

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRWOMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 29, 1/3/2007; SB 30, 1/3/2007  
Executive Action: SB 29, SB 30

**HEARING ON SB 29**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:02 **SEN. FRANK SMITH (D), SD 16**, opened the hearing on **SB 29**, Establish Robert E. Ewing Jr. memorial highway.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:17 Connie Ewing O'Connor, Robert Ewing Family

[EXHIBIT\(his05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his05a02\)](#)

00:09:02 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:10:36 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:12:21 Bill Olson, Ewing Family Friend

00:13:14 Mike Barrett, Self

[EXHIBIT\(his05a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:00 Sen. Smith closed on SB 29.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29**

00:18:45

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. BLACK** moved that **SB 29 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SENATORS PEASE** and **KITZENBERG** voted aye by proxy.

**HEARING ON SB 30**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:25 **SEN. FRANK SMITH (D), SD 16**, opened the hearing on **SB 30**, Allow combination purple heart and disabled veteran license plates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:50 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicles Division, Department of Justice

00:23:22 Jim Jacobsen, Montana American Legion

00:23:37 Roger Hagen (Ret.), Montana National Guard Association

00:24:06 Larry Longfellow, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:56 Sen. Smith closed on SB 30

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30**

00:25:47

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that **SB 30 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SENATORS PEASE** and **KITZENBERG** voted aye by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairwoman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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