

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 10, 1987

The meeting of the Highways & Transportation Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m., March 10, 1987, by Chairman Larry Tveit in Room 410 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Highways and Transportation Committee were present except Senator Meyer who was absent.

CONSIDERATION ON HOUSE BILL 438: Representative Ream, House District No. 54, sponsor of the bill testified that House Bill 438 would provide an option for large crane operators to have a 30 day permit instead of a daily permit. They have to purchase a \$10.00 permit each day in order to operate their cranes. The owner or operator of a crane with a gross vehicle weight of less than 80,000 pounds may purchase a 30 day special permit for overweight: (1) when the crane has a current special mobile equipment identification and (2) when the Department of Highways has approved the configuration of the crane through a weight analysis completed within the same calendar year. The permit is not transferable and the fee for the permit is \$200.00

PROPOSERS: Bill Goznell, Montana Highway Department, testified that there was no problem with the way House Bill 438 was drafted and the department feels that it would make it easier for crane operators to operate by being able to purchase a 30 day permit.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE: Senator Farrell stated that in House Bill 438 a crane operator with less than 80,000 pounds sends to the Department of Highways a configuration of all measurements where they approve the analysis and then issue a 30 day permit on that number. The analysis has to be approved by the Department of Highways before they will authorize what weight the crane operator can have and how he has to move the crane down the road.

CLOSING: Representative Ream closed by saying that House Bill 438 has no impact on a monthly permit for it does not guarantee the crane operator access to the highways on days the roads are closed; that they may put out \$200 and may only get to use the permit for a short time that month. Representative Ream stated further the permit was looked at on an annual or quarterly basis but it was decided that a monthly permit would be the best.

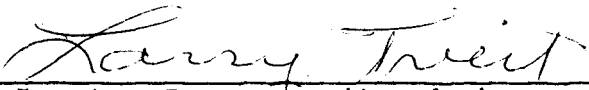
Hearing on House Bill 438 was closed.

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DISPOSITION ON HOUSE BILL 438: It was moved and seconded that  
House Bill 438 BE CONCURRED IN. It was carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION ON HOUSE BILL 359: It was moved and seconded that  
House Bill 359 BE CONCURRED IN. It carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded that the meeting  
of the Highways and Transportation Committee be adjourned.

  
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Senator Larry Tveit, Chairman

ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 3-10-87

HB 438- Ream

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..... **433**

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**SPECIAL OVERWEIGHT PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SELF-PROPELLED CRANE  
REP. BOB REAM (Senator Farrell)**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE BILL** ..... No..... **433**

**BE CONCURRED IN**

~~DO PASS~~

~~DO NOT PASS~~

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**SENATOR TVEIT**

Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 359

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DESIGNATE .5% OF FUEL TAX REVENUES TO MT. RURAL TECH ASSIST TRANSPORT CENTER Rep. Ed Grady - Senator Tveit

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 359

BE CONCURRED IN

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..... SENATOR TVEIT

Chairman.