

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on January 4, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, 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: Organizational Meeting
Executive Action: None.

Organizational Meeting

Opening Statement:

00:00:01 **SEN. GERALD PEASE, SD 21, LODGE GRASS**, called the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee's organizational meeting to order.

Introductions:

00:00:31 Committee members and staff introduced themselves and provided a brief synopsis of their legislative backgrounds. Committee members also provided information related to their special interests regarding highway and transportation issues.

00:10:22 Sen. Pease spoke briefly about what he felt the Committee's ground rules should be.

Interested Persons:

00:11:44 William Duffield, Self

Other Business:

00:13:30 Committee members discussed the use of proxy votes

00:15:35 Sen. Pease cautioned Committee members about the use of conceptual amendments, in that he preferred that all amendments be in writing as prepared by the Legislative Services Division (LSD).

An invitation from the Department of Transportation (DOT) was extended to Committee members and staff to tour its facility and various Divisions. A date will be scheduled at a later time.

00:17:22

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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