

COMMITTEE MINUTES for TRANSPORTATION

Date: February 07, 2008

Place: Room 19

Convened: 2/7/2008 1:00 PM
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Adjourned: 2/7/2008 1:30 PM

Present: Representatives Huser-CH, Tjepkes-RM, Arnold, Bell, Bukta, Cohoon, Dandekar, Gaskill, M., Gipp, Huseman, May, Mertz, Olson, D., Rasmussen, Reasoner, Roberts, Swaim, Whitaker, Windschitl, Worthan

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Lykam-VC

Chair Huser called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Roll was called by the clerk.

Representative Rasmussen moved the meeting minutes of February 5th 2008 be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously. Chair Huser asked that the minutes reflect that the minutes of January 31st were approved at the previous meeting.

Director Richardson of the DOT presented on several issues including the increased use of salt already this winter on roadways as well as the increased cost of paying overtime to workers for the many snowstorms already present this year. She mentioned that winter road maintenance is always present in the mind of citizens and that salt availability remains a concern as winter continues. Director Richardson addressed the importance of extending the date of the Real ID Act, as it will affect citizens' ability to use their current drivers' licenses. Director Richardson mentioned the intentions of the DOT to issue both Real ID compliant licenses and a more traditional drivers' licenses. Lastly, she addressed TIME 21, and the concerns and questions that the DOT has including the needs of additional road funding for the state.

Chair Huser opened the floor to questions. General discussion was held.

The Committee began discussion on HSB 628.

Representative Gipp moved that the committee arise. With no further business to come before the Committee, the Committee adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Representative Geri Huser

Kelli Huser, Committee Secretary