

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 19, 1987

The Executive Session of the Highways and Transportation Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m., March 19, 1987, by Vice-Chairman Larry Stimatz in Room 410 of the State Capitol.

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

DISPOSITION ON HOUSE BILL 161: Senator Lybeck spoke at great length on House Bill 161, sponsored by Representative Mercer. House Bill 161 was a bill that would eliminate weight and road restrictions for seed potato farmers in order for them to carry their perishable items to market.

Because of the limited time seed potato farmers have in hauling their product, it makes it difficult for them to have weight and speed restrictions on their vehicles traveling on public highways. Their product is hauled in specialized sanitized trucks and once the trucks are loaded with seed they cannot be unloaded until they arrive at their destination for delivery or market.

Senator Lybeck stated that certain rules and regulations have been adopted, in the past, taking issue with perishable foods; in particular the milk industry. In dealing with perishable foods, this item has been addressed before the legislator and there has been suggestions made that the potato farmer has other means of moving their perishable product. He stated that the potato farmer uses a special made truck and once the potato seed is loaded he cannot unload that truck until he delivers his product.

Senator Farrell was concerned that if we do away with speed and weight restrictions for the potato farmer we will find when the legislature convenes in 1989, other truckers who are hauling their products will be asking for the same restrictions that the seed potato farmers will be allowed.

It was moved and seconded that House Bill 161 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. A roll call vote was called for where six members voted no, and four members of the committee voted yes, therefore, House Bill 161 failed to pass.

ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Tveit
Senator Larry Tveit, Chairman

PS: After the meeting had been adjourned, a minority and majority report was called for by Senator Lybeck.

ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 3/19/87

Executive Session 161

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

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MR. PRESIDENT

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

having had under consideration..... **House Bill**..... No. **161**

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**NO RESTRICTION ON VEHICLE LOAD PERISHABLE AG, SEED UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS. REP. AL MEYERS**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **House Bill**..... No. **161**

AMENDMENT:

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Senator Tveit

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Chairman.

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