

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 11, 1987

The meeting of the Highways and Transportation Committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m., April 11, 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 Williams who was absent.

CONSIDERATION ON HOUSE BILL 656: Representative Grady, House District No. 47, sponsor of the bill testified that House Bill 656 would include fertilizer haulers among those eligible to pay gross vehicle weight fees of 55 percent. Spreader trucks and spreader trailers are now paying 100 percent gross vehicle fees like the overrode vehicles who are paying the same fee. By allowing the fertilizer trucks and trailers to pay the 55 percent, they would be paying the same as haulers of ready-mix concrete. Spreader trucks and spreader trailers are used exclusively to transport or to apply fertilizer to agricultural fields and plats. The applicant for a special fee under this subsection shall show, when the fee is paid, a valid fertilizer dealer license issued by the Department of Agriculture.

PROPONENTS: Pam Langley, Representing Agricultural Business Fertilizer and Chemical Dealers, testified that they support House Bill 656. It enables the spreader trucks and spreader trailers to pay 55% instead of 100 percent like all overrode trucks. The spreader trucks and spreader trailers are not used on the highways but mostly in the fields.

OPPONENTS: There were no opponents.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE: There were none.

CLOSING: Representative Grady closed by saying that House Bill 656 would help the farmers by allowing time to pay a 55 percent gross vehicle fee instead of 100 percent.

The meeting was adjourned.

Senator Larry Tveit, Chairman

ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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House Bill 656

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 656 No. 656

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AN ACT INCLUDING FERTILIZER HAULERS AMONG THOSE ELIGIBLE TO PAY GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT FEES OF 55 PERCENT OF SCHEDULES; AMENDING SECTION 61-10-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

Rep. Grady (Senator Farrell)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 656

BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.