

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 10, 2005
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

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

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Peg Holwick, 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: SB 295, 2/3/2005; SB 285, 2/3/2005
Executive Action: SB 318, 295

00:00:31

HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on **SB 295**, Aviation maintenance technician day as day of observance.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:01:24

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:17

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:02

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Discussion: Clarification by Bob Story of: "A Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House urging congress to pass a well funded federal highway bill in a timely manner, while also protecting Montana's interests".

EXHIBIT (his33a01)

00:06:59

SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved TO DRAFT the JOINT RESOLUTION.

00:08:51

Vote: Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with **SEN. WEINBERG** voting no.

00:09:00

HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on **SB 295**, Aviation maintenance technician day as day of observance.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on **SB 285**, Organize and simplify motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:07 **Brenda Norvall, Montana Department of Motor Vehicles**

00:23:21 **Dal Smilie, Montana Motorcyclists**

EXHIBIT (his33a02)

00:24:23 **Ronda Carpenter, Montana Snowmobile Association**

00:27:50 **Doug Abelin, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association**

00:28:10

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:28:22 **Bruce Spencer, Attorney**

Michele Calvert, Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety
Association

00:29:05

Michele Hand, Montana Motorcycle Riders Safety
Association

EXHIBIT (his33a03)

00:30:05

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:15

SEN. COCCHIARELLA for Ryan Jose, Department of
Revenue

00:42:37

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:12

DRAFT BILL REQUEST

SEN. COCCHIARELLA requested A DRAFT BILL REQUEST with regard to
the safe distance cars should remain behind school buses.

00:58:43

Discussion and questions from the committee:

00:47:18

Brenda Norvall, Department of Motor Vehicles

00:52:34

Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractor's
Association.

01:00:36

Motion/Vote: SEN. BRUEGGEMAN moved DO PASS TO DRAFT A BILL.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. PEASE voted aye by
Proxy.

01:01:33

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 318

Motion: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 318 DO PASS.

01:02:58

Discussion:

EXHIBIT (his33a04)

01:04:22

Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved to accept amendments. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:04:44

Motion/Vote: Motion that SB 318 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. PEASE voted aye by Proxy.

01:05:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 295

Motion: SEN. KITZENBERG moved that SB 295 DO PASS.

Discussion: None.

01:05:23

Motion/Vote: SEN. KITZENBERG moved that SB 295 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:12 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his33aad0.PDF](#))