

MINUTES OF MEETING
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

The meeting of the Highways and Transportation Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on February 17, 1987, by Chairman Larry Tveit, in Room 410 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Highways and Transportation Committee were present.

CONSIDERATION ON HOUSE BILL 269: Representative Jones, House District No. 4, testified that House Bill 269 would increase the maximum height of trucks; that it would establish uniformity with our neighboring states of height on trucks traveling between states and into Canada.

PROPOSERS: Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carrier Association, testified that Montana is a member of the compact multi state highway agreement which involves the western states, and the Canadian Provinces. The group has been trying to establish a uniformity of the height on trucks for sometime. Montana still requires the height of 13'6" on their trucks where the maximum height for trucks in other states is 14'. He urged that the committee passes House Bill 269.

Don Gruel, Department of Highways, testified that they support House Bill 269, that by increasing the height of the trucks would only affect one bridge, the other seven bridges will be able to handle the truck height at 14'.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Senator Williams questioned Mr. Gruel about the bridge outside of Big Timber and if that bridge in particular would be able to handle the truck height if they would become 14'. Mr. Gruel responded by saying yes.

Representative Jones closed by saying that he would urge the committee to pass House Bill 269.

CONSIDERATION ON SENATE BILL 300: Senator Manning, Senate District No. 18, testified, that Senate Bill 300 would allow a Class C motor carrier to be considered as a Class B motor carrier. Senator Manning testified that he is presenting this bill on behalf of Mr. Mike Murray, who has a delivery service in Great Falls, Montana. A Class C motor carrier is operating with more than six contracts and for a minimum of 180 days is considered to be operating as a Class B motor carrier.

PROPOSERS: Mike Murray, Murray's Delivery Service, testified that Senate Bill 300 flexibility would help him go from a Class C motor carrier to a Class B motor carrier for he has more than six customers. That under this bill the public service commission would be able to make rules on the subject of the provisions in Senate Bill 300.

Wayne Budt, Public Service Commission testified that Senate Bill 300 would not apply to solid waste contractors, household goods carriers, or house movers, or any carrier whose authority is limited to the pickup and delivery of property which is confined by certificate to transportation within a distance of 50 miles or less from a particular location.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Senator Williams questioned about how many operators were operating in Great Falls.

Senator Manning closed by urging the committee to pass Senate Bill 300.

CONSIDERATION ON SENATE BILL NO. 296: Senator Harding, Senate District No. , testified that Senate Bill 296 would require identification of vehicles powered by liquified petroleum gas to pay a registration fee. Senate Bill 296 was drafted on behalf of the Polson Fire Department, but Senator Harding later learned that there was no need to have Senate Bill 296 introduced as a bill, or new law, for it could be handled by administrative rules; therefore, she urged the committee to DO NOT PASS Senate Bill 296.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Senator Lybeck questioned if the safety factor on propane was a high risk, and if the propane was labelled would a fireman be able to identify the matter quickly.

Senator Lybeck was concerned that Senator Harding did not want Senate Bill 296 to pass. Discussion by the Fire Marshall revealed that this bill could be handled by administrative rules, and paying \$60.00 one could purchase a certificate for the window of his/her vehicle saying that they were carrying propane.


Senator Lybeck again was concerned that Senator Harding did not want this bill passed for he felt finally someone is doing something about setting a fee for identifying liquid petroleum for he has just finished speaking to a gentleman over the weekend about some kind of identification on liquid petroleum for vehicles and he felt that the state was missing out on the taxes they could received from liquified petroleum.

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Mr. Erickson, Fire Marshall, testified that under National Fire Codes, by a statutory provision, one can adopt any section of the National Fire Codes whenever necessary under the rule-making authority.

It was moved that Senate Bill 296 be tabled. A discussion was held by the committee whether this bill would be able to be used as a revenue bill, but that the title of the bill says "fee" only. A motion was moved and seconded to pass consideration on Senate Bill 296.

The meeting was adjourned.



Senator Larry Tveit, Chairman

DATE 2/17/87

COMMITTEE ON

Highways & Transportation

SB 296, 300
HB 269

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
J.A. (Jack Brown)	Mont-Wyo - L.P. Gas Assoc	SB 296		X
Wayne Budt	M P S C	SB 300		
Berte Galda	Dept. of Highways	SB 296		
J. F. Erickson	MT State Fireman's Assoc	SB 296	X	
Tim BERGSTROM	MT STATE COUNCIL PROF FIRE FIGHTERS	SB 296	X	
Don Giruel	Dept of Highways		X	
Edward Flies	MT State Council of Prof. F. Fight.	SB 296	X	
JACK Twochal	MT. L.P. GAS ASSOC.	SB 296		X
Mike Murray	Murray's Delivery Soc.	SB 300	X	
Ben Hurdan	MT Motor Carriers Assn	HB 269	X	
Paul Porrier		" "		X

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chairman: Larry Tveit	✓		
Vice Chairman: Lawrence Stimatz	✓		
Senator Hubert J. Abrams	✓		
Senator William Farrell	✓		
Senator Tom Hager	✓		
Senator Sam Hofman	✓		
Senator Ray Lybeck	✓		
Senator Darryl Meyer	✓		
Senator Cecil Weeding	✓		
Senator Bob Williams	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on..... **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

having had under consideration..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **269**

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INCREASING MAXIMUM TRUCK HEIGHT

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **269**

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DO PASS~~

~~DO NOT PASS~~

.....**SENATOR IVEIT**.....

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 17

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

having had under consideration SENATE BILL

No. 300

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**REVERSE CONDITION RESULTING IN CLASS C CARRIER CONSIDERED AS
CLASS B CARRIER**

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE BILL

No. 300

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

SENATOR IVETT

Chairman.