

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Gordon Vance, on January 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)
Rep. Lee Randall, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, 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 220, 1/21/2011; HB 229, 1/21/2011; HB 259, 1/21/2011; HB 276, 1/21/2011

HEARING ON HB 259**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:07 Rep. Cleve Loney (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 259, Revise motor vehicle laws regarding intersections.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:54 Chairman Vance
00:01:00 Col. Mike Tooley, Chief of Montana Highway Patrol (MWP)
00:02:08 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:32 Chairman Vance
00:03:35 Rep. O'Neil
00:03:56 Col. Tooley, MWP
00:04:11 Chairman Vance
00:04:23 Rep. Arntzen
00:04:43 Col. Tooley
00:04:56 Chairman Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:00 Rep. Cleve Loney
00:05:19 Chairman Vance
00:05:33 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 220**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:46 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 220, Require child under 1 year of age & less than 20 lbs be in rear-facing restraint.

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00:10:36 Chairman Vance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:47 Bill Galley, Emergency Physician in Helena
00:12:25 Chairman Vance
00:12:30 Col. Mike Tooley, MWP
00:12:57 Amy Grmoljez
00:13:23 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:13:57 Chairman Vance
00:14:00 Kristina Davis, Director of Children's Defense Fund of Montana
00:15:20 Chairman Vance

00:15:26 Mona Jamison, General Motors
00:15:47 Rebecca Sturdevant,
00:16:48 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Motor Carriers of Montana
00:17:10 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association
00:17:41 Barbara Swehla, Executive Director, Montana Nurses Association
00:18:23 Chairman Vance
00:18:26 Jacqueline Lenmark, The American Insurance Association
00:18:56 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance
00:19:09 Chairman Vance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:28 Col. Tooley
00:19:32 Rep. Rosendale
00:19:57 Col. Tooley
00:20:59 Rep. Rosendale
00:21:04 Chairman Vance
00:21:14 Spook Stang
00:21:39 Kristina Davis, Children's Defense Fund
00:22:17 Chairman Vance
00:22:18 Rep. Squires
00:22:45 Kristina Davis
00:23:24 Rep. Squires
00:23:49 Kristina Davis
00:24:12 Rep. Squires
00:25:11 Kristian Davis
00:25:35 Rep. Squires
00:25:46 Chairman Vance
00:25:58 Rep. Swanson
00:26:35 Rep. Barrett
00:28:40 Chairman Vance
00:28:42 Rep. Arntzen
00:28:42 Col. Tooley
00:29:40 Rep. Arntzen
00:30:07 Greg VanHorssen
00:31:09 Chairman Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:20 Rep. Barrett
00:32:09 Chairman Vance

HEARING ON HB 229

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:22 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 229, Revise laws pertaining to commercial vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:20 Mike Swanson, I State Truck Center
00:34:56 Chairman Vance
00:34:58 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealer's Association
00:36:07 Chairman Vance
00:36:12 Spook Stang, Executive Vice-President, Motor Carriers Of Montana
00:36:55 Chairman Vance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:13 Rep. Smith
00:37:34 Bruce Spencer
00:38:09 Rep. Smith
00:38:23 Bruce Spencer
00:39:23 Chairman Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:37 Rep. McNutt

00:40:29 Chairman Vance

HEARING ON HB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:41 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 276, Revise automated traffic enforcement systems for school buses.
00:41:54 Chairman Vance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:02 Col. Mike Tooley
00:44:13 Chairman Vance
00:44:16 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:13 Rep. Arntzen
00:45:34 Col. Tooley
00:45:43 Rep. Arntzen
00:45:52 Col. Tooley
00:45:57 Rep. Arntzen
00:46:11 Col. Tooley
00:46:23 Chairman Vance
00:46:36 Rep. Belcourt
00:47:01 Chairman Vance
00:47:06 Rep. Swanson
00:47:25 Col. Tooley
00:47:39 Rep. Swanson
00:47:50 Col. Tooley
00:48:01 Chairman Vance
00:48:05 Rep. Berry

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:29 Rep. Belcourt

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00:49:42 Chairman Vance

Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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