

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 23, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49
Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Call to order

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:56 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 49,
Restrict cell phone use and texting while driving.

EXHIBIT (trh16a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:11 Bob Drake, Tri-lakes Fire Department
00:10:14 Bruce Charles, Fire Chief, West End Volunteer Fire and
Rescue
00:11:40 Amy Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless
00:15:51 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications
Systems
00:16:28 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers, State Farm
Insurance, AIA
00:17:48 Rep. Arntzen
00:18:05 Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol
00:19:42 Pam Bucy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police
(MACOP), Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:20:16 Mona Jamison, General Motors
00:21:00 Jane Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association, AAA
00:22:07 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufactures
00:22:38 Dave Hudson, Helena, Montana
00:24:54 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
00:26:06 Milton Drake, Helena, Montana
00:26:55 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

(Rep. Kottel left the room)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:52 Terry Whiteside, Billings, Montana, American Radio
Relay League
00:29:43 Doug Dunn, American Radio Relay League, Livingston,
Montana
00:33:33 Margaret Morgan, Alltel Communications
00:37:52 Morris Campbell, American Radio Relay League
00:39:45 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:41:25 Ron Alsbury, Bureau Chief, Probation and Parol
Division; Department of Corrections
00:43:49 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:00 Chairman Sonju
00:46:05 Ms. Weiss
00:47:40 Rep. Barrett
00:48:18 Mr. Dunn
00:48:43 Rep. Barrett
00:48:53 Mr. Dunn
00:49:05 Rep. Arntzen
00:49:47 Rep. Lake
00:50:10 Ms. Weiss
00:50:49 Rep. Lake
00:50:52 Rep. Arntzen
00:51:01 Rep. Lake
00:51:40 Rep. Arntzen
00:52:25 Rep. Lake
00:53:09 Chairman Sonju
00:53:10 Rep. Ebinger
00:53:37 Rep. Lake
00:54:14 Rep. Ebinger
00:54:27 Mr. Dunn
00:54:51 Chairman Sonju
00:55:21 Mr. Stang
00:56:17 Chairman Sonju
00:56:25 Mr. Stang
00:56:39 Chairman Sonju
00:56:45 Mr. Stang
00:56:56 Chairman Sonju
00:57:35 Mr. Tooley
00:58:07 Rep. Ebinger
00:58:46 Rep. Lake
00:58:53 Rep. Ebinger
00:59:13 Chairman Sonju
00:59:20 Rep. Lake
00:59:39 Mr. Stang
01:00:00 Rep. Arntzen
01:00:52 Ms. Hamman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:19 Rep. Lake
01:03:20 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

Documents from the secretary or committee members in regard to
HB 49.

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EXHIBIT ([trh16aad.pdf](#))