

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:01

Call to Order: By **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH**, on March 10, 2005 at
3:10 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (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. John Brueggeman (R),
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 224, 3/3/2005; HB 192, 3/3/2005; HB
273, 3/3/2005
Executive Action: HB 273, HB 224, HB 135

HEARING ON HB 224

00:00:07

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN (JACK) ROSS (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on **HB 224**, Eliminate motorcycle endorsement for operation of quadricycle.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:38 **Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Department**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:03:20

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 192

00:03:48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on **HB 192**, Revise commercial driver's license, driver's license, and cmv laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:16 **Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice**

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[EXHIBIT](#)(his53a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his53a03)

00:27:23

Jim Currie, Department of Transportation

00:28:12

Spook Stang, Executive Director Montana Motor Carriers' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:34:26

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:20

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 273

00:43:32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on **HB 273**, Exempt rural transportation providers from PSC authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:00 **June Hermanson, Montanans with Disabilities for Equal Access**

00:49:00 **Joanne Perkins, Summit Independent Center**

00:55:00 **Mary Millin, Peer Advocate for Summit Independent Living Center**

00:56:35 **Don Jones, Staff Attorney for Montana Advocacy Program**

00:58:19 **Lynn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association**

00:59:39 **David Kack, Western Transportation Institute**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:01:53 **Jim Currie, Department of Transportation (DOT)**

01:02:17 **Wayne Butt, Public Service Commission**

01:02:38

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:36

Closing by Sponsor:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273

01:12:55

Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved that HB 273 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

01:14:03

Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that HB 224 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135

01:15:59

Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 135 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:15:59

Discussion:

01:21:27

Motion: SEN. SMITH moved that HB 135 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:23:17

Motion/Vote: SEN. WEINBERG moved that HB 135 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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