

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Stang, on April 13, 1989, at 4:10 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: All with the exception of:

Members Excused: Rep. Nelson, Rep. Davis and Rep. Aafedt

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Verdon, Researcher  
Claudia Johnson, Secretary

Announcements/Discussion: None

#### HEARING ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

##### Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Wallin, House District 78, opened stating that this is a high priority study in ways to charge for vehicle license fees and vehicle tax. Rep. Wallin stated that this has been a concern for the last 10 years. The mill levy that is applied against the NADA guide is a figure based on the school districts' mill levy. This would generate from a few dollars in some counties to several hundred dollars in others. Montana generates \$39-40 million per year on vehicle license fees.

HJR 45 is for an interim committee to be assigned: 1) to determine the relative importance in Montana of motor vehicle taxes and license fees in the revenue of cities, counties, schools and the state; 2) compare taxes and license fees paid on motor vehicles in Montana with the taxes and license fees paid in other western states; and 3) analyze the potential impact of changes in Montana's system on the revenue of cities, counties, schools and the state.

##### Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Kevin Mazacola, MADA

##### Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Mazacola stated that his office works with the vehicles fees

and taxes and urged the Committee's support and consideration of HJR 45.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: Rep. Roth asked Rep. Wallin what the fee would be for this study? Rep. Wallin replied that it would be paid for by the Department of Revenue.

Rep. Harrington commented that maybe HJR 45 could be sent over to the oversight committee.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wallin closed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

Motion: Rep. Bachini moved DO PASS for HJR 45.

Discussion: None

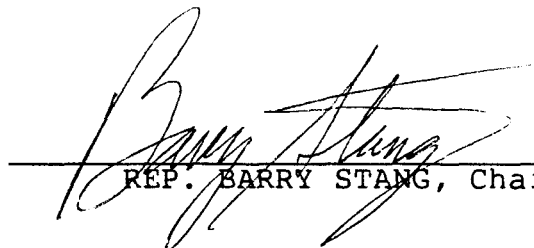
Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: Rep. Patterson called the question.  
The motion CARRIED unanimously to DO PASS.

There being no further business the Committee was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 4:20 p.m.

  
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REP. BARRY STANG, Chairman

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## DAILY ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

51st LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

Date April 13, 1989

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chairman Stang, Barry "Spook"	✓		
Vice Chairman Linda Nelson			✓
Rep. Bachini, Bob	✓		
Rep. Davis, Ervin			✓
Rep. Harrington, Dan	✓		
Rep. O'Connell, Helen	✓		
Rep. Steppler, Don	✓		
Rep. Westlake, Vernon	✓		
Rep. Aafedt, Ole			✓
Rep. Campbell, Bud	✓		
Rep. Clark, Robert	✓		
Rep. Owens, Lum	✓		
Rep. Patterson, John	✓		
Rep. Roth, Rande	✓		
Rep. Zook, Tom	✓		

*Charles Johnson*

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Highways and Transportation  
report that HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 45 (first reading copy --  
white) do pass .

Signed: *[Signature]*  
Barry Stang, Chairman