

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN TVEIT, on JANUARY 26, 1989, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 410 in the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: SENATORS: Larry Tveit, Darryl Meyer, Hubert Abrams, William Farrell, Cecial Weeding, Jerry Noble, Lawrence Stimatz, John Harp

Members Excused: Senator Bob Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Council

Announcements/Discussion: CHAIRMAN Tveit announced that the Committee would have executive action on Senate Bill 81 and that Jesse Munro, Acting Director for the Department of Highways was asked to attend.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 81

Discussion: CHAIRMAN TVEIT asked Jesse Munro if there were amendments for Senate Bill 81.

JESSE MUNRO stated that the Department of Highways agreed on the amendments before them. SEE EXHIBIT 1. The Department has asked that routing not be mandatory, but that there be a provision which would provide that routing could be revoked if the Department notices roads deteriorating.

CHAIRMAN TVEIT asked how the Department of Highways came to the consensus with the potato growers on the rerouting.

JESSE MUNRO stated that in the discussions on rerouting, the potato growers were not in favor of routing provisions. The growers would like to have it so there is a memorandum of understanding between the Department and the haulers stating that if the roads did deteriorate we could then reroute them.

SENATOR FARRELL asked if the Department of Highways is about to embark on a "restricted route" state-wide map.

JESSE MUNRO stated that the Department is currently looking at undertaking an off-tracking study which could restrict certain sized vehicles on certain routes. Any restriction of the routes would come out of the Maintenance Division in the Helena office and not from local people.

SENATOR HARP brought a problem to the Committee's attention. He stated that he thought there had been a bill in the making with regard to having a tenth axle, and since there is not one, he is planning to initiate a bill in this matter. The man who requested the bill added an extra axle to his truck. It would be a benefit to the highway road, but under the existing statute he can only be credited for 9 axles.

JESSE MUNRO addressed the problem. He stated that he knew of the man requesting the bill. He stated that Orville Solberg, who is a chip hauler, designed the truck 2 years ago. The design was run through the bridge department. Currently the law states that you can have 9 axles. When doing his overall bridge they give him credit for 9 axles and when measuring for the interior bridge, they do accommodate that tenth axle. If it could be changed to credit for 10 axles, he would be able to haul more gross than he can at the present time.

CHAIRMAN TVEIT stated that with respect to the Committee, he did not feel it was important enough for a Committee bill.

Amendments and Votes: SENATOR MEYER MOVED to adopt the amendments.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with SENATOR WILLIAMS voting Aye by proxy.

Recommendation and Vote: SENATOR WEEDING MOVED that SENATE BILL 81 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED WITH SENATOR NOBLE OPPOSING and with SENATOR WILLIAMS voting Aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 1:30 p.m.

Sen. Tveit

SENATOR LARRY TVEIT, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE January 26, 1989

51st
LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
CHAIRMAN TVEIT	✓		
VICE CHAIRMAN MEYER	✓		
SENATOR ABRAMS	✓		
SENATOR FARRELL	✓		
SENATOR WEEDING	✓		
SENATOR NOBLE	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HARP	✓		
SENATOR WILLIAMS			✓

Each day attach to minutes.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 26, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Highways and Transportation, having had under consideration SB 81 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that SB 81 be amended and as so amended do pass:

1. Title, line 4.

Following: "EFFECT"

Insert: "FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2 YEARS"

2. Title, line 8.

Strike: "REPEALING"

Insert: "AMENDING"

3. Page 1, lines 13 and 14.

Strike: "Repeal" on line 13 through "repealed." on line 14

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"Section 4. Termination. This act terminates June 30, ~~1989~~
1991."

AND AS AMENDED DO PASS

Signed: _____
Larry J. Tveit, Chairman

L.J.C.
1/26/89
3:14
p.m.

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 81
First Reading Copy

For the Committee on Highways

Prepared by Lee Heiman
January 24, 1989

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