

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Peterson at 2:30 p.m. on February 28, 2002 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Rep Cindy Hermes
Rep Doug Spangler

Committee staff present: Robert Waller
Lynn Workman

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep Ballou
Rep Hayzlett

Others attending:

A special meeting of the Select Committee on Transportation was called in order to hear the information received by the two sub-committees on Transportation.

John Ballou stated that they had a list of scope projects that could be cut back on that would save \$151,000,000. John stated that after he talked with the Secretary of Transportation that the Secretary's plans were still to cut back on nine projects that the Governor had listed to the department before the session and on top of those projects these listed on the attached scope statement (Attachment 1) would have to be cut if they don't enhance revenue with a tax increase this session.

The committee discussed the projects that would have to be cut. Representative Janice Pauls expressed her concerns with the cuts listed which involved Highway 61 which is close to her district. Her constituents have concerns about that cut. It was explained by Representative Ballou that no maintenance projects had been cut. Representative Thimesch expressed his concern about Highway 54 in Kingman County. This project has been on hold for many years and is listed as one of the Comprehensive Transportation Program Reductions (Attachment 1)

Representative Hayzlett stated that he contacted Economic Lifelines regarding some alternative funding and revenue enhancements (Attachment 2)

Chairman Peterson stated that the committee would get some figures from the Research Office & Budget Office and put some scenarios together then the committee can vote on ways to amend the Transportation Program.

The eleven member committee will get together next week at a time to be announced later.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.