

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on April 10, 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. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)

**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: HB 556, 4/5/2007  
Executive Action: HB 556

00:00:01

**HEARING ON HB 556**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:01 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 556**, Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:05 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

**EXHIBIT** (his75a01)

00:08:37 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:36 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:26 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Rep. McChesney

00:11:48 Sen. Roy Brown to Rep. McChesney rereferred to Director Lynch, DOT

00:14:40 Sen. Jerry Black to Director Lynch, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:13 Rep. McChesney

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 556**

00:18:01 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** moved that **HB 556 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SEN. BRUEGEMAN** and **SEN. LASLOVICH** were excused. **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:20 P.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his75aad.pdf](#))**