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Guideline on Use of Electronic Devices

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(1) A legislator's primary focus should be on serving their constituents and the citizens of the state of Montana. Courtesy and respect by and for legislators, staff, and the public is expected. During committee hearings, the public testimony should be the priority focus of a legislator. Legislators should avoid various forms of distraction that could lead the public to believe that their testimony is not being heard, i.e., newspapers and other reading material should be placed away during testimony.

(2) Use of electronic devices other than for committee or floor business is generally discouraged, and if used, should be a tool for taking notes and for pertinent research, reference, and communication to assist a legislator in being more productive. Use of electronic devices should be nondisruptive and open; extraneous communication should be limited; and if a legislator must communicate for a nonhearing-related reason that may take some time, the legislator should excuse him or herself from the hearing.

(3) Use of electronic devices for written communication regarding legislative business may potentially constitute a public record that could be subject to the public right-to-know provisions of the Montana Constitution.