

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Rick Jore, on March 14, 1997, at 3:15, in Room 420.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Shiell Anderson
Rep. Matt Brainard
Rep. Bob Clark
Rep. Sonny Hanson
Rep. Gerald Pease
Rep. Bill Ryan

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 265 - 3-11-97
SB 252 - 3-11-97
SB 282 - 3-11-97
SB 343 - 3-11-97

HEARING ON SB 282

"AN ACT ALLOWING A LICENSED CHIROPRACTOR TO CERTIFY AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL PARKING PERMIT FOR THE DISABLED";

Sponsor: Senator J. D. Lynch, SD 19.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Lynch said the Bill is a consumer-choice Bill. It allows licensed chiropractors the same

ability as other licensed physicians to issue the disabled stickers.

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Proponents: Mark Staples, Attorney, Montana Chiropractors' Association. **EXHIBIT 1.**

Dr. Pat Pardis, Licensed Physician. Self.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9; }

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

Responses by Mark Staples

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; }

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Lynch closed the Hearing on SB 282.

HEARING ON SB 252

"AN ACT REVISING COUNTY SHERIFF AND CITY POLICE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HANDLING ABANDONED VEHICLES AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ABANDONED VEHICLE REMOVAL CHARGES FROM MOTOR VEHICLE DISPOSAL FEES;"

Sponsor: Senator J. D. Lynch, SD 19.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Lynch said this Bill is a major revision in using some money from the junk vehicle law for abandoned vehicles.

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Proponents: Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association.

Milo Casagrande, Milo's Towing, Butte, Montana, President, Montana Tow Truck Association.

Darrell Stankey, Department of Environmental Quality. **EXHIBIT 2.**

Art Bundtrock, McCullough's Wrecking Service, Great Falls, Montana.

Bill Sparr, Missoula County Towing Association.

Don Cerovski, Gallatin County.

Dan Allen, Billings, Montana.

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Opponents: None

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Informational Testimony: Rep. Larry Grinde, HD 94.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.9; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Marshall, Simpson.

Responses by Bob Gilbert; Senator Lynch;

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Lynch closed the Hearing on SB 252.

HEARING ON SB 265

"AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; ELIMINATING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR ADOPTING CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; ADOPTING THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE CONSTRUCTION STANDARD FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES;"

Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas, SD 31.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Thomas reviewed the Bill described in the Title above.

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Proponents: Bruce Aafedt, President, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association. **EXHIBIT 3.**

Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association.

Jim Brown, Bureau Chief, Building Codes, Department of Commerce.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 55.2; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bitney, Barnett, Galvin, Simpson.

Responses by Jim Brown; Stuart Doggett; Senator Thomas.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed the Hearing on SB 265.

HEARING ON SB 343

"AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING LAWS GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS, MANUFACTURERS; AND DISTRIBUTORS;"

Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas, SD 31.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Thomas said this Bill finds its roots in two bills introduced in the 1977 Legislature and first heard in a Senate Committee 20 years ago concerning the dual laws. **EXHIBIT 4.**

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Proponents: E. G. Leipheimer, Discovery Buick, Anaconda and President, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association. **EXHIBIT 5.**

Tom Walker, 4 Seasons Motors, Missoula, Montana.

EXHIBIT 6.

Jim Utterback, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association.

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Tom Harrison, Attorney, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association. **EXHIBIT 7.**

Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice.

David Owen, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Bud Williams, Montana Manufactured Housing Association.

Dave Brown, Montana Independent Automobile Dealers Association.

Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association.

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Opponents: Mona Jamison, Lobbyist, General Motors, Chrysler and Ford Motor Company. **EXHIBIT 8, EXHIBIT 9, EXHIBIT 10.**

Bob Zobrist, Ford Motor Company, Seattle Region.

Calvin Eleby, Jr. American Automobile Manufacturer's Association.

Informational Testimony: None

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.3; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Marshall, Galvin, Bitney, Barnett, Bookout, Simpson, Whitehead, Wells, Marian Hanson.

Responses by Tom Harrison; Mona Jamison; Bob Zobrist; Calvin Eleby;

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 73.8 - 79.5; }

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed the Hearing on SB 343.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:05 p.m.



REP. SHIELL W. ANDERSON, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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