

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman John Brueggeman, on February 5, 2009 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, 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 278, 1/27/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:00:42 Sen. Brueggeman

HEARING ON SB 278

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:46 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 278, Prohibit hand-held cell phone use and text messaging while driving.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:54 Bob Clark, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and
DUI Task Force
00:09:08 Sen. Brueggeman
00:09:14 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Communications
Systems (MITS)
00:09:53 Amy Grmoljez, Verizon Wireless
00:14:18 Chris Christiaens, representing himself
00:17:08 Lt. Mike Reddick, Montana Highway Patrol
00:18:01 Jane Hamman, AAA, Montana Traffic Education Association
00:18:49 Terry Whiteside, American Radio Relay League (ARRL)
00:21:34 Mona Jamison, General Motors
00:23:46 Doug Dunn, ARRL
00:28:32 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:13 Willie Duffield, representing himself
00:31:13 Joey Jayne, representing herself
00:34:23 Sen. Laslovich now present
00:39:29 Michael Frenick, Freelance Media Photographer

00:45:25 Sen. Brueggeman

Informational Testimony:

00:45:37 Ron Alsbury, Department of Corrections
00:46:48 Sen. Brueggeman
00:46:55 Aeric Reilley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:17 Sen. Brueggeman
00:47:27 Sen. Hinkle
00:47:57 Sen. Kaufmann
00:48:33 Sen. Hinkle
00:49:04 Sen. Kaufmann

00:49:31 Sen. Hinkle
00:49:46 Sen. Keane
00:50:05 Sen. Kaufmann
00:51:06 Sen. Brueggeman
00:51:10 Sen. Zinke
00:51:25 Sen. Kaufmann
00:51:39 Sen. Tutvedt
00:51:53 Sen. Kaufmann
00:52:56 Sen. Laslovich
00:53:21 Sen. Laslovich
00:53:52 Sen. Brueggeman
00:54:21 Sen. Kaufmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:34 Sen. Kaufmann
00:56:46 Sen. Brueggeman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:11 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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