

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman John Brueggeman, on January 27, 2009 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jim Keane (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary  
Tammy McGill, 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: SB 237, 1/19/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 237**

00:00:46 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 237, Primary seatbelt enforcement for motor vehicle occupants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:53 Rep. Ken Peterson, HD 46, Billings

00:06:06 Steve Bullock, Attorney General

00:09:54 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**EXHIBIT(his19a01)**

00:28:31 Dr. Beth Ebel, Director, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center

**EXHIBIT(his19a02)**

00:34:32 Dr. Robert Wood, Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT(his19a03)**

00:41:15 Dr. Dennis Maier, St. Vincent's Hospital

00:43:36 Dr. Jim Bentler, St. Vincent's Hospital

00:47:07 Captain Jim Summers, Fort Peck Tribes Law and Justice

00:50:17 Nicole Lugibihl, Room to Live

00:51:18 Dr. Paul Cook, Rocky Mountain Health Network

00:53:01 Dr. Robert Hurd, Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT(his19a04)**

00:54:57 Cheryl Little Dog, Safe On All Roads, Blackfeet Nation

**EXHIBIT(his19a05)**

00:58:25 Tina Lugibihl, Room to Live

**EXHIBIT(his19a06)**

01:03:10 Rebecca Sturdevant

**EXHIBIT(his19a07)**

01:04:55 Puanani Wevers

01:06:57 Claudia Wevers

01:08:39 Carl Peil, American Association of Retired Persons

**EXHIBIT(his19a08)**

01:09:12 John McDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and City of Missoula

01:10:05 Shelly Emslie, Mrs. Montana

01:11:41 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

01:12:07 Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association

01:12:26 Barbara Schneeman, Montana Public Health Association,  
Association of Montana Public Health Officials,  
Riverstone Health

**EXHIBIT** (his19a09)

01:12:40 Anita Roessmann, Brain Injury Association of Montana

**EXHIBIT** (his19a10)

01:13:02 James Twardos, American Automobile Association Mountain  
West

**EXHIBIT** (his19a11)

01:13:53 Sen. Smith, former Senator

01:16:53 Amy Astin, Benefis Health System

01:17:27 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association;  
also on behalf of Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Montana

01:17:54 Todd Harwell, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services

**EXHIBIT** (his19a12)

01:18:30 Mona Jamison, General Motors

01:18:35 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Company

01:18:41 Bruce Spencer, Montana Auto Dealers Association

01:18:51 Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

01:18:59 Jane Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association

01:19:14 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

01:19:22 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Milltown

01:19:59 Lewis Peterson, Fort Peck Tribes

01:21:04 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association; also  
on behalf of Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors  
Association

**EXHIBIT** (his19a13)

01:21:41 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:22:08 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

01:22:20 Grace Minard

01:22:31 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Child Health, Montana  
Advocates for Children, Montana Nurses Association

**EXHIBIT** (his19a14)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:23:07 Beth Ries; also on behalf of Becky Stockton

**EXHIBIT** (his19a15)

01:29:15 Cindy Swank

**EXHIBIT** (his19a16)

Additional Exhibit: Patty Carrell, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

**EXHIBIT** (his19a17)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:35:29 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:35:34 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:36:13 Col. Mike Tooley, MHP  
01:36:28 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:36:57 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:38:15 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:38:28 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:38:39 Sen. Laible  
01:39:01 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:39:13 Sen. Laible  
01:39:41 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:39:55 Brenda Nordlund, DOT4  
01:40:55 Sen. Laible  
01:41:36 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
01:41:59 Sen. Laible  
01:42:19 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:42:37 Sen. Laible  
01:43:18 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:44:48 Sen. Laible  
01:45:04 Sen. Zinke  
01:45:21 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:45:59 Sen. Zinke  
01:46:15 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
01:47:18 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:47:38 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:48:01 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:48:26 Jim Lynch, DOT  
01:48:49 Sen. Hinkle  
01:49:30 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
  
01:49:41 Sen. Keane arrived  
  
01:49:57 Sen. Hinkle  
01:50:22 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
01:51:08 Chairman Brueggeman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:51:17 Sen. Lewis

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

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Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([his19aad.pdf](#))**