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MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on February 1, 2007 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
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: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

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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 298, 1/26/2007; SB 271,
1/26/2007; SB 305, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: SB 271, SB 305

00:03:26

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:16 **SEN. AUBYN CURTISS (R), SD 1**, opened the hearing on **SB 298**, Require headlights for driving.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:13 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:08:28 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:45 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Curtiss

00:10:23 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg to Sen. Curtiss

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:21 Sen. Curtiss closed on SB 298.

HEARING ON SB 271

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:44 **SEN. ROY BROWN (R), SD 25**, opened the hearing on **SB 271**, Revise requirements for securing loads.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:22 Luke Anderson

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00:26:54 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:29:51 Captain Butch Huseby, Montana Highway Patrol

00:31:38   Greg Van Horssen for Jacqueline Lenmark, American
           Insurance Association (AIA) and Jon Metropolis,
           Farmers' Insurance Group

00:33:18   Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:34:53   Spook Stang, Montana Motorcarriers Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:52   Sen. Frank Smith to Sen. Brown

00:37:54   Sen. Jerry Black to Sen. Brown

00:39:34   Sen. Black to Mr. Huseby, MT Highway Patrol

00:40:20   Sen. Smith to Mr. Stang, MMA

00:41:01   Sen. Black to Mr. Anderson rereferred to Andrew Geiger,
           Research Analyst, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

00:43:23   Sen. Black to Sen. Brown

00:44:37   Sen. Pease to Mr. Stang, MMA

00:46:08   Sen. Pease to Director Lynch, DOT

00:47:29   Sen. Cocchiarella to Mr. Anderson

00:49:17   Sen. Pease

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:25   Sen. Brown closed on SB 271.

HEARING ON SB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:30   **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43,** opened the hearing on
           SB 305, Revise motor vehicle dealer laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:23   Dodge Leary, General Manager, Dee Motor Company

00:59:14   Tammy Vandenbos, Van Motors, Inc., Conrad

01:01:23   Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association
           (MADA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:48   Sen. Black to Ms. Vandenbos, Van Motors, Inc.

01:06:55   Sen. Pease to Sen. Laslovich rereferred to Mr. Spencer
           (MADA)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:58   Sen. Laslovich closed on SB 305.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271

01:08:35   **Motion/Vote: SEN. BROWN moved that SB 271 DO PASS.
           Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.
           KITZENBERG was excused.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 305

01:09:31   **Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 305 DO PASS.**

           Discussion:

01:09:52   Sen. Black

01:10:44   **Vote: Motion that SB 305 DO PASS carried unanimously
           by voice vote. SEN. KITZENBERG was excused.**

           Discussion:

01:11:20   Sen. Cocchiarella

01:11:43   Sen. Pease

01:12:26 Sen. Black

01:13:02 Mr. Geiger, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 A.M.

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                                  SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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                                  LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

Additional Exhibits:

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