

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 21, 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. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 494, 3/11/2013; HB 508, 3/11/2013; HB 548, 3/11/2013; HB 558, 3/11/2013

Executive Action: HB 508, Be Concurred In: SB 373, Tabled

HEARING ON HB 548**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:22 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 548, Increase truck speed limits by removing special restrictions.

[EXHIBIT\(his61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a02\)](#)

00:38:46 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

00:40:03 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

00:41:53 Sen. Webb entered the hearing.

00:42:22 Sen. Tutvedt left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:28 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:59 Sen. Barrett

00:51:31 Spook Stang, MCM

00:52:28 Sen. Brown

00:52:56 Spook Stang

00:53:32 Sen. Keane

00:55:24 Spook Stang

00:56:52 Sen. Keane

00:57:16 Sen. Blewett

00:59:07 Spook Stang

00:59:41 Sen. Blewett

01:00:37 John Prinkki, Carbon County Commission (CCC), Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:00:43 Sen. Blewett

01:00:50 Sen. Barrett

01:01:22 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:40 Rep. Zolnikov

01:01:42 Chair Arntzen left the hearing and turned chair responsibilities over to Sen. Wanzenried.

HEARING ON HB 508

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:40 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 508, Revise commercial drivers' license laws related military veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:47 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

01:04:15 Dan Antonietti, representing self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:03 Sen. Barrett

01:05:54 Rep. Edmunds

01:06:01 Spook Stang, MCM

01:06:35 Sen. Barrett

01:07:07 Spook Stang

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:42 Rep. Edmunds

HEARING ON HB 558

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:13 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 558, Revise road laws related to aggregate stabilization.

[EXHIBIT\(his61a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:27 Karl Hertel, representing self

01:19:54 Sen. Sonju left the hearing.

01:20:17 Sen. Rosendale left hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:41 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County (LCC), Montana Association of County Road Supervisors (MACRS)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a05\)](#)

01:26:22 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a06\)](#)

01:29:19 Jennifer James, Montana Society of Engineers (MSE), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a07\)](#)

01:32:10 Byron Stahly, Stahly Engineering (SE)

01:33:46 Jerry Davis, representing self

[EXHIBIT\(his61a08\)](#)

01:35:09 John Prinkki, Carbon County Commission (CCC), Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a09\)](#)

01:38:23 Chair Arntzen entered the hearing.

01:40:06 Bill Dunbar, representing self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:23 Sen. Keane

001:41:48 John Prinkki, CCC, MACo

01:42:23 Gordon Morris, LCC, MACRS

01:42:28 Sen. Barrett

01:43:19 Jay Skoog, ACEC

01:43:32 Byron Stahly, SE

01:43:51 Sen. Barrett

01:44:53 Byron Stahly

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:36 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 494

01:54:43 Chair Arntzen resumed responsibilities as chair.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:54:01 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 494, Require state agencies to determine final payment for construction services.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:55:36 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his61a11\)](#)

02:01:05 Paul Thompson, Gilman Construction (GC)
02:05:33 Robert Warren, Schellinger Construction (SC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:56 Sen. Keane
02:10:44 Cary Hegreberg, MCA
02:11:06 Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:11:56 Cary Hegreberg
02:13:03 Sen. Barrett
02:17:37 Paul Thompson, GC
02:18:12 Sen. Vuckovich
02:19:20 Sen. Keane
02:19:35 Rep. Glimm
02:19:54 Sen. Keane
02:20:32 Sen. Brown
02:21:08 Cary Hegreberg
02:22:33 Sen. Brown
02:24:04 Paul Thompson
02:24:48 Sen. Brown
02:25:13 Cary Hegreberg

Closing by Sponsor:

02:25:47 Rep. Glimm

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 494

02:25:57 **Motion:** Sen. Vuckovich moved that **HB 494 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:26:01 Sen. Keane
02:26:10 Sen. Barrett

02:26:35 Without objection, Sen. Vuckovich withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 508

02:27:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 508 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Arntzen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 373

02:27:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 373 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 414

02:30:38 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 414 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

02:30:40 Dave Bohyer, Legislature Services Division (LSD)

02:30:50 Sen. Buttrey

02:31:11 Sen. Brown

02:32:02 Without objection, Sen. Buttrey withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his61aad.pdf](#))