**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SBs 569 and 821**

Distracted driving becomes a part of the 2016 legislative session.

Wednesday morning, the Missouri Senate [Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/tran/) heard two proposals that would extend the texting while driving ban.

Up first was [Senate Bill 569](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246470), sponsored by Sen. David Pearce of Warrensburg…

**Pearce 1 / Runs :09 / OC: to 25 percent.**

*“If you’re texting, you’re 23 times more likely to be in a crash. It’s more dangerous than drunk driving, and it slows our brake reaction speed about to 25 percent.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says her [Senate Bill 821](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22754434) would allow usage of hands-free devices…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: make some changes.**

*“Why are we limiting texting while driving to those 22 and over? It didn’t make sense to me then. It doesn’t now. This is dangerous. We know the effects of it and, I think, we need to make some changes.”*

Both measures await final committee action.

Currently, under Missouri law, texting with driving is not allowed for those under the age of 22.

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