

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN SHIELL ANDERSON, on January 15, 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. David Ewer (D)
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: Sonny Hanson
Marian Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 97
Executive Action: HB 97 Do Pass
HB 45 Tabled

HEARING ON HB 97

"AN ACT ALLOWING FOR A LENGTH OF 61 FEET FOR A SEMITRAILER AND TRAILER OR TWO SEMITRAILERS IN A COMBINATION; AND AMENDING

Sponsor: Rep. Charles Devaney, HD 97

Proponents: Dave Galt, Administrator of the Motor Carrier Services Division of the Department of Transportation.

Ben Havdahl, Representing Montana Motor Carriers Association.

Keith Olson, Executive Director, Montana Logging Association, Kalispell.

Opponents: None

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Devaney said this Bill was requested by the Department of Transportation and the aim is to close a loop-hole in Montana's total vehicle length statute.

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Proponents' Testimony: Dave Galt's Testimony, See EXHIBIT 1.

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Mr. Havdahl's Testimony

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Mr. Olson's Testimony

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Marshall, Galvin, Brainard, Bitney and Anderson.
Responses by Dave Galt.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Devaney closed the Hearing on HB 97.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45

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Amendments: Rep. Wells proposed an Amendment to the Bill.

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Motion: Rep. Clark moved Do Pass on HB 45.

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Discussion: Reps. Barnett, Bitney, Ewer, Ryan, Simpson, Brainard, Galvin, Wells, Jore.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Wells moved the Amendment Do Pass. Vote carried 9 yes, 7 no. Amendment passed.

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Motion: Rep. Wells moved HB 45 Do Pass as Amended.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Ryan moved HB 45 Tabled. Vote carried
unanimously, 16 yes, 0 no.

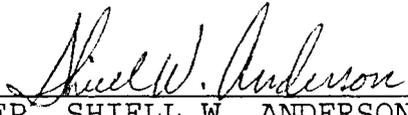
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved HB 97 DO PASS. Motion carried
unanimously, 16 yes - 0 no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:38 p.m.



REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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