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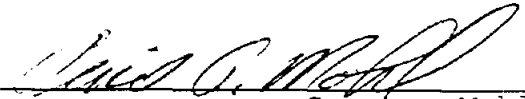
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Mr. Chairman: I move to amend HB 194 (third reading copy -- blue).

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Signed: 

Senator Mohl

That such amendments read:

1. Title, line 4.

Following: second "AN ACT"

Strike: "ELIMINATING"

Insert: "AMENDING"

2. Title, line 6.

Strike: "REPEALING SECTIONS"

Insert: "AMENDING SECTION"

Strike: "AND 60-2-219"

3. Page 1, line 10.

Strike: Section 1 in its entirety

4. Page 1, line 11.

Following: line 10

Insert: "Section 1. Section 60-2-218, MCA, is amended to read:

"60-2-218. Welcome and farewell signs -- design, erection, maintenance -- completion date -- exceptions -- ~~use of existing signs~~. (1) ~~(a)~~ The department shall:

~~(i)~~ (a) design, erect, and maintain welcome and farewell signs within Montana at the nearest practical location to the border of the state where each federal-aid interstate highway, except interstate 90 at the Montana-Idaho border in Mineral County, and each federal-aid primary highway enters or leaves Montana;

~~(ii)~~ (b) select locations for the signs consistent with the requirements for public safety and maximum visibility and with all applicable provisions of federal law; and

~~(iii)~~ (c) subject to the exception in this subsection (1) ~~(a)~~, complete the construction and erection of welcome and farewell signs:

~~(A)~~ (i) on the four interstate highways and on highway 212 in Carter County before July 1, 1991; and

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~~(ii) on the primary system, approximately 8 feet high and 16 feet wide;~~

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~~(i) at each entrance to Montana:~~

~~"The Gate is Open Welcome to MONTANA"; and~~

~~(ii) at each exit from Montana:~~

~~"So Long! Come Again to MONTANA".~~

~~(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), welcome or farewell signs in place on the interstate highway system on April 24, 1989, and required to be replaced under the provisions of this section must be utilized at locations on the primary highway system as long as those signs remain serviceable. When those signs are no longer serviceable, they must be replaced on the primary systems with signs described in subsection (2)."~~

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