

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN RICK LAIBLE**, on January 13, 2003
at 8 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Matt Bugni, OBPP
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Amy Sassano, OBPP
Misty Shea, Committee Secretary
Lynn Zanto, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.
Tape stamps indicate information found below.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None.

Executive Action: Department of Transportation:
Maintenance, Construction
Program, Equipment Program,
Aeronautics, and
Transportation Planning.

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Department of Transportation (DOT) Construction Program

After considerable discussion between committee members, staff, and the DOT involving the effects of a one-time-only provision, **SEN. LAIBLE** moved decision package (DP) 202 as follows.

Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved that **DP-202 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ADJUSTMENT BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

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Motion: **REP. BRUEGGEMAN** moved **DP-203 LANDOWNER PAYMENTS**.

Discussion:

SEN. LAIBLE asked **Director Galt of DOT** to clarify need for land acquisition. **Mr. Galt** stated that there is an increase in the price of land and the amount needed to purchase for construction projects such as Highway 93.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BARKUS** moved **DP-204 CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS/ FEDERAL AID CONSTRUCTION**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BRUEGGEMAN** moved **DP-206 US HIGHWAY 93**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LAIBLE** moved **DP-207 CMS AGGREGATE POSITIONS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BARKUS** moved **DP-209 CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS/ STATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved **DP-213 ROADWAY STRIPING**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COONEY** moved **DP-215 FTE REDUCTION**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

New Proposals

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-208 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved DP 211 CONVERT METRIC MEASURE TO ENGLISH MEASURE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved TO AMEND HIS ORIGINAL MOTION AND ADD A ONE-TIME ONLY PROVISION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved "ITEM 2" (which includes a total of \$63,690 for the 2005 biennium for the Montana Natural Resources Information System. Quarterly payments must be made upon receipt of the bills from the State Library, up to the total amount appropriated). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Following this the committee discussed (since there were 3 languages in one motion) a global language to move funds between programs.

Motion: SEN. COONEY moved the agency-wide language for the department.

The following is the agency-wide language approved under the motion made by Senator Cooney:

"The department may adjust appropriations in the general operations, construction, maintenance, and transportation planning programs between state special revenue and federal special revenue fund types if the total state special revenue authority for these programs is not increased by more than 10% of the total appropriations established by the legislature for each program. All transfers between fund types must be fully explained and justified by budget documents submitted to the office of budget and program planning, and all fund transfers of more than \$1 million in any 30-day period must be communicated to the legislative finance committee in a written report."

Discussion:

Director Galt addressed the issue in its favor and provided a handout.

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"All federal special revenue appropriations in the department are biennial."

"All appropriations in the general operations, construction, maintenance, and transportation planning programs are biennial."

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

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Maintenance Program

Present Law Adjustments

Motion: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-301 SECONDARY ROAD MILE INCREASE.

Discussion:

SEN. LAIBLE asked **Director Galt** for justification and if more road work would be done this year than last. **Mr. Galt** answered that to maintain the level of service conversions from gravel to pavement are necessary. **John Blacker** explained that secondary roads are being paved and the process is on going.

Vote: Motion DP-301 carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-302 ROADWAY STRIPING.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-303 NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-304 REST AREA MAINTENANCE.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-307 INCREASED CONTRACT COSTS.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-308 LAND PURCHASES. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-309 SIGN TEMPLATE STOCK.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-310 NEW CORE DRILL BILLING.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-312 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-313 TRAVELERS INFORMATION
SERVICE. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-314 TRAINING. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved DP-316 TRAVEL REDUCTION. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

New Proposals

Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved DP-315 FTE REDUCTION.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

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Equipment Program

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch, explained that the rate being
requested is a limit to maintain no more than 60 days of working
capital for the equipment program.

Motion: SEN. COONEY moved the 60 day working capital rate.

Discussion:

A discussion followed clarifying assigned and operating rates for
equipment, cost recuperation, and possible future requests.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motor Carrier Services Division

Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: REP. SINRUD moved DP-2201 MONTANA/WYOMING JOINT PORT PROJECT. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-2203 INCREASED CREDIT CARD USAGE. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

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Aeronautics

Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-4004 PROGRAM/SERVICE COST ADJUSTMENTS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-4005 GRANT INCREASES-BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-4006 STATEWIDE PLAN UPDATE-BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

New Proposals

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP 4001- RUNWAY REHAB WEST YELLOWSTONE AIRPORT-BIENNIAL AS A ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-4002 RUNWAY REHAB LINCOLN AIRPORT-BIENNIAL AS A ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Transportation Planning Division

Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-5002 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED/ELDERLY. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-5003 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5309 AS A RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-5004 TRAFFIC DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-5005 FTE/OPERATING FOR WEIGH IN MOTION AND STARS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-5008 TEA21 FEDERAL FUNDING INCREASES. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-5009 SEASONAL CONTRACTED SERVICES. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-5010 TRAVEL ADJUSTMENT. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved DP-5011 SENIOR/DISABLED VEHICLE ADJUSTMENT. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved DP-5012 FEDERAL EARMARK AND OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES AS A ONE-TIME ONLY APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

New Proposals

Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved DP-5001 MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR TECH ASSIST AS A RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

REP. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN, Chairman

MISTY SHEA, Secretary

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