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BDR 43--571
Nevada Helmet Freedom
Of Choice Bill
Legislature Began
February 7, 2011



John Bland, President

January/February 2011

port it.

I know that many, including some ABATE members don't understand the importance of repealing the helmet law and the value of "freedom of choice". If you believe everyone should wear a helmet that's fine, if you would never ride a motorcycle without a helmet that fine. You want to encourage everyone else to wear a helmet that's fine. But please, please understand the value of freedom and freedom of choice, no matter what that choice is and what it is in regard to. The helmet law represents much more than wearing a helmet. This law undermines the most basic values of America and that makes it different compared to the rest of the world. The United States has always stood for re-

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Hobbs and I just returned yesterday from attending the lobbyist orientation class held at the Carson legislative building. After the class we went to Don Gustavson's office, Don wasn't in but we did get to have a long and productive meeting with his assistant Jerry Stacy. Jerry worked on the helmet bill last session and truly understands the value of freedom of choice.

We spent a lot of the morning walking the halls and becoming more familiar with the layout of the building and where each legislator's office is located. That evening we had din-

ner in Sparks with Don Gustavson, Rick Eckhardt with the Northern Confederation of Clubs and their legislative liaison.

Don feels we have a good chance to get the helmet bill out of the Senate Transportation Committee this year because the majority of them are like-minded and should support the bill. We agreed there are several points we will focus on.

1. Positive Financial Impact. Almost a half a BILLION dollars in one year was put into Florida's economy after they changed their helmet law allowing adults

voluntary use. Over \$25 million went directly into the state treasury for their budget.

2. Helmet's are not effective safety devices. If they were an effective device, than we would see fatality rates in "free states" higher than states that require everyone to wear a helmet. NHTSA's own graphs and numbers show there is no evidence of that.

Mandatory helmet states do not have lower rates of fatalities therefore, the public burden theory is only a theory and nothing more, the facts do not sup-

Message from the President, Continued.

specting the freedom and liberty of each individual. All of you know our American freedoms are under attack from every angle. Each person has a responsibility to be politically active to protect freedom or it will be taken away. If you remain silent, and do nothing, at some point you will realize you are no longer free to do something you once could. That something may be very important to you, in fact you may feel you have lost an ability to pursue happiness protected by our U.S. Constitution. It is unlikely you will ever get this freedom back once it's taken away, no matter how hard you try, even with the help of others. Once a freedom is taken it is almost never given back.

The simple freedom to choose to wear a helmet has been fought gallantly for 30 years. The mandatory helmet law is a poster child of a horrible loss of personal freedom. You as an adult are being told by government you do not have the intelligence to decide if or when the use of a helmet is appropriate. Even though it is only designed and approved for a 13 mph impact. Past a critical impact of 13 MPH, which is likely to acquire in real life accident situations, helmets increase the severity of neck injuries (AMA). Relative to the number of registered motorcycles, states with mandatory helmet laws had 12.5% more accidents and 2.5 more fatalities than free states, for a 14 year period. (Accident & Fatality Statistics, by A.R. Machenzie, M.D.)

Mandating motorcycle helmet use is bad! We support the use of helmets for anyone who feels the need or desire to wear one. Those same people should also respect the decision of those who chose not to wear the helmet for many different reasons. This fight is not about helmet use, it is about excessive government and loss of a very basic freedom, the freedom to decide for oneself. It is wrong for our government to mandate a safety device that has little or no effectiveness in reducing fatalities.

Wake-Up people! We must stand up, speak up and defend our freedoms and liberties. Can't you see we are losing them at "helmet break-neck" speed! Get off your duffs and get active, you are losing your country putting your trust in the politicians and legislators thinking they are protecting your interest. Well, you're wrong! The only way they are going to do that is if you demand it of them, otherwise they are going to continue to fulfill their personal interests for more power and wealth and get reelected.

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11NR06 - MRF News Release - The Kids Just Want to Ride!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
14 January 2011

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The Kids Just Want to Ride!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is in support of legislation recently introduced that would allow just that. U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT) introduced HR412 earlier this week. This bill would exempt youth motorcycles and ATVs from the current lead ban on children's toys.

"Here again, a law meant to improve children's safety is actually being enforced in a way that puts kids in more danger than ever, while destroying jobs to boot," said Rehberg. "It's critical that we put to rest any confusion once and for all so kids can just get outside and ride. There's no excuse for continued bungling that only stops kids from using the very youth-sized off-road vehicles that are intended to keep them safe."

The MRF urges you to call your U.S. Representative and ask him/her to join the bipartisan group of co-sponsors for HR412. You can reach the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

NEWS FLASH

Senator Don Gustavson has introduced a BDR again to allow Nevada motorcyclists "freedom of choice." Joint Requester: Senator Halseth

BDR 43--571 Revises provisions governing the wearing of protective headgear when operating motorcycles.

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1. The Department shall adopt standards for protective headgear and protective glasses, goggles or face shields to be worn by the drivers and passengers of motorcycles and transparent windscreens for motorcycles.
2. Except as provided in this section, when any motorcycle, except a trimobile or moped, is being driven on a highway, the driver and passenger shall wear protective headgear securely fastened to the head and protective glasses, goggles or face shields meeting those standards. Drivers and passengers of trimobiles shall wear protective glasses, goggles or face shield which meet those standards.
3. When a motorcycle or a trimobile is equipped with a transparent windscreen meeting those standards, the driver and passenger are not required to wear glasses, goggles or face shields.
4. When a motorcycle is being driven in a parade authorized by a local authority, the driver and passenger are not required to wear the protective devices provided for in this section.
5. When a three-wheel motorcycle, on which the driver and passengers ride within an enclosed cab, is being driven on a highway, the driver and passengers are not required to wear the protective devices required by this section.

9. How does a helmet get added to NHTSA's approved helmet list? DOT or NHTSA does not "approve" motorcycle helmets, thus, there is no list of "approved" helmets. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has the statutory authority to issue Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, including motorcycle helmets. The law establishes a self-certification process in which the motorcycle helmet manufacturers certify that their products are in compliance with FMVSS No. 218, which establishes minimum performance requirements that the products must meet. NHTSA enforces the standard by randomly selecting and purchasing motorcycle helmets from the marketplace and testing to the requirements of the standard at independent test labs. (from NHTSA's website)

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**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
BILL DRAFT REQUEST LIST OF THE 76th (2011) Session 10/01/10**

There are now 960 BDR's listed to date. I have read them all and bring your attention to the following:

12 Assemblyman Atkinson Joint Requester: Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, Assemblywoman Smith, Assemblyman Ocegüera
Prohibits texting while driving a motor vehicle.

42 Senator Nolan
Revises provisions governing traffic safety.

461 Public Safety, Department of
Prohibits texting while driving a motor vehicle.

508 Assemblywoman Smith
Revises provisions governing the transportation of beer for a charitable event. (No wording available on this one yet.)

845 Assembly Committee on Transportation
Revises provisions governing mopeds. (No wording available yet.)

45--764
SB102 Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Allows for regulation of shed antlers.

43--134
AB2 Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick
Revises provisions relating to smog checks for classic vehicles.

Take the time to read through the BDR's, you'll be amazed. Go to the Nevada Legislature website www.leg.state.nv.us and click on the BDR draft lists. Click on "full list" and it takes you to the entire list of BDR's. If a BDR has an AB or an SB under it, it is now a bill. You can follow a bill all the way through the Legislative process on line.

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Thank you.

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February 2, 2011

Here we are in the New Year and the shit is still the same. The NTSB is pushing for a national helmet law and we don't know what our chances will be in the session that is about to start on the 7th of February. One thing we have going for us is the fact that we have new faces in the State Senate and I believe that they will be more sympathetic toward our cause. These are people that in the past have expressed support to repeal the helmet law as written and were shot down by the powers to be. Now the makeup of the Senate is in our favor, Republicans and Democrats alike and I really believe that we have a fighting chance.

O K, are you ready? Here it comes..... I would like to see all of the riders in Nevada call, Write or e-mail their prospective legislators and tell them how you are looking forward to working with them in the best interest of the State of Nevada, offer them congratulations on their recent victory and while you are at it you might want to mention the fact that you would like to see the Nevada Headgear law NRS. 486.231 repealed so the motorcyclists from other surrounding states will increase our tourist dollars and help get us out of this deficit we are currently in. You might tell them that they could become a famous part of Nevada history by allowing adults the right to choose to wear a helmet or not like our neighbors in the surrounding states. If you don't know who to contact, contact me, I'll find out for you. If we don't speak up, we cannot succeed.

ABATE as a whole has again suffered some setbacks to our board

NO BONES ABOUT IT

as it seems we do every year about this time. Miles Ecklund our trustee from Pahrump has been with us for a couple of years now and has decided to step down due to a couple of personal reasons. Miles has shown nothing but dedication during his service on the board as trustee and has given of himself without question and for that Miles I thank you. Hell, the 130 mile commute from Pahrump would have killed me. Miles is still with us and has expressed some interest in starting a Pahrump ABATE Chapter for those people that don't or can't get over the hill on the third Tuesday of the month. If any of you know riders out there let them know that Miles will be the go to guy out there and that they need to contact him if they are interested. If it weren't for the dedication of our members we would be nothing.

The time is coming soon to start planning our spring party and this year it will be up to you the members. I would like to get some input from you to George (our manager) about how to make it better than last year. All ideas will be welcomed and all volunteers will be honored for what they do. We will discuss ideas at the next meeting. That's all I have for now.



The Constitutional Pulpit
By: John Kobbs

The Veil

It is hardly a secret that the United States has been moving ever closer to a totalitarian style governing body. What is not as clear however is what flavor of totalitarian regime we will receive when what remains of the tattered veil of "Democracy" is dropped. Though our current reference point in our time line is crowded, it is unclear where we find the bench mark for the fall of the Republic with the rise of something new. The looming question on our financial crisis asks, does a possible insolvency suggest a possible fall of government into restoration or evolution? What is clear is that socialism's influence has been playing a key role since the early 1900's.



During the latter part of the 1700's we had built a wall of stone with our Constitutional Convention. The unique stones a representation of the individual, without mortar the stones were placed into the wall, bonded only by its uniqueness. Over the years much has been done to tamper with our solid foundation and as it has increased the outcry increased as well. During the 1960's we placed a veil in front of our wall, and we called it Democracy. We were persuaded from remembering the Republic and encouraged to refer to the veil. "What wall?" they asked "There is nothing behind that curtain, that curtain is all there is".

The veil of Democracy is nothing other than a fake wall, designed to hide something. Activists in the 60's first started using Democracy in the term "Social Democracy", with the coming stigma of socialism much like it's first cousin Communism experienced, the "Social" was dropped leaving something that sounded American. Some have ripped and clawed at the veil, not for once trusting that it is all that stands, and remembering that in that very place there once was a solid wall built out of individualism and free will. Now that the veil has become translucent, we are able to tell something is being built where stone once stood.

When the veil drops we all know in our heart of hearts what it is that we will have, a wall of brick and mortar. Bricks made to be identical and uniform, placed not based on uniqueness, or the best fit; bricks that may be baked into a unique shape are not fit for this wall and must be discarded. They are not formed by god, but rather through science and the ever benevolent administrator. When they are tested and approved to be uniform and void of individuality, they will be placed on the wall to be bonded with the rest with mortar. The Jews have another meaning for the word mortar which exists in Biblical Hebrew, materialism. This wall will not

be bound by freewill and individuality; it will be held together with uniformity and materialism.

Fascism, Socialism, Communism, State Capitalism, Democracy (post 1960's), Crony Capitalism, Corporatism, and Anarchism (post 1960's) are some popular terms used today in the US political arena. Though they all sound very different, in actuality they are very close cousins and could all be represented at the same protest in downtown America. The desired ends are always the same, the means to those ends close allies, and the suffering humanity must endure depends on the actions while they seek those ends depends on the actions of those who know better. We have the choice to ignore what information we have gathered by looking at the translucent veil of "Democracy", or we can choose to be an advocate for humanity by being an advocate for individual liberty.



We have it within us to bring down the wall being built behind the veil, a wall that contradicts the very nature of mankind. However the task is not done with brute force, we must be skilled craftsmen and take as much care dismantling the wall as someone put into building it. Reason and truth alone will not allow us to exchange a stone for a brick; it will take the dedication and patience of every craftsman available. Every one of us has to find a spot on the wall to begin and it is natural for the craftsmen who are in and support ABATE to start in Carson City with the helmet bill. It is a brick I know we can replace!

We should never for a moment assume that those we choose to represent us regard the plight of man a priority of high importance. It is much easier to assume they use votes, money, and power to plot the course of action, for a majority of any governing body is predisposed for such a course. Those who would build a wall of bricks know this to be true, and it is neglectful if we do not come to the same realization. I believe, in this contest it is the case for state revenue that shall win the day and the support of industrial captains which shall offer the most leverage. The minority in government shall in time prove their fidelity to Natural Law.

“Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God” – Thomas Jefferson

ABATE 2011 Events

January

1/13 Meeting
1/18 Lobby School with Janine Hansen
1/27 Play Pool/Bike Night

February

2/3 Play Pool/Bike Night
2/5 Thank you Party/VFW Hall
2/10 Meeting
2/17 Play Pool/Bike Night
2/24 Play Pool/Bike Night

March

3/3 Play Pool/Bike Night
3/10 Meeting
3/17 Play Pool/Bike Night
3/19 Constitution Class
3/24 Play Pool/Bike Night

April

4/7 Play Pool/Bike Night
4/14 Meeting
4/16 Final Pool Tournament

May

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
5/7 Blessing of the Bikes/Poker Run
5/12 Meeting
5/20,21,22 Death Valley Run
5/27 Run-a-Mucca

June

6/9 Meeting
6/10-12 Best of the West Ogden
6/16 Bike night/ Elko MC Jamboree

July

7/14 Meeting
7/15, 16, 17 Taylor Canyon Run & Rodeo

August

8/1 Sturgis
8/11 Meeting

September

9/3 Labor Day Campout,
9/8 Meeting
9/9,10,11 Morrodders Car Show

October

Start Working on Christmas for Kids
10/13 Meeting
10/28 Nevada Day Parade?

November

Make Decisions on C4K
11/10 Meeting
11/11 Veterans Day Parade
11/24 Thanksgiving
11/28, 29, 30 Festival of Trees

December

Christmas for Kids
12/8 Meeting
12/10 Parade of Lights

CALL TO ACTION! CHANGE NEVADA'S HELMET LAW

CONTACT THE FOLLOWING SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTARY MOTORCYCLE HELMET BILL.

Write, call and email the Senate Transportation Committee members and ask them to support the upcoming helmet bill (now BDR 43-571) to allow adult voluntary helmet use. We have a very good chance to get the helmet bill passed through this committee. The following are the (7) Senate Transportation Members and their contact information. The most important issue to get across to them is the positive financial impact to Nevada without raising any taxes. Another primary point is the fact that there is NO discernible difference in motorcycle accident or fatality rates between states with mandatory helmet laws and those which allow for freedom of choice. In fact, states which support voluntary use routinely achieve accident and fatality rates equal to or less than states with mandatory helmet laws for all riders.

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- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting: February 10, 2011 at Round Table 6:00 P.M.**
(A.B.A.T.E. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 P.M.)
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