

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**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:**

Legislative Audit Division Presentation

Executive Action: SB 51 DO PASS; SB 76 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION PRESENTATION**

15:00:07 Chair Vance  
15:00:33 Jeremy Verhasselt, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**EXHIBIT(his09a01)**

15:01:10 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

15:17:36 James Sutcliffe, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**EXHIBIT(his09a02)**

15:34:59 Sen. Brown  
15:35:32 Mr. Sutcliffe, LAD  
15:35:56 Sen. Brown  
15:37:51 Mr. Verhasselt, LAD  
15:38:27 Sen. Brown  
15:38:36 Mr. Verhasselt  
15:39:40 Chair Vance  
15:39:54 Mr. Verhasselt  
15:40:42 Chair Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 51**

15:41:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 51 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 76**

15:41:30 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 76 DO PASS**.

15:42:25 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 76 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT(his09a03)****Discussion:**

15:42:42 Sen. Esp

15:43:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:16 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 76 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT(his09a04)****Discussion:**

15:43:30 Sen. Gross  
15:43:44 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:46:22 Chair Vance  
15:46:25 Sen. Brown

15:46:46 Sen. Esp left the meeting.

15:47:02 Ms. Sankey Keip, LSD  
15:47:30 Sen. Brown  
15:49:04 John Alke, NorthWestern Energy  
15:50:09 Sen. Sands  
15:50:26 Chair Vance  
15:50:41 Sen. Gross  
15:51:03 Sen. Bennett  
15:51:26 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

15:51:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. Esp voted by proxy.

15:52:22 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 76 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(his09a05)

**Discussion:**

15:52:32 Chair Vance  
15:52:44 Ms. Sankey Keip  
15:53:57 Sen. Sands  
15:54:24 Chair Vance  
15:54:35 Sen. Sands  
15:54:38 Chair Vance

15:55:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Esp voted by proxy.

15:55:37 Chair Vance

15:55:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 76 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Esp voted by proxy.

15:56:52 Chair Vance  
15:57:09 Ms. Sankey Keip

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:57 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his09aad.pdf](#))