

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on January 20, 1997,
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 420

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Shiell W. Anderson, Chairman (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: Res. Rick Jore
Rep. David Ewer

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 99 1-16-97
HB 242 1-16-97

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 242

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A \$5 PENALTY FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE OF A VIOLATION OF 61-8-303, THE BASIC RULE SPEED LIMIT; REQUIRING THAT OFFICERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO WELCOME OUT-OF-STATE VISITORS; INFORM MOTORISTS OF MONTANA'S SPEED LIMIT LAWS, AND ADVISE MOTORISTS THAT FUTURE VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN GREATER PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-711, MCA."

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Sponsor: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg, HD 96.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Kitzenberg would like to see a realistic speed limit, especially in Eastern Montana. A \$5 penalty for first offense is proposed.

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Proponents: Dave Brown, Butte, Montana, Representing Montana PASS, (People Against Set Speeds). EXHIBIT 1.

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Opponents: Colonel Craig T. Reap, Chief Montana Highway Patrol, EXHIBIT 2.

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John Connor, Chief of the Special Prosecutions Bureau, Attorney General's Office, representing Montana County Attorneys Association.

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Brainard, Bookout.

Responses from Colonel Reap

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3 - 29.2; }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Kitzenberg closed the Hearing on HB 242.

HEARING ON HB 99

"AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE PENALTY FOR SPEEDING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE."

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.8; }

Sponsor: Rep. Trexler, HD 59.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Trexler said the Bill doubles the fine in a construction zone from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$100 to a minimum of \$20 to a maximum of \$200.

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Proponents: John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation.

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Gordon Morris, Director, Association of Counties.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.3 - 42.8; }

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Contractors' Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.0 - 44.4; }

Gary Gilmore, Administrator, Engineering Division,
Department of Transportation.

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Jerry Driscoll, Representing Montana Building and
Construction Trades Council.

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Colonel Craig Reap, Highway Patrol.

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Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers, Association.

Opponents: None

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Wells,
Marian Hanson, Galvin, Bitney, Brainard, Anderson.

Responses by Colonel Reap, Carl Schweitzer, Rep. Trexler, Gary
Gilmore.

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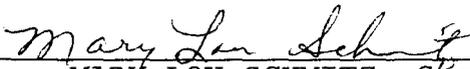
Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Trexler closed the Hearing on HB 99.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.



REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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