

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN ED GRADY, on February 13, 1997, at 8:10, in Room 402.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Loren Jenkins, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)  
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)  
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Keenan, joined meeting at 10:35  
Sen. Eve Franklin, joined meeting at 8:40

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Cindy Weaver, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Elaine Benedict, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Department of Transportation -  
1/6/97  
Executive Action: Department of Transportation

#### **HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**EXHIBIT 1.** Marvin Dye, Department of Transportation Director.

**Informational Testimony:**

Dave Galt, Motor Carrier Services Administrator, Department of Transportation.  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.9; Comments: None.}

**Hearing Questions/Responses:**

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.7; Comments: None.}*

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Galt

-Mr. Dye

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Budget Item: MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES DIVISION

Motion/Vote: REP. JOE QUILICI moved to accept the base budget for the Motor Carrier Services Division. Motion passed unanimously.  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: None.}*

Motion/Vote: REP. QUILICI moved to accept Present Law Adjustments 1, 2 & 3 as described in the chart on page A-101 of Volume 1 of the Governor's Budget and Legislative Budget Analysis, with an additional \$245,000 in each fiscal year for Personal Services. Motion passed unanimously.  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.2; Comments: None.}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. EVE FRANKLIN moved to accept Present Law Adjustments 4 & 5 as contained in the chart on page A-101. Motion passed unanimously.  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.5; Comments: None.}*

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Informational Testimony:

Janice Brown, Federal Highway Administration

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.8; Comments: None.}*

Hearing Questions/Responses:

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}*

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Ms. Brown

-Mr. Dye

Informational Testimony:

Patricia Saindon, Planning Division Administrator, Department of Transportation.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Ms. Saindon

-Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

-Ms. Brown

-Gary Gilmore, Department of Transportation

-Mr. Dye

Informational Testimony:

Michael Ferguson, Aeronautics Division Administrator, Department of Transportation.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 42.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Budget Item: AERONAUTICS PROGRAM

Motion: SEN. LOREN JENKINS moved to accept the base budget as well as Present Law Adjustments 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 and New Proposal 1 as contained on page A-104.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. JENKINS moved to accept the rates as contained in the chart on page G-24. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Thomas Forseth, Montana Transportation Commission Chairman.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: None.}

Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Forseth

-Mr. Dye

Informational Testimony:

Jim Currie, Chief of Staff, Department of Transportation.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.7; Comments: SEE EXHIBIT 1.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Currie

-Mr. Dye

-John Blacker, Department of Transportation

Informational Testimony:

Bill Salisbury, Administrator of Administration Division,  
Department of Transportation.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: None.}

Hearing Discussion:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.1; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony (Resumed):

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Hearing Question/Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.3; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony (Resumed):

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.1; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:48

  
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REP. EDWARD J. "ED" GRADY, Chairman

  
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ELAINE BENEDICT, Secretary

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