

TENTATIVE AGENDA--REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 11, 2003, 9 a.m.
Room 137, State Capitol

Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is indicated.
Public Comment follows each agenda item

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to order -- roll call -- approval of Oct. 2 Minutes -- **Sen. Bob Story**
- 9:05 2. SJR 29 study: background report on PPL Montana property tax protest and the valuation of electric generation facilities--**Jeff Martin, Legislative Services**
- 10:00 3. Report required by 15-6-218, MCA, on the exemption of intangible personal property tax--**Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue**
- 10:15 4. Class eight business equipment
 a. Update on the calculation of the "trigger" related to the reduction and phase-out of class eight business equipment (15-6-138, MCA) --**Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue**
 b. Recommendation for technical amendment related to source of wage and salary information used to calculate the trigger --**Lee Heiman, Legislative Services**
- 10:45 5. HB 2 requirement to report on the cost of DOR compliance staff and additional revenue generated--**Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue**
- 11:00 6. Update on IRIS computer system--**Linda Francis, Director, Department of Revenue**
- 11:15 7. Review necessity of required reports--**Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services**
- LUNCH**
- 1:15 p.m. 8. Reports from executive branch tax study committees
 a. Tax Reform Study Committee (SB 461)--**Larry Finch, DOR, and RTIC members on the study committee**
 b. Property Reappraisal Study Committee (SB 461)--**Rocky Haralson, DOR, and RTIC members on the study committee**
- 2:00 9. U.S. Highway 2 reconstruction study--**David Evans and Associates**

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- 2:45 10. Department of Revenue litigation report -- **Dave Ohler, Department of Revenue**
- 3:00 11. Department of Transportation litigation report--**Tim Reardon, Montana Department of Transportation**
- BREAK***
- 3:30 12. Highway safety--**Dave Galt, Director, Montana Department of Transportation**
- 4:00 13. Status of MDT long-range planning--**Dave Galt, MDT**
- 4:20 14. Status of congressional reauthorization of federal highway funds--**Dave Galt, MDT**
- 4:45 15. Public comment
- 5:00 16. Other business--instructions to staff--recess

**Friday, December 12, 2003, 8:30 a.m.
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- 8:30 a.m. 1. Call to order -- roll call
- 8:35 2. National economic trends--**Andrew Hodge, Global Insights**
- 10:00 3. State economic trends-- **Paul Polzin, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana**
- 10:30 4. General fund and federal funds update for the 2005 biennium--**Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division**
- 5. Public comment
- 6. Other business--instructions to staff--adjourn

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