MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, MARCH 25, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abrams on Friday, March 26, 1983 at 8am, in Room 129, State Capitol. All committee members were present with the exception of Representatives Brown and Hemstad, who were excused.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

SENATE BILL 454. REP. ZABROCKI moved the bill Be Concurred In. Rep. Lybeck seconded the motion, which was given unanimous committee approval.

General discussion followed on related issues.

REP. UNDERDAL advised committee members the gas tax bill was increased by 1 1/2 cents for local government. Rep. Harp told him the increase was lobbied by Urban Coalition adding, the Montana Association of Counties was happy with the bill as passed by the House allowing 3 1/2 cents immediately and 2 cents in 1985.

CHAIRMAN ABRAMS told the Committee he thought a great deal of funds would go to the Montana Highway Patrol, which he resents, since the program was originally sold to the public simply for highways.

REP. LYBECK said he would be in favor of meeting with Mr. Wicks to discuss Senate amendments to highway bills.

REP. HARP advised committee members the match would be decreased and funds would be lost for the primary system if they were taken from the highway earmarked account, adding there must be at least 10% for interstate matches and 20% for primary roads.

REP. KEYSER recommended the Committee hold Senate Bill 454 for the present, with which all members agreed.

The meeting was adjourend at 8:30am.

HUBERT ABRAMS, CHAIRMAN

Joann T. Gibson, Secretary

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENGITLED: " THE MONTANA HIGHWAY REVENUE BONDS ACT OF 1983; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

## BE CONCURRED IN

**DOLYNSSK** 

REP. EUBERT ABRAMS

STATE PUB. CO. Helena, Mont. Chairman.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY