

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chairman Llew Jones, on January 11, 2011 at 2:59 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jim Keane (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, 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 49, 1/6/2011; SB 81, 1/6/2011  
Executive Action: SB 49 Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:45 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 49, Revise size of trailer license plates.  
[EXHIBIT\(his08a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:06 Ronda Wiggers, representing the Montana County Treasurers (MCT) and the Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA).  
00:09:27 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist, Montana Tow Truck Association (MTTA) and representing Walleye's Unlimited (WU)  
00:11:15 Brenda Nordlund, administrator, Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:49 Sen. Blewett  
00:12:57 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:14:31 Sen. Buttrey  
00:14:51 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:15:19 Sen. Zinke  
00:16:04 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:16:57 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:17:37 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:18:58 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:19:03 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:19:22 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:19:32 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:01 Sen. Gary Branae

**HEARING ON SB 81**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:45 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 81, Revise commercial drivers license provisions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:54 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
[EXHIBIT\(his08a02\)](#)

00:31:05 Barry Stang, Executive Director, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)  
00:34:29 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist, MTTA and representing the Montana Schoolbus Contractors Association (MSCA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:50 Chairman Jones  
00:39:23 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:40:18 Chairman Jones  
00:40:36 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:41:40 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:41:54 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:43:02 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:43:12 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:43:21 Vice Chair Sonju  
00:43:32 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:44:00 Sen. Zinke  
00:44:34 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:44:41 Sen. Buttrey  
00:45:24 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)  
00:45:59 Sen. Zinke  
00:46:08 Brenda Nordlund, (MVD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:41 Sen. Wanzenried

00:49:11 Chairman Jones

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49**

00:50:08 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 49 DO PASS.**

00:50:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 49 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Keane voted by proxy. (See exhibit 1)

00:51:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 49 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Keane voted by proxy.

00:51:51 Chairman Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:52:01

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Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his08aad.pdf](#))**