

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, 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 53, HB 68, HB 69, HB 187  
Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Call to Order

**HEARING ON HB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:49 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 69, Prohibit modification of exhaust system that increases noise.

(Rep. Kottel arrived)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:08 Bruce Spencer, Montana Association of Automobile Dealers

00:05:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:06:13 Brian Bear, Exhaust Worker, Milledge Muffler

00:08:13 John Hazen, Hazen Exhaust

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:14 Rep. Berry

00:10:30 Rep. Barrett

00:11:05 Mr. Bear

00:12:39 Rep. MacDonald

00:13:04 Rep. Driscoll

00:13:37 Mr. Hazen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:56 Rep. Driscoll

**HEARING ON HB 53**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:31 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 53, Revise laws regarding transportation of loose material.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:59 Colonel Mike Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol  
00:18:50 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:19:33 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association  
**EXHIBIT (trh06a01)**  
00:21:38 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County, Musselshell County,  
City of Roundup, City of Glendive  
00:24:16 Gary Spaeth, Solid Waste Disposal Association  
00:26:02 Dave Duffy, General Manager, City County Sanitation  
00:29:03 Doug Sparrow, Part Owner, City County Sanitation

**Informational Testimony:**

00:29:51 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:10 Rep. Kottel  
00:30:31 Rep. Washburn  
00:30:40 Rep. Kottel  
00:30:50 Rep. Washburn  
00:30:59 Rep. Kottel  
00:31:12 Rep. Washburn  
00:31:50 Colonel Tooley  
00:32:01 Rep. Kottel  
00:32:17 Colonel Tooley  
00:32:26 Rep. Kottel  
00:32:39 Colonel Tooley  
00:33:10 Rep. Berry  
00:33:47 Rep. Washburn  
00:34:30 Rep. Arntzen  
00:34:40 Mr. Flynn  
00:34:42 Rep. Arntzen  
00:35:05 Mr. Flynn  
00:36:05 Rep. Arntzen  
00:36:22 Mr. Flynn  
00:36:36 Rep. Kottel  
00:37:15 Mr. Flynn  
00:37:39 Chairman Sonju  
00:38:08 Colonel Tooley  
00:38:45 Chairman Sonju  
00:39:00 Colonel Tooley  
00:39:19 Chairman Sonju

00:39:25 Colonel Tooley  
00:39:53 Chairman Sonju  
00:40:09 Rep. Washburn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:17 Rep. Washburn

**HEARING ON HB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:21 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 187, Eliminate charges for motor vehicle registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:36 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers  
00:46:01 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, HD 77  
00:49:08 Bruce Spencer, Montana Association of Automobile Dealers

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:49:42 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:50 Rep. Vance  
00:54:29 Ms. Nordlund  
00:55:29 Rep. Vance  
00:55:39 Ms. Nordlund  
00:56:00 Rep. Vance  
00:56:03 Ms. Nordlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:20 Rep. Taylor

**HEARING ON HB 68**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:45 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 68, Revise stop requirements for bicycles.

(Rep. Roundstone arrived)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:02:40 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
01:03:58 Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol  
01:05:10 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association  
01:06:24 Mike Griffith

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:11 Rep. Vance  
01:09:18 Rep. Hamilton  
01:09:20 Rep. Vance  
01:09:43 Rep. Hamilton  
01:10:15 Rep. Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:26 Rep. Hamilton  
01:12:16 Chairman Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:13:22 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([trh06aad.pdf](#))**