

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Elsie Arntzen, on February 19, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

**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 313, 2/15/2013; SB 314, 2/15/2013; SB 319, 2/15/2013; SJ  
16, 2/15/2013

**HEARING ON SJ 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:34 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SJ 16, Resolution to encourage revision of commercial motor safety laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:54 Sen. Keane  
00:27:00 Sen. Tutvedt entered the hearing.  
00:27:27 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
00:27:59 Sen. Arntzen  
00:29:52 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ  
00:30:39 Sen. Buttrey  
00:32:51 Sen. Barrett  
00:32:59 Sen. Keane  
00:33:13 Sen. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:46 Sen. Barrett

**HEARING ON SB 313**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:41 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 313, Generally revise electric scooter and electric bike laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(his37a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:39:21 Cynthia Johnson, representing self

**[EXHIBIT\(his37a02\)](#)**

00:46:00 Carole Jones, representing self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:47:44 Melinda Baines, Bike Walk Montana (BWM)

00:51:28 Kate Cholewa, City of Missoula (COM) (withdrew as an opponent)

**[EXHIBIT\(his37a03\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:50 Sen. Rosendale  
00:54:31 Sen. Jones  
00:55:19 Sen. Brown  
00:55:57 Sen. Jones  
00:57:23 Sen. Keane  
00:57:41 Sen. Jones  
00:57:52 Sen. Keane  
00:58:43 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)  
00:58:54 Sen. Webb  
01:00:38 Sen. Jones  
01:01:11 Sen. Keane  
01:01:37 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
01:01:50 Sen. Keane  
01:02:01 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:16 Sen. Jones

**HEARING ON SB 314**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:05:21 Sen. David Wanzonried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 314, Generally revise driver licensing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:46 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
01:15:01 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association (MBA)  
01:15:53 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:17:08 Mark Bisom, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)  
01:17:33 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:23 Sen. Rosendale  
01:18:50 Sen. Wanzonried  
01:19:01 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ  
01:19:38 Sen. Rosendale  
01:19:50 Brenda Nordlund

01:20:52 Sen. Buttrey  
01:23:13 Brenda Nordlund  
01:23:28 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:24:57 Brenda Nordlund  
01:25:16 Sen. Brown  
01:29:19 Brenda Nordlund  
01:29:33 Sen. Webb  
01:29:56 Brenda Nordlund  
01:30:17 Sen. Barrett  
01:31:44 Brenda Nordlund  
01:31:51 Sen. Keane  
01:32:14 Brenda Nordlund  
01:32:43 Sen. Keane  
01:34:10 Spook Stang, MCM

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:38 Sen. Wanzenreid

**HEARING ON SB 319**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:35:31 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 319, Revise certain processes for vehicle title, registration, licensing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:37:59 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association (MBA)  
[EXHIBIT\(his37a04\)](#)

01:45:29 Jayne Rogers, Coca- Cola (CC)  
01:47:40 Mark Baker, Anderson, Baker and Swanson Law Firm  
01:48:36 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobiles Dealers Association (MADA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:50:18 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:57:43 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:58:14 Sen. Buttrey  
01:58:46 Sen. Sonju  
01:59:36 Brenda Nordlund, DOJ  
02:00:36 Sen. Buttrey

02:00:44 Brenda Nordlund  
02:01:42 Sen. Vuckovich  
02:03:14 Brenda Nordlund  
02:04:22 Sen. Keane  
02:07:58 Brenda Nordlund  
02:08:06 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:08:33 Brenda Nordlund  
02:09:26 Sen. Arntzen  
02:09:36 Bruce Spencer, MADA  
02:10:18 Sen. Arntzen  
02:10:28 Elaine Taylor, MBA  
02:10:53 Sen. Webb  
02:11:09 Brenda Nordlund  
02:11:21 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:13:51 Jane Rogers, CC  
02:13:57 Sen. Barrett  
02:14:59 Brenda Nordlund  
02:15:50 Sen. Keane  
02:16:51 Rhonda Wiggers, MTCA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:17:43 Sen. Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:18 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([his37aad.pdf](#))**