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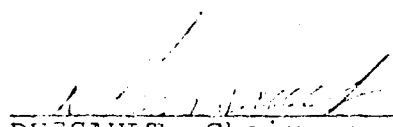
Chairman Dussault called the meeting to order at 10:50 am, Friday, April 13, in Room 431. All members of the committee were present except Representative Ramirez.

Chairman Dussault then brought to the attention of the committee SB 172. The question before the Rules Committee was whether this bill represented a diversion from highway revenues, thereby necessitating a three-fifths vote for the bill to pass on third reading.

The committee discussed the constitutional provisions (attached here) and the Montana Supreme Court decision in the case of John F. Harvey vs. the state involving use of gasoline tax by boat users. Ken Hoovestall representing the Montana Snowmobilers Association and Woody Wright representing the Fish and Game Dept. both testified that they felt the bill represented no statutory diversion of gasoline tax.

Representative Huennekens then moved that the Rules Committee find that SB 172 did not constitute a diversion of money intended as highway revenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dussault adjourned the meeting.

  
DUSSAULT, Chairman