

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRWOMEN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 23, 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. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

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

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 46, 1/18/2007; SB 251,
1/18/2007; SB 222, 1/18/2007
Executive Action: SB 46, SB 251, SB 222

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:44 **SEN. LYNDA MOSS (D), SD 26**, opened the hearing on **SB 46**, Revise rulemaking authority for DOJ tow truck rotation system. Sen. Moss requested that SB 46 be tabled.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: None.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 46

00:06:30 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. STEINBEISSER** moved that **SB 46 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. LASLOVICH, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. BLACK and SEN. PEASE** voted aye by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 251

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:09 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22**, opened the hearing on **SB 251**, Allow conveyance of highway right-of-way interest to local government.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:59 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:11:17 Vern Heisler, City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:12:50 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of
Transportation (MDOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:17 Sen. Frank Smith to Director Lynch, MDOT

00:14:58 Sen. Jesse Laslovich to Director Lynch, MDOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:17 Sen. Larson closed on SB 251.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 251

00:17:11 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 251 DO PASS.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. SEN. PEASE
voted aye by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:23 SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 222,
Revise speed laws near emergency vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:25 Colonel Paul Grimstad, Montana Highway Patrol

00:27:42 Video Tape

00:30:43 Colonel Grimstad, Montana Highway Patrol

00:31:39 Kurt Bushnell, Montana State Fireman's Association

00:35:06 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chief's of Police

00:35:24 Pat Keim, Volunteer Firefighter

00:37:18 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:17 Sen. Jerry Black to Colonel Grimstad, Montana Highway Patrol

00:42:32 Andrew Geiger, Research Analyst Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:43:06 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Colonel Grimstad, Montana Highway Patrol

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:20 Sen. Esp closed on SB 222.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222

00:50:19 **Motion:** SEN. BROWN moved that SB 222 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:50:29 Sen. Laslovich

00:51:02 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:52:21 Sen. Black

00:53:30 Colonel Grimstad, Montana Highway Patrol

00:54:51 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:55:04 Sen. Smith

00:55:33 Sen. Laslovich to Mr. Geiger, LSD

00:56:25 Sen. Brown withdrew his motion on SB 222. No action was taken.

00:56:59 Sen. John Brueggeman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 P.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Vice Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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