

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on February 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kendra Balian, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, 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 407, 2/6/2015; HB 414, 2/6/2015; HB 415, 2/6/2015; HB 375,
2/4/2015; HB 391, 2/4/2015; HB 394, 2/4/2015; SB 184, 2/4/2015

00:00:00 Chair Lavin

HEARING ON HB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 414, Generally revise vehicle license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:18 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:09 Rep. Garner
00:04:40 Rep. Lang
00:04:59 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:05:18 Rep. Kipp
00:05:41 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:06:06 Rep. McKamey
00:06:20 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:41 Rep. Lang

HEARING ON HB 407

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:22 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 407, Increase certain vehicle registration fees to benefit Virginia/Nevada cities.

[EXHIBIT\(trh31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh31a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh31a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh31a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:23 Marilyn Ross, self
00:25:51 Phillip Maechling, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:58 Bob Walker, Montana Snowmobile Association, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association, and Last Chance Gulch Motorcycle Club
00:30:26 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:29 Rep. Wilson
00:34:52 Rep. Court
00:34:59 Rep. Wilson
00:35:06 Rep. Court
00:35:41 Rep. Fiscus
00:35:56 Rep. Court
00:36:04 Rep. Fiscus
00:36:12 Rep. Court
00:36:20 Rep. Fiscus
00:36:45 Rep. Court
00:37:16 Rep. Fiscus
00:37:21 Rep. Court
00:37:57 Rep. MacDonald arrived
00:38:05 Rep. McKamey
00:38:19 Rep. Court
00:38:43 Rep. McKamey
00:39:32 Rep. Court

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:02 Rep. Court

HEARING ON SB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:04 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 184, Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:51 Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:01 Rep. Miller
00:46:28 Jason Hildenstab, MHP
00:47:22 Rep. Clark
00:47:40 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:17 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 394**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:24 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 394, Revise bicycle safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:42 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

[EXHIBIT\(trh31a05\)](#)

00:56:07 Arlin Hall, Adventure Cycling Association

00:59:23 Rep. Cook arrived

01:01:29 Todd Burger, AAA Mountain West

01:02:17 Bill Cochran, Gallatin Valley Bike Club

01:05:00 Bob Walker, Bike Walk Montana and Helena Bicycle Club

01:06:31 Bob Worthington, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:12 Rep. McKamey

01:08:42 Rep. J. Bennett

01:09:11 Rep. McKamey

01:09:29 Rep. J. Bennett

01:10:12 Rep. Fiscus

01:10:37 Rep. J. Bennett

01:11:31 Rep. Fiscus

01:12:10 Rep. J. Bennett

01:12:23 Rep. Fiscus

01:12:38 Rep. J. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:04 Rep. J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 391**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:57 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 391, Generally revise snowmobile laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:21 Curtis Friede, Kurt's Polaris

01:20:47 James Eagleson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:30 Bob Walker, self
01:27:02 Rep. Curdy arrived

Informational Testimony:

01:29:49 Chas VanGenderen, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
01:30:14 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Associations (MCTA)
01:30:28 John Hagengruber, U.S. Forest Service

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:53 Rep. Wilson
01:31:17 John Hagengruber, United States Forest Service (USFS)
01:32:28 Rep. Clark
01:32:36 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
01:32:59 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:33:12 Rep. Clark
01:33:25 John Hagengruber, USFA
01:33:41 Rep. McKamey
01:33:57 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:34:29 Rep. McKamey
01:34:30 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:35:19 Rep. McKamey
01:35:48 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:35:49 Rep. McKamey
01:36:03 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:36:29 Rep. Curdy
01:36:47 John Hagengruber, USFS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:35 Rep. D. Moore

HEARING ON HB 415**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:28 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 415, Revise laws governing highway work zones.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:07 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MTCA)
01:48:05 Chris Cavazos, Montana American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and Laborers 1686
01:48:43 Trevor Livesay, Montana Lines Incorporated
01:55:01 Kevin Christensen, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)
01:55:55 Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
01:57:15 J.D. Lynch, Montana State Building and Construction Trades
01:57:47 Derek Harvey, Career Firefighters of Montana
01:58:33 Todd Burger, AAA Mountain West

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:12 Rep. Miller
02:00:00 Rep. Garner
02:01:12 Rep. Fiscus
02:01:54 Rep. Garner
02:02:41 Rep. Fiscus
02:03:51 Rep. Garner
02:04:15 Rep. Fiscus
02:04:35 Rep. Garner
02:04:50 Rep. Wilson
02:07:09 Rep. Garner
02:07:51 Kevin Christensen, DOT
02:09:14 Rep. Wilson
02:10:10 Kevin Christensen, DOT
02:11:04 Rep. Wilson
02:11:17 Kevin Christensen, DOT
02:12:25 Rep. McKamey
02:13:18 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:26 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:15:45 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 375, Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws.
Note: Rep. Clark assumed the role of Chair

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:41 Bob Biskupiak, self
02:24:55 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
02:25:18 Ronda Wiggers, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

02:25:43 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance and Allstate

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:12 Rep. Fiscus
02:28:35 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance and Allstate
02:28:55 Rep. Fiscus
02:29:10 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance and Allstate
02:29:46 Rep. Fiscus
02:29:52 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance and Allstate
02:29:58 Rep. Cook

02:30:46 Bob Biskupiak, self
02:30:56 Rep. Cook
02:31:06 Bob Biskupiak, self
02:31:33 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance and Allstate
02:31:52 Rep. Cook
02:32:07 Bob Biskupiak, self
02:32:44 Rep. McKamey
02:33:18 Bob Biskupiak, self

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:55 Rep. Lavin

02:35:58 Chair Clark
02:36:09 Chair Lavin
02:36:50 Rep. Lavin
02:36:52 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:37:07

Kendra Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh31aad.pdf](#))