

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on February 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, 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 241, 2/5/2015; HB 132, 2/3/2015; HB 246, 2/4/2015; SB 228,
2/2/2015

00:01:57 Chair Arntzen

00:01:60 Sen. Kaufmann entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:44 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 241, Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Kent Sipe, attorney, Musselshell County

00:08:22 Dean Blomquist, county commissioner, Golden Valley County

00:09:52 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties

00:10:10 Pat Keim, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:11:05 Richard Grady, self

[EXHIBIT\(his30a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:23 Sen. Thomas

00:13:39 Mr. Grady, self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:52 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:30 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 132, Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce.

[EXHIBIT\(his30a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:27 Lynn Zanto, planning administrator, Department of Transportation

00:24:04 Jason Hildenstab, operations major, Montana Highway Patrol

00:25:18 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:27:09 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association, Montana Chiefs of Police, Montana Police Protective Association

00:29:07 Gary MacDonald, DUI task force, Roosevelt County
00:33:35 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties
00:34:06 Denice Harris, AAA Mountain West

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:18 Sen. Sands
00:35:39 Rep. Garner
00:36:11 Sen. Taylor
00:36:23 Rep. Garner
00:37:11 Sen. Brown
00:39:38 Rep. Garner
00:39:59 Sen. Whitford
00:42:50 Rep. Garner
00:43:17 Sen. Thomas
00:43:47 Rep. Garner
00:44:02 Sen. Sands
00:47:34 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:44 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:35 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 246, Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:48 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)
00:51:43 Sen. Sales entered the hearing.
00:52:08 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association
00:52:30 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Montana Motor Carriers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:12 Sen. Brown
00:54:10 Mr. Flynn, MDT
00:54:27 Sen. Sands
00:54:39 Mr. Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:08 Rep. Perry
00:55:29 Chair Arntzen
00:55:48 Sen. Brown
00:55:50 Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 228**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:56:11 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 228, Increase daytime speed limit for certain vehicles on certain highways.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:12 Major James Moody, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
01:02:51 Todd Burger, AAA Mountain West (AAA)
01:04:48 Kelly Flaherty-Settle, self
01:07:37 Spook Stang, executive vice president, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Informational Testimony:

01:10:23 Dwane Kalley, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:48 Sen. Sands
01:11:02 Sen. Windy Boy
01:12:09 Sen. Sands
01:12:36 Mr. Moody, MHP
01:13:07 Sen. Barrett
01:13:21 Mr. Kalley, MDT
01:14:05 Sen. Taylor
01:14:24 Mr. Moody
01:14:53 Sen. Taylor
01:15:07 Sen. Sales
01:15:53 Mr. Moody
01:16:06 Mr. Kalley
01:16:34 Sen. Barrett
01:16:51 Mr. Kalley
01:17:00 Sen. Kaufmann
01:17:07 Mr. Burger, AAA
01:18:16 Sen. Barrett
01:19:35 Mr. Burger
01:20:07 Sen. Taylor
01:20:38 Mr. Burger

01:20:57 Chair Arntzen
01:21:20 Mr. Stang, MCM
01:23:23 Chair Arntzen
01:23:38 Mr. Moody

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:55 Sen. Windy Boy
01:25:43 Chair Arntzen

Discussion:

01:27:10 Chair Arntzen
01:27:24 Sen. Sales
01:27:25 Sen. Thomas
01:27:29 Sen. Brown
01:27:51 Chair Arntzen
01:27:55 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:28:14 Sen. Brown
01:28:26 Sen. Sales
01:28:51 Sen. Thomas
01:28:57 Sen. Buttrey
01:29:01 Sen. Sales
01:29:05 Sen. Buttrey
01:29:15 Sen. Thomas
01:29:27 Chair Arntzen
01:29:45 Sen. Kaufmann
01:30:09 Chair Arntzen
01:30:11 Leanne Kurtz, LSD
01:30:17 Sen. Sales
01:30:29 Chair Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:31 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([his30aad.pdf](#))