

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on January 24, 1997,  
at 3:05, in Room 420

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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. 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. Shiell Anderson  
Rep. Matt Brainard  
Rep. Bob Clark  
Rep. David Ewer

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 124; 1-22-97  
Executive Action: None

The meeting was conducted by Vice Chairman Rick Jore in the  
absence of Chairman Shiell Anderson.

**HEARING ON HB 124**

"AN ACT REQUIRING STATE PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, PLANS, AND  
SPECIFICATIONS USING METRIC UNITS TO ALSO PROVIDE ENGLISH UNITS;  
REQUIRING REFERENCED PUBLICATIONS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE  
IMMEDIATELY UPON REQUEST; AND PROVIDING THAT A VIOLATION MAY VOID  
THE CONTRACT."

**Sponsor:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg, HD 96.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Kitzenberg said this Bill would require state public construction contracts, plans and specifications using metric units to also provide English units, and provide that a violation may void the contract.

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Proponents: Mark Brabeck, Brabeck, Inc. Glasgow, Montana.  
(EXHIBIT 1).

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Opponents: Gary Gilmore, Administrator, Engineering Division, Montana Department of Transportation. (EXHIBIT 2)

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Carl Schweitzer, Montana Contractors' Association.

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Russ Ritter, Morrison-Knudsen-Washington.

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Jim Kembel, Montana Technical Council.

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Tom O'Connell, Administrator, State Architecture and Engineering Division.

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

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Questions from the Committee and Responses: Reps. Simpson, Bookout, Jore.

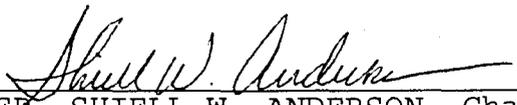
Responses by Tom O'Connell, Mark Brabeck, Gary Gilmore, Carl Schweitzer.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Kitzenberg closed the Hearing on HB 124.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

  
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REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman

  
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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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