Brueggeman
01:08:30 Sen. Windy Boy
01:08:45 Sen. Keane
01:09:18 Chairman Brueggeman
01:09:42 Sen. Windy Boy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 39

01:11:06 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved **SJ 39 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously 9-0. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

01:11:39 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 187 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:12:52 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt moved to **TABLE HB 187.** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote. Sen. Keane voted no. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 615

01:13:22 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 615 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:13:37 Sen. Keane
01:11:56 Chairman Brueggeman
01:14:27 Sen. Keane
01:14:35 Chairman Brueggeman

01:15:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt moved **TO AMEND HB 615.** Motion carried unanimously 9-0 by voice vote.

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01:16:14 **Motion:** Sen. Laslovich moved that **HB 615 AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:16:41 Sen. Windy Boy
01:17:01 Tami McGill
01:17:36 Sen. Keane
01:17:58 Tami McGill
01:19:14 Chairman Brueggeman
01:20:03 Sen. Keane
01:20:49 Chairman Brueggeman
01:20:56 Tami McGill
01:21:37 Sen. Keane
01:21:51 Chairman Brueggeman

01:22:01 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved a **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** regarding coordination instructions.

01:22:18 Sen. Hinkle
01:22:31 Sen. Windy Boy

01:22:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote. Sen. Hinkle, Sen. Keane, and Sen. Windy Boy voted aye. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:24:07 Sen. Windy Boy

01:27:02 Chairman Brueggeman

01:27:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote. Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Windy Boy voted no. Sen. Laible, Sen. Wanzenried, and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

Linda Keim, Acting Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([his76aad.pdf](#))