

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 31, 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) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D) arrived after roll call
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 42, 3/25/2015; HJ 16, 3/25/2015

Executive Action: HB 491, Be Concurred In As Amended; SR 42, Be Adopted; HB 280, Be Concurred In; HJ 16, Be Concurred In

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 491

00:01:04 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 491 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:09 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:01:37 Chair Arntzen
 00:01:40 Sen. Brown

00:01:57 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 491 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:02:06 Ms. Kurtz, LSD
 00:02:28 Sen. Sands
 00:02:52 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)
 00:03:55 Chair Arntzen
 00:04:13 Mr. Butler, MHP
 00:04:25 Chair Arntzen
 00:04:30 Sen. Barrett
 00:04:35 Sen. Buttrey entered the hearing.
 00:04:50 Mr. Butler
 00:05:06 Sen. Sales
 00:05:28 Mr. Butler
 00:05:46 Chair Arntzen
 00:05:58 Sen. Sands
 00:06:25 Chair Arntzen
 00:06:39 Ms. Kurtz
 00:06:50 Chair Arntzen
 00:06:55 Sen. Brown

00:07:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Malek, Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford were excused.

00:07:33 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 491 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:07:44 Sen. Brown
 00:08:19 Chair Arntzen
 00:08:42 Sen. Barrett

00:08:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek, Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford voted by proxy. Sen. Taylor will carry the bill.

00:09:26 Chair Arntzen

00:09:54 Vice Chair Vance assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SR 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:58 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SR 42, Confirm appointees for board of aeronautics.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:58 Debbie Alke, administrator, Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:32 Sen. Brown
00:14:54 Chair Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:22 Sen. Arntzen
00:15:30 Chair Arntzen resumed duties as chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 42

00:15:42 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 42 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:15:52 Sen. Buttrey
00:16:15 Chair Arntzen
00:16:57 Sen. Sands

00:17:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Malek, Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford were excused.

Discussion:

00:17:25 Chair Arntzen
00:18:25 Sen. Kaufmann
00:21:57 Chair Arntzen
00:24:20 Sen. Barrett
00:26:06 Sen. Vance
00:26:19 Sen. Kaufmann
00:26:36 Sen. Buttrey
00:26:41 Chair Arntzen

HEARING ON HJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:00 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HJ 16, Interim study on ride-sharing in Montana.

00:27:43 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:16 Norma Duffy, Cowboy Taxi

00:34:08 Mary Garcia, Mining City Taxi

00:35:20 Vance Vanderpan, Greater Valley Taxi

00:40:01 Carrie Pintar, Amazing Taxi

00:41:53 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers Association, Montana Authority Holders Association

00:45:52 Jerry Tyacke, Yellow Cab Inc. of Missoula (YCOM)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:34 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies (UT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:15 Chair Arntzen

00:59:38 Mr. Tyacke, YCOM

01:00:17 Chair Arntzen

01:00:30 Sen. Sands

01:02:05 Rep. MacDonald

01:02:45 Chair Arntzen

01:06:23 Rep. MacDonald

01:06:28 Sen. Barrett

01:07:21 Rep. MacDonald

01:07:40 Chair Arntzen

01:08:22 Rep. MacDonald

01:08:35 Sen. Buttrey

01:09:07 Rep. MacDonald

01:09:51 Sen. Brown

01:11:24 Rep. MacDonald

01:11:41 Chair Arntzen

01:13:21 Mr. Denowh, UT

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:26 Rep. MacDonald

Discussion:

01:16:33 Chair Arntzen
 01:16:55 Sen. Barrett
 01:17:06 Chair Arntzen
 01:17:40 Sen. Buttrey
 01:17:50 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:17:57 Sen. Buttrey
 01:18:05 Chair Arntzen
 01:18:18 Ms. Kurtz, LSD
 01:18:27 Chair Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

01:19:05 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 280 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:19:32 Chair Arntzen
 01:19:44 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:21:09 Chair Arntzen
 01:21:49 Sen. Sands
 01:22:02 Sen. Malek
 01:22:27 Chair Arntzen

 01:22:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Sales, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford voted by proxy. Sen. Kaufmann will carry the bill.

 01:23:37 Chair Arntzen.

Discussion:

01:24:10 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
 01:24:35 Chair Arntzen
 01:24:56 Sen. Brown
 01:25:17 Sen. Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 16

01:25:28 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:25:42 Sen. Buttrey
 01:26:21 Sen. Barrett
 01:27:16 Sen. Brown
 01:28:04 Chair Arntzen
 01:28:53 Sen. Buttrey
 01:29:17 Sen. Barrett

01:29:52 Chair Arntzen

01:30:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Sales and Sen. Taylor voting no. Sen. Taylor, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Whitford voted by proxy. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

Discussion:

01:31:37 Chair Arntzen

01:32:10 Sen. Vance

01:32:19 Chair Arntzen

01:32:43 Sen. Sands

01:32:51 Sen. Sales

01:33:01 Sen. Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:12 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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