



## MCDD QUICK NEWS

Here's What's Happening in Council Offices  
for the month of February 2005

### 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT MIDPOINT

The 2005 Session of the Montana State Legislature is nearing its midpoint milestone, 45 days. Legislators will head home for a well deserved rest and resume their work on Tuesday, March 1. This midpoint is called "transmittal" and means that after this date no new legislation can be brought forth out of the House of Representatives, except revenue bills. In some ways the pace picks up to deal with all the cleared legislation and in other ways the frantic pace of trying to get new bills introduced is over. Now many of the appropriation packages will be up for debate by the full bodies, and anything can, and usually does, happen. If you have not signed up for the email update done by Charlie Briggs, MAI DS lobbyist, I encourage you to do. Email Charlie at [Cbriggs@imt.net](mailto:Cbriggs@imt.net) to be added to his distribution list.

Please continue to make your voices heard by your legislators. You can leave a phone message for your Senators or Representative by calling the Legislative Operator at 444-4800.

If you would like to mail anything to your legislator their address is:

Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Montana Senate

PO Box 200500

Helena, Montana 59620-0500

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

MT House of Representatives

PO Box 200400

Helena, Montana 59620-0400

If you would like to fax a letter or other information to your legislator those numbers are: Senate Fax 444-4875 House Fax 444-4362

You can check the status of a bill by going on the internet to this website; [www.discoveringmontana.com](http://www.discoveringmontana.com) in the lower left-hand side of the screen click on the words 2005 Legislative Information; a screen will appear that will allow you to select the bill number and print out the text of the bill. This screen will also show you the most up-to-date information on the bill, including amendments, votes, etc.

