

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on February 15, 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. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jesse Laslovich (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: HB 122, 2/6/2007; HB 126, 2/6/2007;
HB 127, 2/6/2007
Executive Action: HB 122, HB 126, HB 127

00:03:08

HEARING ON HB 122

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:39 **REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75**, opened the hearing on **HB 122**, Extend durational limit on leases at state airports.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:03 Debbie Alke, Administrator, Aeronautics Division,
Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

EXHIBIT(his34a01)

00:06:00 Mike Ferguson, Northwest Regional Representative,
Aircraft Power Association

00:07:44 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trade Association

00:08:02 Mike Barrett

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:09:06 Mike Barrett

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:30 Sen. Roy Brown to Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:55 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:19 **REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75**, opened the hearing on **HB 126**, Eliminate requirement for DOT to set liability insurance rates for commercial air carriers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:52 Debbie Alke, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

EXHIBIT(his34a02)

00:15:39 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trade Association

00:15:50 Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owners and Power Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:21 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:35 **REP. JIM KEANE (D)**, HD 75, opened the hearing on **HB 127**, Require immediate deposit of fees paid on aircraft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:33 Debbie Alke, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

EXHIBIT(his34a03)

00:18:22 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trade Association

00:18:35 Mike Ferguson, Aircraft Owners and Power Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:18:56 Mike Barrett

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:52 Rep. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 122

Discussion:

00:22:47 Sen. John Brueggeman

00:23:10 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella

00:23:27 **Motion:** SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that HB 122 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:23:49 Sen. Brown

00:25:03 Sen. Gerald Pease

00:25:11 Sen. Brown to Rep. Keane

00:26:08 Sen. Brown

00:26:27 Sen. Frank Smith to Rep. Keane

00:26:59 **Vote:** Motion that HB 122 BE CONCURRED IN carried 7-1 by voice vote with SEN. BROWN voting no. SEN. LASLOVICH was excused. SEN. BLACK will carry HB 122.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 126

00:27:32 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BROWN moved that HB 126 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. LASLOVICH was excused. SEN. BLACK will carry HB 126.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 127

00:27:52 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 127 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with SEN. SMITH voting no. SEN. LASLOVICH was excused. SEN. BLACK will carry HB 127.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his34aad.pdf](#))