

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By SENATOR CECIL WEEDING, Chairman, on February 21, 1991, at 3:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Cecil Weeding, Chairman (D)
Betty Bruski, Vice Chairman (D)
Bill Farrell (R)
John Harp (R)
Francis Koehnke (D)
Jerry Noble (R)
Jack Rea (D)
Lawrence Stimatz (D)
Larry Tveit (R)

Members Excused: None.

Staff Present: Paul Verdon (Legislative Council).
Pat Bennett, Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Weeding turned the chair over to Senator Betty Bruski during the hearing on SB 318.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 318

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR CECIL WEEDING, District #14, stated that Senate Bill 318, a committee bill, was a composite of Senate Bill 46 and Senate Bill 50. He distributed suggested amendments to SB 318. (SEE EXHIBIT 1) In addition to the \$1 registration fee required to date, an additional \$2.50 has been assessed making the total fee \$3.50 which is consistent with other RV fees. The disbursement will be \$1 to the local treasurer and \$2.50 to the State Parks Division.

Proponents' Testimony:

JANET ELLIS, Montana Audubon, stated they are in support of this bill.

STUART DOGGETT, Manufactured Housing and RV Association, expressed support for SB 318. He stated they believe the combination of the two has made for a good bill.

BUD SCHOEN, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice, stated they have no objection to the bill as amended.

JEFF MILLER, Department of Revenue, stated they support SB 318. Under the old process, the Department spent a lot of time chasing down the \$1 fee, this bill is a great improvement.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members:

SENATOR KOEHNKE asked how to differentiate between a camper and a topper.

PAUL VERDON read the definition in Section 61-1-129.

SENATOR TVEIT asked to have the amendment explained to him.

BUD SCHOEN stated they believe that Page 6, lines 11, 12, and 13 are in conflict with Page 4, lines 22 and 23.

Closing by Sponsor:

SENATOR WEEDING closed the hearing on SB 318.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 351

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR TOM TOWE, District #46, stated that Senate Bill 351 deals with a problem in Montana which needs to be addressed. This bill deals primarily with outdoor advertising. The problem with outdoor advertising is under the 1965 highway beautification act, it is very difficult to get billboard locations. The bill provides that if there is any industrial or commercial zone you can put up a billboard otherwise you can not unless it is more than 660 feet from the highway right of way. The problem at the present time is they see a lot of the small communities who are having a great deal of economic difficulty. Tourism has helped some. He stated that if there is a business in a small community there is no way for a tourist to know if there is a restaurant or hotel if there is not a billboard. This bill would amend one section which would authorize outdoor billboards within two miles of the city limits. Senator Towe gave out amendments for SB 351. (SEE EXHIBIT 2) This will add to the bill to make it clear they are talking about a comprehensive zoning statute.

Proponents' Testimony:

JACK HINKL, Deer Lodge Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of SB 351. He also submitted written testimony from Patty Flynn, President of the Chamber of Commerce. (SEE EXHIBIT 3) He stated they have a fine museum and yet have a difficult time getting people in there. One of the problems with the highway system is the tourists bypass these towns.

TOM HARRISON, Myhre Advertising, testified in support of SB 351.

DICK BAUMAN, President of the Powell County Museum and Arts Foundation, expressed support for SB 351 along with amendments. (SEE EXHIBIT 4)

Opponents' Testimony:

JIM BECK, Department of Highways, stated they oppose the bill as well as the amendments. The comprehensive zoning zones distances on either side of class towns for a distance of 3 to 10 miles. Included in the commercial zones were: agriculture, motels and hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, sporting good stores, golf courses, etc. in outdoor advertising. All of which was on the books until 1967 when the Federal Highway Administration confronted the problem. In 1971 the Legislature passed Chapter 220. This Chapter addressed one of the problems under the FHWA regulations however, it did not address the zoning aspect of it. During the Special Session of 1971 they enacted Chapter 2 which is the present law. The FHWA can withhold up to 10% of the Federal Highway Funds.

ROBERT RASMUSSEN, MT Association of Planners, opposes SB 351. As far as local economic development, many communities are in need of that, but they are also banding together through both local government and private groups to enhance their communities, image. The other technical problem with this bill is the definition of the center of an unincorporated community. The Helena Valley is an unincorporated community, he asked where would the center be in that Valley?

JIM JENSEN, MT Environmental Information Center, stated that this bill would create state blight on our highways. The second problem with this bill is that it is blatantly unconstitutional. On Page 2, Sub II, it discriminates among classes of people who are attempting to speak to the public going down the highway. Within that zone a billboard can be erected but it can only be erected with language that is directed toward that community. For example in Deer Lodge, no one advertising from Missoula can be within that two miles from Deer Lodge. He stated that is an unconstitutional encumbrance upon freedom of speech.

STEVE HERBALY, Planning Director for Flathead County, stated they oppose SB 351. Economic development in Flathead is an issue of quality and the factors of quality of life that brought the people there originally and will continue to bring millions of visitors back every year.

Questions From Committee Members:

SENATOR TVEIT asked about the towns banding together for advertising purposes.

ROBERT RASMUSSEN stated it is for the purpose of beautification of their communities, such as landscaping.

SENATOR TVEIT asked how that works as far as getting people into the museums.

ROBERT RASMUSSEN stated that there are already exemptions in the act that allow for signing and advertising in certain areas. It depends on the use of the property.

TOM BARNARD, Department of Highways, stated there are things going on outside the advertising control. He stated that right now they are trying to work with a group of museum owners from around the state. They are in the process of coming before the Highway Department with their proposal. The reason the Department gets into trouble with museum signing is because of the lack of a clear definition of a museum.

Closing by Sponsor:

SENATOR TOWE closed the hearing on SB 351. He stated that it is very difficult to get permission to put up a highway sign. This bill addresses that difficulty.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 356

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR TOM BECK, District# 24, said Senate Bill 356 is an act to regulate the placement of mailboxes and newspaper delivery boxes on highways. This bill asks that the Highway Department uses their rulemaking authority on the placement of mailboxes that might obstruct the right of way. Senator Beck called attention to a video that shows the possibility of the destruction that can be done with mailboxes in the event of an accident.

Proponents' Testimony:

DICK BAUMAN, Postmaster at Deer Lodge, submitted his testimony supporting SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 5)

PEGGY HAVENER, State President for the Rural Letter Carriers Association, stated she supports SB 356.

EVELYN HOLBROOK, Rural Carrier in Missoula, MT, submitted testimony in favor of SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 6)

BEN HARRIS, Rural Carrier from Helena, MT, submitted written testimony in support of SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 7)

TOM BARNARD, Chief Engineer, Department of Highways, expressed unanimous support for SB 356. Under current laws it is very controversial as to whether the Department can control mail boxes under existing laws. This bill will take care of that and will force the Department and the Postal Service to get together and develop rules concerning mail boxes.

ALLEN RADLIFF, Federal Highway Administration, stated they support this bill. They are very interested in removing hazards of all kinds. This bill will go a long way in getting rid of a lot of hazards, particularly mailboxes.

WAYNE MOMSEN, Postmaster in Butte, stated that employee safety is one of the major concerns. Although the Postal Service does have a few regulations to control some mailboxes, they are still limited in the capacity and will need the assistance of SB 356 to ensure and maintain the safety of their employees and customers.

LAVONNA DONALDSON, Rural Carrier in Missoula, MT submitted written testimony in support of SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 8)

EARL DORSEY, Postmaster in Helena, informed the committee that they had a customer out on Birdseye Rd. who was picking up mail and caused a fatality by another driver. Their concern is for the public as well as the employees.

CAROLE LOVSHIN, Mail Carrier in Anaconda, MT testified in support of SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 9)

JEAN BRACCO, Rural Carrier in Butte, testified in support of SB 356 and stated there is a problem out there, especially without any regulations.

JAMES PERHAY, Safety Specialist, U.S. Postal Service, submitted written testimony in support of SB 356. (SEE EXHIBIT 10)

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members:

SENATOR KOEHNKE asked how they plan to accomplish this. Would people have to widen the road?

TOM BARNARD stated that widening the road to put a turn out in is one option. There have been break away mail-box supports which will help during impact.

SENATOR TVEIT asked if they will expect people to drive a mile to a certain turn off.

TOM BARNARD stated the Department of Highways has already been doing some of this, on the primary system when they do a reconstruction job they are adding mail box turn offs. This will expand it onto the secondary program. He stated it will cost money, however, they have no intention of making someone go a half mile to their mailbox. In the case where there are 3 or 4 approaches, such as on North Montana, they would like to construct one turn out for those four mailboxes. Control of hazardous mailboxes has been difficult for the Department as well as the Postal Service. Current law do not specify that mail boxes are an encroachment, but the Highway Department has the legal opinion that says it is. This bill will clarify this issue. The other benefit to this bill is that the U.S. Postal Service, on the national level, has felt it is too controversial. This law will help the Postal Service.

EARL DORSEY, Helena Postmaster, stated that as postmaster, rural route carriers, and legislators, no one wants to do anything that is going to upset the public. He stated they need something so they can go out to do the exceptions. They are not going to go whole scale moving mail boxes throughout the state.

SENATOR TVEIT asked how they plan to start making any changes.

TOM BARNARD stated they would sit down with the Postal Service and develop rules to the satisfaction of both. Then from an accessibility issue to a safety standpoint develop guidelines. Each individual project will have to be dealt with. The main thing the Department would try to address are the serious hazards which exist right now.

Closing by Sponsor:

SENATOR BECK closed the hearing on SB 356.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 356

Motion:

SENATOR HARP MOVED that SENATE BILL 356 DO PASS.

Recommendation and Vote:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY that SENATE BILL 356 DO PASS.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 351

Motion:

SENATOR HARP MOVED that SENATE BILL 351 DO NOT PASS.

Recommendation and Vote:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY that SENATE BILL 351 DO NOT PASS.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 318

Motion:

SENATOR NOBLE MOVED that SENATE BILL 318 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

SENATOR HARP MOVED to ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 318. (SEE EXHIBIT 11)

MOTION to ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 318 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendation and Vote:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY that SENATE BILL 318 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 322

Motion:

SENATOR HARP MOVED that SB 322 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY that SB 322 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

SENATOR HARP MOVED to ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 322. (SEE EXHIBIT 12)

MOTION to ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO SB 322 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 101

Motion:

SENATOR REA MOVED to take SB 101 OFF THE TABLE.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN WEEDING asked Senator Noble and the committee's researcher to determine the status of Representative Grady's bill on the same subject.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 296

Motion:

SENATOR HARP MOVED to TABLE SENATE BILL 296.

MOTION PASSED TO TABLE SB 296.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:10 p.m.



SENATOR CECIL WEEDING, Chairman



PAT BENNETT, Secretary

SENATE JOURNAL

EXHIBIT NO. 1
DATE 2-21-91
BILL NO. SB318

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 318
INTRODUCED COPY

On page 6 of the bill, lines 11,12 and 13, delete subsection (2) in its entirety.

AMENDMENT TO SB 351

Amend the Title: Line 6, following line 5, strike: "OUTDOOR ADVERTISING" and insert: "ALLOWING ANY COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO BENEFIT TOURISTS AND TRAVELERS"

NEW SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. The many years of poor agricultural production, declining timber production, and declining mineral production in Montana have placed great stress on the small towns and communities in the State. Further, the advances of farming and ranching and of transportation have placed even greater stress on the economic wellbeing and general welfare of the small towns and communities in the State. For those towns and communities that are fortunate enough to be located on or near the major arterial highways of the State, tourism has become a major factor in the wellbeing and economic welfare of the cities, towns, and communities of the State.

The cities, towns, and communities - particularly the small towns and communities - will not be able to benefit from this increase in tourism if the tourists and other persons who may be prospective customers for the businesses in these cities, towns, and communities, do not have access to or know of the existence of the goods and services that are available for the travelers. The very existence of some of these small towns and communities may depend on the ability to inform the people traveling the highways of Montana what services are available, what goods and merchandise is for sale and what attractions are available in their communities and providing easy access to this traveler assistance. Advertising signs, tourist information centers, local museums or other attractions, and other traveler assistance facilities must be readily available within two miles of the city limits or community centers of the cities, towns and communities in Montana.

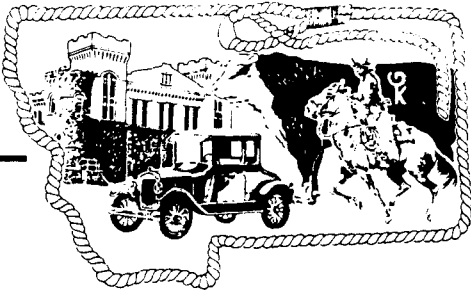
It is the finding of the Legislature that the health, safety, morals, and the general welfare, as well as the economic wellbeing of the State of Montana will be advanced and promoted by encouraging greater economic development in the cities, towns, and communities across the State and that a comprehensive statewide zoning of the area 600 feet from each side of the right of way of each highway of this State within two miles of each city, town and community in the State to allow signs, structures, tourist information centers, local museums, local attraction displays, restaraunts, motels, gas stations, and other traveler assistance facilities would assist in the promotion of such development.

NEW SECTION 2: Comprehensive statewide commercial zone. The land on either side of each Interstate Highway and State Primary Highway in the State from the limits to 2 miles beyond the limits of an incorporated city or town or within 2 miles of the center of an unincorporated community is zoned commercial. The zone shall extend 600 feet from either side of the right of

way of the highway. Any commercial activity that primarily provides assistance to tourists and travelers is permitted in the zone, including restaruants, motels, gas stations, tourist information centers, local museums, local attraction displays, signs, outdoor billboards, and any other commercial activity that is designed primarily to benefit tourists and travelers.

NEW SECTION 3: Exclusion for inconsistent local zoning. Any existing local zoning ordinance validly and properly adopted by any county, incorporated city or town pursuant to the statutes of this State or adopted after the effective date of this act by any county, incorporated city or town that is inconsistent with the zone created in [Section 2] shall be in full force and effect notwithstanding the comprehensive zone created in [Section 2] only to the extent of the land actually affected by the local zoning ordinance.

UNBURIED TREASURE



DEER LODGE, MONTANA

DEER LODGE

Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT NO. 3
DATE 2-21-91
BILL NO. SB 351

1171 Main St. (S)
DEER LODGE, MONTANA 59722
(406) 846-2094

February 20, 1991

Highways and Transportation
Cecil Weeding, Chairman
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Weeding:

The Powell County Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses Senate Bill 351. The ability of local businesses to attract tourism is vital to the economy of small communities in Montana. This bill will give those communities the means to help themselves. At present, it is impossible for some communities to advertise the services available in their community, and thus they languish.

Tourism is perhaps the only major growth industry in Montana. This bill would let almost every community have the opportunity to get their share. It also will benefit the traveling public because it will inform them of where they can get gas, food, lodging and other services.

In the modern world of homogenousness, billboards are the tools which allow a Mom and Pop business to survive. With a billboard, one can create an image to attract customers. Without billboards, no one can compete with the chains and their multi-million dollar ad campaigns to create logo recognition. Given the condition of Montana's economy, if small communities and individually owned businesses are to survive, they need outdoor advertising to get that tourist dollar.

Respectfully,

Patty Flynn
President

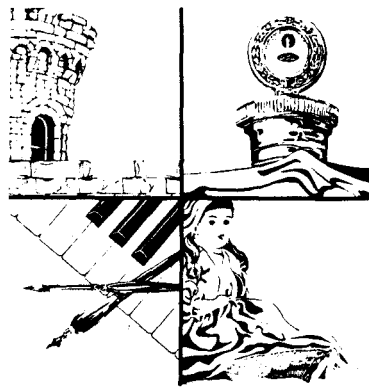


EXHIBIT NO. 4
DATE 2-21-91
BILL NO. SB 351

Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation

1106 Main, Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

(406) 846-3111

February 20, 1991

Cecil Weeding, Chairman
Highways & Transportation
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Chairman Weeding:

Our organization strongly supports Senate Bill No. 351. Our museum complex is supported principally by gate receipt income which is totally reliant on outdoor advertising (billboards). In a survey we did in 1985, we determined that 80% of our visitors learned of our museum because of our signs. We feel that without signs, we could not exist.

Under the existing regulations, there simply are not enough locations to allow for a reasonable means to inform the traveling public about what services are available in a community. It took us five years to locate and get permits for the signs we have (eight).

This bill would give Montana businesses a chance to take advantage of tourism. It conforms to the Federal Highway Beautification Act, it would not overwhelm the environment, and it would be easy for the State Highway Department to implement. This bill will really help businesses in the small communities realize their potential benefit from the tourist dollar.

Sincerely,

Dick Bauman
President

DB:sm

TOWE FORD MUSEUM • OLD MONTANA PRISON • YESTERDAY'S PLAYTHINGS • POWELL COUNTY MUSEUM



AAA Starred Attraction



M.A.M.



SENATE HIGHWAYS
EXHIBIT NO. 5
DATE 2-21-91
BILL NO. SB356



**United States
Postal Service**

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SENATOR WEEDING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

SENATE BILL 356 THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR TOM BECK IS A HIGHWAY SAFETY BILL.

A RURAL CARRIER AND POSTAL MANAGEMENT WORK TEAM, MANY ARE HERE THIS AFTERNOON, HAVE BEEN WORKING THIS PAST YEAR COLLECTING INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY HAZARDS THAT MAIL BOXES AND THIER LOCATIONS ON THE HIGHWAYS AND ROADS IN THE STATE CREATE BOTH FOR THE RURAL CARRIERS AND THE PUBLIC TRAVELING THESE ROADS.

THE VIDEO WAS PRODUCED BY THE DEPT OF SAFETY, STATE OF TEXAS AND SOME OF THE FOOTAGE IS LOCAL. IT DEMONSTRATES WHAT OUR CONCERNS ARE.

STATE WIDE RURAL CARRIERS DELIVER TO 50,305 MAIL BOXES DAILY, MANY ARE LOCATED IN A SAFE APPROACH AREA, BOTH FOR THE POSTAL CUSTOMER AND THE RURAL CARRIER. IT IS THE FEW THAT ARE UNSAFE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT. WE URGE YOU TO GIVE THIS BILL A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION.

THANK YOU

DICK BAUMAN

POSTMASTER DEER LODGE

2-21-91

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Senator (reading, Committee members).

Senate Bill 356 that was introduced by Senator Tom Leek is a safety bill, and as a Rural Carrier, I support the passage of this bill.

Some of our mail deliveries are located in very dangerous and hazardous locations, which concerns me greatly. Not only am I concerned for my personal safety, but for the safety of anyone who travels our highways.

The video which you will be watching demonstrates the accidents that can and do happen to highway users, because of improperly placed mailboxes.

I urge you, on behalf of the Montana Rural Carriers to support the passage of the SB 356.

Thank you -

Evelyn Holbrook, rural carrier
Past President, Mt. Rural Carrier Assn.

Bozeman MT. 59823

Senator Welding: Committee members,
my name is Ben Harris Rural Latite
Carrier from Helena.

This bill is for the safety of the general
public as well as for the carriers delivering
the mail.

As you travel around the State of Montana
you probably have noticed how close
to the edge of the highways the mail
boxes are. This creates a hazard for
the carriers as well as for the customers
picking up their mail and the general
traffic on the highways.

I urge this committee to give the
Legislature a due pass recommendations
on ~~this~~ ^{Senate} Bill 356.

Sincerely Ben Harris
Rural Carrier

Senator Weeding, Committee Members

2-21-91

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 356. I am a Rural Carrier in Missoula, MT. And it is a concern of mine that the State of Montana should ~~be the provide the~~ regulatory factors in determining placement of mail boxes.

I deliver part of my route on Mullan Road, west of Missoula. This road will be improved upon in 1991 - I would like to see safe ^{placement} ~~delivery~~ for the mail boxes that I deliver to ^{for this} ~~to~~ be included in the plans for this improvement.

It has been my experience - while in the process of delivery - to have had my left mirror almost "clipped" & the whole car to "shake" from the close proximity of the passing vehicle. On the opposing view - we have also observed timid drivers who slam on the brakes, afraid to pass by while I'm delivering & thus creating a traffic hazard.

I am in strong support of Bill 356.

Thank you,

Lorraine S. Donaldson
1520 Johnson St
Missoula, MT 59801

2-21-91

Senator Weeding, Committee Members,

Senate Bill 356 is a safety bill designed to protect all highway users. It will benefit everyone.

In my job as an RCH, I know that I have unsafe boxes to deliver to. I know that if this bill is passed it will bring me peace of mind, both for my safety and the safety of my customers.

I am sure that after seeing the video on mailbox safety, you will agree that this bill will benefit the State of Montana. Montana can lead the way and show the many tourists that pass through this state that we care.

I urge you to give this bill a favorable recommendation.

Thank you,
Carole Lorching
RCH Anaconda
Rural Carrier



SENATE HIGHWAYS 10
EXHIBIT NO. 10
DATE 2-21
BILL NO. SB 356

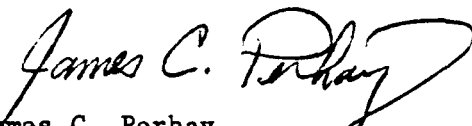
**United States
Postal Service**

February 20, 1991

Montana State Senate
Highway and Transportation Subcommittee
Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Senator Weeding,

As the Safety Representative for 108 Post Offices in Western Montana, I fully support SB356. I feel the regulation of the placement of mail boxes on public highways will improve the safety of the general public as well as mail carriers statewide.


James C. Perhay
Safety Specialist
U.S. Postal Service
1100 West Kent
Missoula, MT 59801-9994

JP:bjm

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 318
First Reading Copy

For the Committee on Highways and Transportation

Prepared by Paul Verdon

February 22, 1991

1. Page 6, line 4.
Strike: "(1)"
2. Page 6, line 6.
Strike: "(a)"
Insert: "(1)"
3. Page 6, line 8.
Strike: "(b)"
Insert: "(2)"
4. Page 6, lines 11 through 13.
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 322
First Reading Copy

For the Committee on Highways and Transportation

Prepared by Paul Verdon

February 21, 1991

1. Page 3, line 25.

Following: "organizations."

Insert: "As used in this subsection:

(i) "handicapped" means an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;

(ii) "elderly" means a person 60 years of age or older; and

(iii) "private, nonprofit organization" means an organization recognized as nonprofit under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code."

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 27 day of Feb 21, 1991.

Name: John O'Leary

Address: 200 ...

Telephone Number: 412-3304

Representing whom?

U.S.S.

Appearing on which proposal?

SB-350

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

The act will help the ...
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PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of February, 1991.

Name: Dean Brown

Address: 150 haw, R.R. 1, Butte, Mt.

Telephone Number: 494-2231

Representing whom?

U.S.P.S.

Appearing on which proposal?

SB-356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

We would appreciate your support of SB-356
for the "Rural Areas" & The Rural Carriers
safety of whom ever uses the areas.

It seems that all trades have safety regulations
and the Rural Carriers should have them also
not only for USPS, but also for the public, hunters,
fishermen, electricians we should all fall into the
safety categories for the individual groups, which
ever you fall into.

Thank you.

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of FEB, 1991.

Name: Dick Bannan

Address: 720 TEXAS Ave

Telephone Number: 846-2207

Representing whom?

Powell Co. Museum & arts

Appearing on which proposal?

SB-351

Do you: Support? X Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

BETTER INFORMATION TO TRAVELING
Public

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21st day of FEB, 1991.

Name: WAYNE MOMSEN

Address: 14 Ridder Ln

WHITEHALL MT 59759-9625

Telephone Number: 406-287-3766

Representing whom?

U.S.P.S.

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

SAFETY OF CUSTOMERS AND RURAL CARRIERS OF
MONTANA IS IMPORTANT. THE POSTAL SERVICE NEEDS
THIS BILL TO ASSIST IN THE ABILITY TO PERSUADE
A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS TO PLACE MAIL
RECEPTACLES IN A SAFE LOCATION. THANK YOU,

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of Feb, 1991.

Name: Dick BAUMAN

Address: 720 TEXAS
DEER LODGE

Telephone Number: 846-1882

Representing whom? Postal Service

Appearing on which proposal? S.B. 356

Do you: Support? X Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
HIGHWAY SAFETY - Both for RURAL
AND General Public

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of Feb -, 1991.

Name: Ben Harris

Address P.O. Box 4041 Helena -

Telephone Number: 442-2382

Representing whom?
U.S. Postal Service

Appearing on which proposal?
S.R. 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of February, 1991.

Name: James R. Beck

Address: ~~1501~~ 2701 Prospect

Telephone Number: 444-6090

Representing whom?

Dept of Highways

Appearing on which proposal?

SR 351

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

As written this bill could affect
the federal-aid highway funds that Manitoba
receives.

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1991.

Name: Tom Barnard

Address: Mont Dept. of Highways
Helena

Telephone Number: 444-6206

Representing whom?
Dept of Highways

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of Feb, 1991.

Name: Allen R. Radliff

Address: 301 S. Park Rm 448
Helena, MT. 59626

Telephone Number: 449-5310

Representing whom?
Federal Highway Admin.

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 356

Do you: Support? X Amend? _____ Oppose? _____

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 21 day of Feb., 1991.

Name: James Peirce

Address: 1100 W. Kent

MISSOULA, MT 59801

Telephone Number: 406-329-2222

Representing whom?

United States Postal Service

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

Attached statement

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 21 day of FEBRUARY, 1991.

Name: ERIC J. HOLBROOK

Address: 22620 HOLBROOK LANE
BOUNER, MT. 59823-9742

Telephone Number: 244-5611

Representing whom?
USPS

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 357

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
- TESTIMONY ATTACHED -

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 21 day of February, 1991.

Name: L. Llanusa of Dismalcom

Address: 1520 Johnson St
Missoula, MT 59801

Telephone Number: 728-7974

Representing whom?
USPO

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
Please Recommend support for SB 356.

* testimony attached

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 21 day of February, 1991.

Name: Doug W. Hammers

Address: 551
6206 Victoria Ln

Telephone Number: 656-8694

Representing whom?

United States Postal Service & Montana Association of
Rural Carriers

Appearing on which proposal?

356

Do you: Support? ✓ Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of FEBRUARY, 1991.

Name: ROBERT S. RASMUSSEN

Address: 325 HATER ST.
HELENA, MT 59601

Telephone Number: 443-1097

Representing whom?
MT ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS

Appearing on which proposal?
SB-351

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose? X

Comments:

CONCEPTUAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH THIS BILL.
APPARENT CIRCUMVENTION OF FEDERAL LAW DESIGNED
TO PROTECT SCENIC QUALITIES OF THE NATION'S
NATURAL RESOURCES. ALSO, PREVENTS REC-EMPTION
OF LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY. MANY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
ARE ATTEMPTING TO ENHANCE THEIR APPEARANCE THROUGH
DUAL AND PRIVATE REAFFIRMATION EFFORTS. THE IDEAS OF
PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE ENTRANCES TO COMMUNITIES
BECAUSE OF THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS SUCH AREAS CREATE
ON VISITORS. ~~AND~~ SB-351 WOULD WORK AT CROSS-
PURPOSES TO SUCH LOCAL EFFORTS AND LOCAL CONTROL.

(HOW DOES ONE ESTABLISH THE CENTER OF AN UNINCORPORATED

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY
COMMUNITY ~~OF~~ OF DISPERSED DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS THE HELENA
VALLEY?)

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 21 day of Feb, 1991.

Name: Steve Hanko

Address: 1236 451 Ave E Kalispell

Telephone Number: 752 5300 x279

Representing whom?
Fishland Co Kalispell Whitefish Co 1/2

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 351

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
We have continued serious vocal
opposition of "Bill Board" off premise
signage.

Bill would allow proliferation
of off premise signage

Steve Hanko

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of February, 1991.

Name: Jack H. Hinkle

Address: 1210 4th St
Deer Lodge, MT

Telephone Number: 406-546-7303

Representing whom?

See Judge Chamber of Commerce - Powell County, Montana photo folder

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 357

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

Survival of small business in MT is critical on a lot of fronts. Antitrust is very important and Billings are a part of that.

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1991.

Name: Carole Loushin

Address: 1746 Thomas

Butte, MT 59701-5718

Telephone Number: (406) 923-7360

Representing whom?

U.S.P.S.

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:

This bill is necessary to improve the safety of not only Post Office personnel but also the whole driving public in the State of Montana.

This bill will enable the Post Office to assist in persuading customers to locate their mail receptacles in a safe location.

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 21 day of FEB, 1991.

Name: EARL DORSEY

Address: 805 MILL RD
HELENA MT 59601-7069

Telephone Number: 443 2648

Representing whom?
US POSTAL SERVICE

Appearing on which proposal?
SB 356

Do you: Support? Amend? Oppose?

Comments:
I'M CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY
OF PUBLIC ON OUR STATE
HIGHWAYS AND THEREFORE SUPPORT
THE PASSAGE OF SB 356

COMMITTEE ON: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

DATE: February 21, 1991

VISITOR'S REGISTER

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NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	SUPPORT	OPPOS
DARYLL (BUD) SCHEEN	DOJ-MOTOR VEHICLE DIV.	SB318		
Dick BAUMAN	U.S.P.S.	SB356	X	
Dick BAUMAN	Powell Co Museum	SB351	X	
JAMES PERHAY	United States Postal Service	SB356	X	
Jack	Dept of H Highways	SB351		
WAYNE MOMSEN	USPS	SB356	X	
EVELYN HOLBROOK	USPS	SB356	X	
LaVonna S. Donaldson	USPS	SB356	X	
Ben Harris	U.S.P.S.	SB356	X	
Peggy Hawener	U.S.P.S.	SB356	X	
John Brocco	U.S.P.S.	SB356	X	
Carole Louhin	U.S.P.S.	SB356	X	
William R. Wally	EMWA	SB-356	X	
Tom Barnard	Mont Dept. of Highways	SB-356	X	
Robert Rasmussen	MT ASSOCIATION OF PLANNERS	SB-351		X
Jack Hink	Mont. Fish & Game	SB-351	X	
STEVE HURBOLD	Flintland County	SB 351		X
Janet Ellis	MT Audubon	SB318	✓	
Stuart Duggett	MT Manufactured Housing & RV Assoc	SB356	✓	
(PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY)				
Jim Jensen	MEIC	SB351		X
Tom Hamlin	Myke Co.	SB351	✓	