

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN SHIELL ANDERSON, on January 8, 1997,
at 3:00 p.m., in Room 420

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Shiell W. Anderson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Patrick G. Galvin, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Robert C. Clark (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. David Ewer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary: Orientation

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.2 ; Comments: Chairman Anderson opened the meeting and asked the committee members to introduce themselves and give a brief personal background. }

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: Chairman Anderson asked the Committee to vote Yes on a motion to allow two committee bills. They are Highway Department bills which have to do with exchanging segments of highway between the state, local or tribal governments for maintenance purposes or to trade the complete responsibility for them. They are good government bills which basically allows the state to take care of one stretch of highway in the county, city, etc. rather than have them interspersed. Vice Chairman Rick Jore made the motion which was seconded by Representative Bookout. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: The Bills are as follows: "An Act allowing the Transportation Commission and local governments to agree to exchange portions of highways, county roads and streets when mutually beneficial" and "An Act allowing the Department of Transportation and a local government or a tribal government to exchange maintenance responsibilities on roads and public highways within their respective jurisdictions". }

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.4; Comments: Representative Whitehead asked if the onus will be put on the Tribes to maintain a section of highway or, if there is a section on the Reservations, will the onus be put on the State? Chairman Anderson said basically it allows for mutual agreement and there is a provision for a public hearing. One of the Bills deals with maintenance only between county and municipal governments. The other one is a little more expansive. It also includes Tribal governments, but basically the Bills do the same thing.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: Chairman Anderson explained the record keeping process and the format for hearings, voting, amendments etc. }

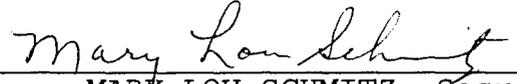
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.5; Comments: \$5.00 was collected from all members wishing to participate in treats.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:25 P.M.



SHIELL ANDERSON, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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