

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Shiell Anderson, on March 7, 1997, at 3:30 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. Bob Clark (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
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. David Ewer

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 11 - 3-5-97
SB 82 - 3-5-97
SB 85 - 3-5-97

HEARING ON SB 85

"AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE LAWS PERTAINING TO MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT; REVISING DEFINITION OF QUADRICYCLE; DEFINING PUBLIC SAFETY WORKER FOR PURPOSES OF TRAFFIC CONTROL AT AN INCIDENT";

Sponsor: Senator Greg Jergeson, SD 46

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Jergeson said SB 85 will not impose unnecessary or unreasonable restrictions on highway users, but will allow traffic to move more safely and efficiently.

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Proponents: Col. Craig Reap, Chief Highway Patrol, **EXHIBIT 1.**

Mike Frellick, Montana Highway Patrol, Great Falls, showed a video pertaining to motor vehicle equipment.

Jim Sharpe, Great Falls Police Department, **EXHIBIT 2.**

Dave Galt, Administrator, Motor Carrier Services Division, Department of Transportation.

Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers Association.

Bob Stephens, Montana Grain Growers' Association.

Mona Jamison, General Motors and AAMA.

Rep. Rod Marshall, HD 28.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: .}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Galvin, Bookout, Bitney, Barnett, Sonny Hanson, Ryan, Marshall.

Responses by Senator Jergeson; Col. Reap.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Jergeson closed the Hearing on SB 85.

HEARING ON SB 11

"AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT UPON THE DEMAND OF THE PREVIOUS OWNER OR THE PREVIOUS OWNER'S SUCCESSOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SELL RATHER THAN EXCHANGE AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY; ALLOWING AN APPARENT EASEMENT TO REMAIN WITH THE PROPERTY";

Sponsor: Senator Mike Foster, SD 20

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Foster said the Bill eliminates the requirement that upon the demand of the previous owner, the Department of Transportation sell rather than exchange an interest in real property.

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Proponents: Gary Gilmore, Administrator, Engineering Division, Department of Transportation.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 59.0; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bitney, Galvin, Sonny Hanson, Wells, Anderson.

Responses by Senator Foster; Gary Gilmore.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 69.1; }

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Foster closed the Hearing on SB 11.

At this point, Chairman Anderson introduced the former Representative from Bozeman, Norm Wallin.

HEARING ON SB 82

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCENIC-HISTORIC BYWAYS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE SCENIC-HISTORIC BYWAYS PROGRAM AND DESCRIBING THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM";

Sponsor: Senator Dale Mahlum, SD 35.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Mahlum said this Bill creates an avenue to highlight areas that are historical and important.

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Proponents: Patricia Saindon, Administrator, Planning Division, Department of Transportation.

Pamela Sourbeer, Self, **EXHIBIT 3.**

EXHIBIT 4, Daphne Jones, Missoula, Montana, self, and read testimony from proponent who could not attend.

EXHIBIT 5. Beverly Gibson, Montana Association of Counties,

EXHIBIT 6. Kathy Macefield, Montana Preservation Alliance.

Don Allen, Montana Wood Products Association.

Moe Wosepka, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Matthew Cohn, Montana Department of Commerce.

Bud Williams, Montana Innkeepers' Association.

Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers' Association.

James Pannell, Myhre Advertising, **EXHIBIT 7.**

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8. Sara Busey, Save Scenic Montana, Missoula, **EXHIBIT**

Tom Harrison, Myhre Advertising, Helena.

EXHIBIT 9. Rose Magnuson, Citizens for Scenic Lake County,

Chris Imhoff, Helena Citizen's Council, **EXHIBIT 10,**
EXHIBIT 11, EXHIBIT 12.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.3; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Sonny
Hanson, Jore, Bookout, Anderson.

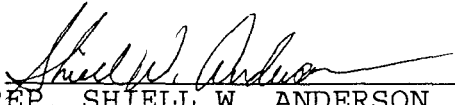
Responses by Rose Magnuson; Chris Imhoff; Senator Mahlum;
Patricia Saindon;

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Mahlum closed the Hearing on SB 82.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.



REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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