

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 6, 1977

The first meeting of the Highways and Transportation Committee was called to order on the above date in Room 404 of the State Capitol Building by Chairman Manning at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Healy. Senator Hazelbaker was present at 10:30 .

The meeting was an organizational meeting. Senator Manning asked the committee if there would be any conflict if the meetings were called for 9:30 rather than 10:00 as it would give the committee a longer session. There was no objection from the committee.

Senator Manning said it was usually the custom of the committee to talk with the Highway Department early in the session to have them generally outline what bills they would be introducing.

Senator Manning then introduced Jim Beck from the Legal Division of the Highway Department, who stated that they would try to have all their bills to the committee by next Tuesday. He said the Department of Highway expected to put in eight bills, five of which would be coming to this committee. He then gave a brief summary of the three bills not coming to this committee.

Mr. Beck then gave a brief resume of the bills expected to be before this committee. He said one bill would be to define the term "axle" for purposes of GVW. Another would be to amend the Relocation Assistance Act. The third bill would amend the fee payment plan. This would allow the department to accept applications without money and then bill the applicant, which at present they cannot do. The next bill would allow a trucker the privilege of going to the first scale if they were less than 5% overweight. The other bill would apportion off-system road funds.

General discussion then followed by members of the committee. Mr. Beck said he and other members of his department would be present on Tuesday for further questions and information.

Senator Manning then stated the committee would meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 to hear Senate Bills 16 and 24.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
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SENATOR MANNING      CHAIRMAN

## ROLL CALL

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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