

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Senator Cecil Weeding, Chairman, on January 10, 1991, at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Cecil Weeding, Chairman (D)
Betty Bruski, Vice Chairman (D)
Bill Farrell (R)
John Harp (R)
Francis Koehnke (D)
Jerry Noble (R)
Jack Rea (D)
Lawrence Stimatz (D)
Larry Tveit (R)

Members Excused: None

Staff Present: Paul Verdon (Legislative Council).

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Announcements/Discussion: Senator Weeding welcomed the Committee to the organizational meeting. Committee members discussed standard rules which would be implemented during committee meetings. It was a general consensus of the committee that there would not be any smoking allowed in the committee room.

Paul Verdon, Legislative Staff, responded to the question of fiscal notes. He informed committee members that unless there is a fiscal note already attached to a bill, it is up to the Chairman to request one. If any amendments are needed, they are to be requested by a committee member. Amendments will not be drawn up per request of a lobbyist.

Chairman Weeding stated that he would request a fiscal note for Senate Bill 44.

Chairman Weeding asked for discussion regarding absentee voting. The committee unanimously agreed on leaving a written ballot with the Chairman, Secretary or committee member prior to action if and only if the member is absent during the vote. The member is also to note if the intent is with or without amendments. If a member should happen to be absent during a vote without prior knowledge, that member will then have 24 hours to either phone the Chairman or the Secretary or turn in an absentee ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 1:30 p.m.



SENATOR CECIL WEEDING, Chairman



PAT BENNETT, Secretary

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