

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on January 22, 1997,  
at 3:05 P.M., in Room 420

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Shiell W. Anderson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Patrick G. Galvin, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)  
Rep. Robert C. Clark (R)  
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)  
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)  
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)  
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)  
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Sonny Hanson

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 233, 1-20-97  
HB 145, 1-20-97  
HB 202, 1-20-97

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 233**

"AN ACT ALLOWING A COUNTY TO RETAIN FEES FOR GVW PERMITS ISSUED  
BY A COUNTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-10-126, MCA."

**Sponsor:** Rep. Robert Story, HD 24

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** This Bill allows Counties to retain money they receive from permits issued for overweight, overwidth loads.

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**Proponents:** Harold Blattie, Stillwater County Commissioner. (EXHIBIT 1).

Gordon Morris, Director, Association of Counties.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.6 - 13.3; }*

**Informational Testimony:** David Galt, Administrator, Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: .}*

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics, (neither Proponent nor Opponent).

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.3 - 24.0; }*

**Opponents:** Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers Association, (EXHIBIT 2).

Russ Ritter, Westran Transportation, Missoula, Montana.

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Contractors' Association.

Keith Olson, Director, Montana Logging Association.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.2 - 33.0; }*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Brainard, Galvin, Clark, Devaney.

Responses from Dave Galt, Gordon Morris, Harold Blattie.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.4 - 35.7; }*

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Story closed the Hearing on HB 233.

#### **HEARING ON HB 145**

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.1 - 42.5; }*

**Sponsor:** Rep. Ray Peck, HD 91

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** This Bill would create an education license plate (personalized) (EXHIBIT 3) which would generate some money for technical programs in schools.

*Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.6 - 58.7; }*

**Proponents:** Madalyn Quinlan, OPI.

Joe Maronick, Antique Car Owner. (EXHIBIT 3B)

Don Waldron, Representing the Girl Scouts of Montana.

Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice. (EXHIBIT 4)  
(Neither Proponent nor Opponent)

Opponents: None

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 60.1 - 65.8; }*

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Ryan, Simpson, Anderson.

Reponses from Brenda Nordlund, Madalyn Quinlan, Rep. Peck.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 66.7;*

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed the Hearing on HB 145.

#### HEARING ON HB 202

DESIGNATE MONTANA HIGHWAY 3 BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 67.3; }*

Sponsor: Rep. Pat Galvin, HD 48.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin said the Bill would establish a more direct or a favorable route between Billings and Great Falls.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 70.0 - 71.3; }*

Proponents: Rep. Bill Ryan, HD 44.

Opponents: None

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 72.3 - 79.8; }*

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Marshall, Barnett, Wells, Anderson.

Responses from Rep. Galvin; John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Department, Department of Transportation; Dave Galt, Administrator, Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 81.1; }*

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin closed the Hearing on HB 202.

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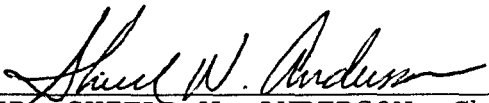
Bob Luce, Salt Lake City, discussed the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement (EXHIBIT 5).

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Mr. Luce continued discussing (EXHIBIT 5).

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

  
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REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman

  
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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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