

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

February 1, 1977

The Committee on Highways and Transportation was called to order on February 1, 1977, at 3:30 p.m. with Chairman Baeth presiding and all members were present, except for Rep. Mular and Rep. Wood, who were excused.

The following bills were scheduled for discussion today: HB 276, HB 336, HB 364, HB 373, and HB 393.

HOUSE BILL 373

Representative Fagg, chief sponsor of this bill, said there is a problem with aircraft getting registered. By extending the registration period another month, it is felt this will aid the owners. Also this bill would allow the state to get taxes from out-of-state crop dusters who work here each year.

Jim White, Airport Transportation Bureau Chief of the Aeronautics Division of the Department of Community Affairs, suggested two amendments: page 1, section 1, following line 25, insert: "(d) dismantled or otherwise nonflyable aircraft."

Also amend page 2, section 1, following line 13, insert: "(3) Aircraft not registered in the state, but entering the state to engage in commercial operations, shall be registered prior to commencing operation."

Mr. Slattery, Personal Property Bureau Chief of the Property Assessment Division of the Department of Revenue, suggested two amendments, also: page 2, section 2, line 20, strike "treasurer" and insert "assessor". Amend page 2, section 2, line 22, strike "for proration of motor vehicle taxes" and insert "in 84-6011".

There were no opponents.

HOUSE BILL 336

It was decided to reschedule this bill for the February 8, 1977 meeting.

HOUSE BILL 276

It was decided to reschedule this bill.

HOUSE BILL 164

Representative Gould, Chief Sponsor of this bill, spoke on this bill for state-wide parking permits for handicapped people. Instead of a special license plate, a card would be issued.

Proponent Captain Tooley of the Montana Highway Patrol, said the provisions of this bill are needed in Montana. A fiscal note shows that the \$1 fee is enough to fund this program.

The subject of special parking places was not addressed in this bill. This will be left up to the individual cities.

There were no opponents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 125

Subcommittee chairman Rep. Keyser distributed their report on this bill. Two amendments were suggested: Amend title, line 6, following "DAYS", insert "; TO EXTEND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A DEALER TO FORWARD REGISTRATION PAPERS;". Also amend page 6, section 2, line 23, following "Within", strike "3" and insert "4 working".

Rep. Keyser made a motion to adopt amendments, seconded by Frates. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

Rep. Keyser made a motion As Amended, Do Pass. Rep. Kropp seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular absent.

HOUSE BILL 206

Rep. Kropp moved Do Pass. Kanduch seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular absent.

HOUSE BILL 222

Rep. Hansen made a motion to table HB 222. Rep. Kanduch seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

HOUSE BILL 131

Two amendments were suggested: Amend page 1, section 1, line 12, strike "the front of". Amend page 1, section 2, line 19, following "1978", insert "for licenses renewed after that date".

Rep. O'Keefe moved that the first amendment be made. Rep. Kropp seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

Rep. Kanduck made a motion that the second amendment be made. O'Keefe seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

Rep. Underdal made a motion As Amended, Do Pass. Rep. Hansen seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

HOUSE BILL 373

This bill will be held until the amendments are finalized.

HOUSE BILL 393

Rep. Keyser moved that HB 393 be indefinitely postponed. Rep. O'Keefe seconded it. It was unanimously approved. Rep. Wood and Mular were absent.

HJR 10

More research is being done on this resolution.

HJR 11

Other bills on the same subject have been filed. This one will be held for further consideration.

Rep. Keyser moved to adjourn. Rep. Kanduck seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

William R. Baeth
William R. Baeth, Chairman