

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on April 12, 2007, upon adjournment 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. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** 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: HB 840, 4/6/2007  
Executive Action: HB 840

00:02:03

**HEARING ON HB 840**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH, SD 43, ANACONDA** for **REP. EDWARD HILBERT (R), HD 38**, opened the hearing on **HB 840**,  
Revise license plate laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:48 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association and the  
Montana Association of County Treasurers

00:04:18 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division, Montana  
Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:08:17 Cory Swanson, Citizens for Balanced Use

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:49 Sen. Jesse Laslovich to Mr. Roberts (DOJ)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:03 Rep. Hilbert

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 840**

00:14:10 **Motion:** **SEN. BROWN** moved that **HB 840 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:14:24 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. SMITH** moved to amend **HB 840** with  
amendment **#HB084002.AAG**. Motion carried unanimously by  
voice vote. **SEN. KITZENBERG** was excused.

**EXHIBIT** (his77a01)

00:14:51 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. BROWN** moved that **HB 840 BE CONCURRED  
IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice  
vote. **SEN. KITZENBERG** was excused. **SEN. LASLOVICH** will  
carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:20 A.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his77aad.pdf](#))**