

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on February 9, 2005
at 3:40 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, 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 504, 2/3/2005; HB 518, 2/3/2005
Executive Action: HB 458

HEARING ON HB 504

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on **HB 504**, Ban cell phone use while driving.

00:02:37

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 George Lane, Photographer

00:06:33 Denise Davis, Butte High School

00:07:57 Ashley Barber, Butte High School

00:08:49 Doug Brugger, Butte High School

00:09:30 Mike Tooley, Highway Patrol

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a03\)](#)

00:12:56 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:22 Margaret Morgan, Cellular One

[EXHIBIT\(trh32a04\)](#)

00:18:59 Amy Gromoljez, Verizon Wireless

00:22:36 Jeff Feiss, Telecommunications Association

00:26:03 Glenn Oppel, Association of Realtors

00:27:11 Rick Hays, Quest

00:28:00 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications

00:28:43 Bill Erhardt, amateur radio

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:57

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:50

HEARING ON HB 518

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on **HB 518**, Revise laws governing registration of special mobile equipment and trailers.

00:45:37

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:29 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:03 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:29

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:59

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 458

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 458 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 458 BE TABLED. Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with REPS. ARNTZEN, BERGREN, KEANE, and MENDENHALL voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh32aad0.PDF](#))