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2 Speed Limit Established; A Portion of New Hampshire Route 9 in the Town of Sullivan. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 265:60, II and RSA 265:62, I, the speed limit on New Hampshire Route 9 in the town of Sullivan from the intersection of Route 9 and Apple Hill road westerly for ½ mile shall be 45 miles per hour.

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105:4 Speed Limit Established; City of Manchester; Service Alleys. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 265:60, II, the speed limit on ways that are service alleys in the city of Manchester may be 10 miles per hour.

105:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved: June 6, 2003)
(Effective Date: June 6, 2003)

Committee Minutes

Transportation Committee

Hearing Report

To:	Members of the Senate
From:	Liz Ignacio *Legislative Aide*
Re:	**HB 477** – *AN ACT establishing certain speed limits.*
Hearing date:	April 16, 2003
Members present:	Sen. Kenney, Sen. Below, Sen. Flanders, Sen. Morse
Members absent:	Sen. Martel

Sponsor(s): Rep. D. Eaton, Ches 24; Rep. P. Allen, Ches 27

What the bill does: This bill establishes a 55 mile per hour speed limit on New Hampshire Route 9 from ½ mile east of the Stoddard /Nelson town line to the intersection of Route 9 and Apple Hill road in the town of Sullivan. The bill establishes a 45 mile per hour speed limit on Route 9 for ½ mile west of the Route 9 and Apple Hill road intersection. This bill also increases the speed limit on New Hampshire Route 114 from north of Henniker to Bradford Village from 50 to 55 miles per hour.

Who supports the bill: Rep. Eaton, Rep. Allen

Who opposes the bill: No one spoke in opposition.

Summary of testimony received:

- Representative Eaton introduced the bill.
- HB 477 attempts to make the speed limit consistent on the Granite Lake Bypass running between Stoddard, Nelson, and Sullivan.
- Currently there are 6 speed limit changes in approximately 4.8 miles.
- The bill will change the speed zones to be a continuos 55mph speed starting at the easterly edge of the bypass in Stoddard through to the intersection with Apple Hill Road on the westerly end.
- The Granite Lake bypass is a relatively new road with good visibility and width.
- State Police think that the speed change will help make enforcement uniform. They tend not to pull cars over for speeding unless the speed is excessive because it's difficult to clock a car when the speed changes so quickly and frequently.
- Commissioner Murray of the DOT suggested introducing legislation to change the speed limit otherwise she would have to perform a traffic survey. She wasn't sure when she would be able to perform the survey.
- Representative Whally amended the bill to increase the speed on Route 114 between Henniker and Bradford Village. This section of the road is heavily used and has no dangerous intersections.
- Senator Flanders said the amendment makes sense and the prime sponsor concurred.
- This bill is a result of constituent requests.

Funding: No financial impact.

Action: The Committee exec'd on the bill- OTP 4-0. Senator Flanders will take it to the floor.

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[file: HB 477 report]
Date: 4/18/03

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Date: April 16, 2003
Time: 3:50 p.m.
Room: 104 LOB

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a hearing on the following:

HB 477 (New Title) establishing certain speed limits.

Members of Committee present: Senator Kenney
Senator Below
Senator Flanders
Senator Morse

The Chair, Senator Joseph D. Kenney, opened the hearing.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: We'll open the hearing on HB 477 (New Title) establishing certain speed limits.

Representative Eaton: For the record, I'm Representative Daniel Eaton, District 24. Bill 477 attempts to correct what appears to be a haphazard approach to speed zones along Rte 9, the Granite Lake bypass which runs between the towns of Stoddard, Nelson and Sullivan. Currently, there are 6 speed zone changes in approximately 4.8 miles. The bill as before you would change the zones to be a continuous 55 mph starting at the easterly edge of the bypass in Stoddard, through till the intersection with Apple Hill road on the westerly end. The speed zone would then drop to 45 for approximately the next half-mile beyond the Sullivan Bridge where it would meet an existing 45-mph zone.

Please see testimony of Representative Eaton attached hereto and referred to as Attachment 1.

The Granite Lake bypass is relatively new road. Much of it has 3 and 4 lanes with 12-foot shoulders, extensive visibility in both directions and entrance and exit lanes at the few intersections on the road.

Please see photos of Rte 9 attached hereto and referred to as Attachment 2.

According the State Police that I have spoken with, changing the speed zones would conform to what is the current practice of most of the driving public and would not appear to create a safety hazard. It would also allow for enforcement to be more uniform in application.

The Commissioner of Transportation suggested that I introduce this bill as a safety net. Although, she agreed with me that changing the speed zones would conform to what is common practice on this piece of highway, she was unable to change the zones without conducting a traffic survey. Commissioner Murray was not sure when she would be able to get the traffic survey done.

Amendment to the bill was requested by Representative Whalley, I concur with Rep. Whalley's amendment and have no objection but I will let him explain that part of the bill.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: There's this passing lane in my area then up the rural road they put in a land fill entrance (the main entrance). So there's this passing lane right through this intersection and you can just pass. Meanwhile on Saturday morning everyone's is going on to the dump and you can see cars swerving off you know because passing. Meanwhile the traffic is trying to get to the landfill off the road. So I walked up to the DOT many years ago and said, you know can we get rid of that passing lane? They said sure and they went ahead and did it so it didn't require any legislation but obviously this is going to have to require legislation.

Representative Eaton: Actually this wouldn't. I did talk to Commissioner Murray and she thought it could be negotiated but time and circumstance and at this point, last I checked it, was accurate information. If they start a traffic survey, they wouldn't be able to start for another 30 days or so and takes some security time and it would be beyond the summertime.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: O.K. Any other questions? Thank you very much Representative Eaton. The other sponsor is here? Oh, O.K. Representative Allen. Welcome to the Committee.

Representative Allen: For the record, my name is Peter Allen from Harrisville representing District 27. I've driven this road many, many times. Driven more than a million miles all together but not all on this road. I know about 114 also and I strongly support the legislation. When you stop to go off the routes, you know the side roads, the slow down lane and there's a lane for anyone to pass you. When you get on the main road from the side road there's an acceleration lane and these are safe intersections. I wish all the intersections were as safe.

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Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: Thank you for your testimony, we appreciate it. Any questions of the Committee? Not, thank you very much Representative Allen. Senator Flanders would you like to speak to the Amendment or?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: Just briefly Section 3 which is the Route from Henniker to Bradford it's all new road and we refurbished last year (audio)

Representative Allen: Basically, it makes sense to me at 55.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: The Transportation Chairman loves maps. There's a very good attempt with the pictures but he likes maps sometimes better.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: These are all new roads.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: I'm still trying to memorize every state road in NH.

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: I want to amend this bill so we can have a passing lane and bypass around Hillsboro.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: Is there a fiscal note attached to that?

Senator Robert B. Flanders, D. 7: There would be I suspect.

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: I suspect.

Senator Clifton Below, D. 5: Just convert the shoulder to a lane. (laughter)

Senator Joseph D. Kenney, D. 3: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on HB 477? If not, we'll go ahead and close the hearing.

Hearing concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gloria Lamoureux

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Committee/Senate Secretary
4/28/03

Attachment 1

House Bill 477

Rep. Daniel A. Eaton, Dist 24

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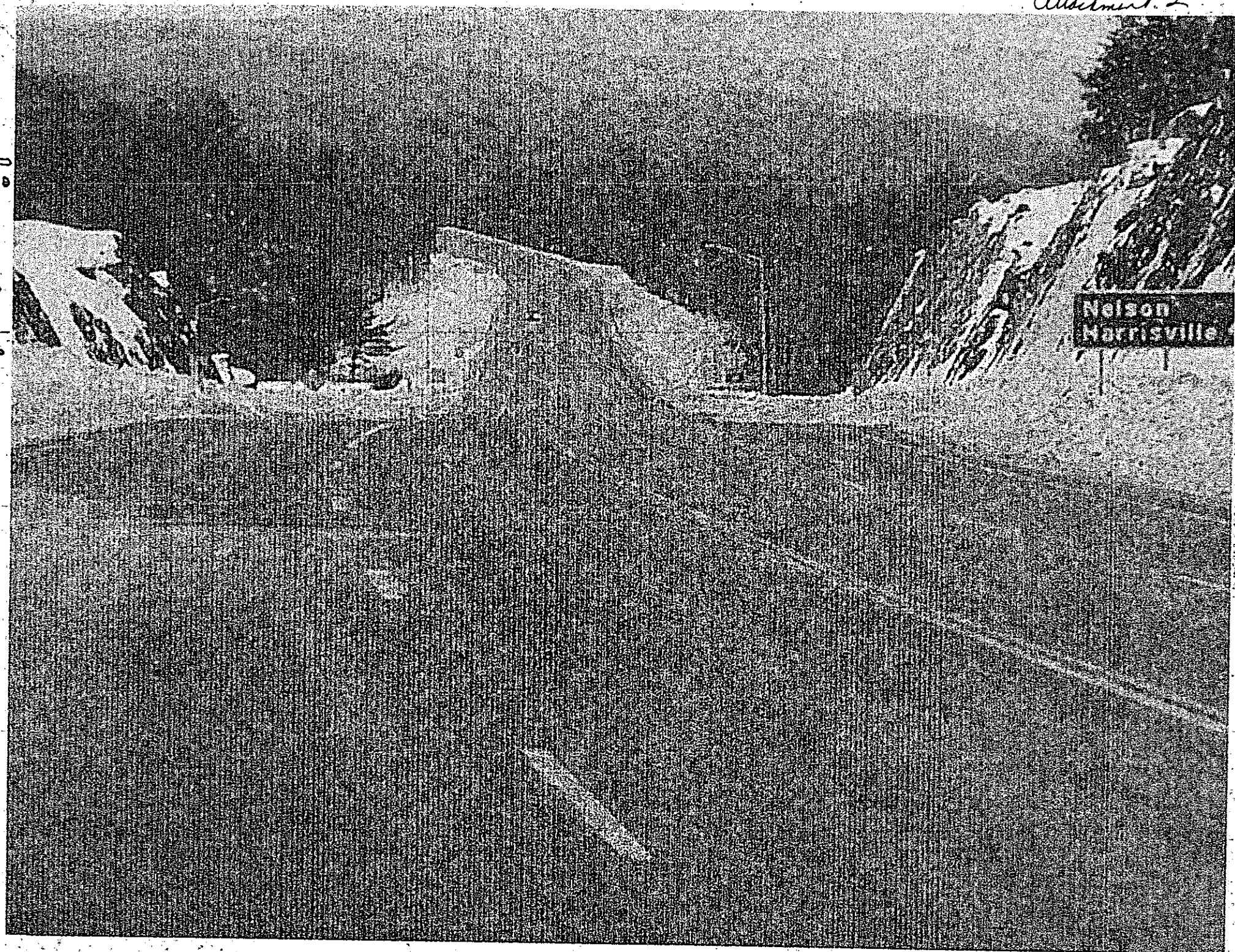
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Speakers

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Date 04/16/03 Time 3:30 p.m. Public Hearing on HB 477

(New Title) establishing certain speed limits...

SPEAKING	FAVOR	OPPOSED	NAME (Please print)	REPRESENTING
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Voting Sheets

Senate Transportaion Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill 477

Hearing date: 4/16/03 **Room:** LOB 104

Motion of: OTP 4-0

Made by Senator:			***Seconded by Senator:***		
	Kenney	☐		*Kenney*	☐
	Morse	☐		Morse	☑
	Below	☐		Below	☐
	Flanders	☑		Flanders	☐
	Martel	☐		Martel	☐

Committee Member	***Present***	***Vote***	***Reported out by***
Senator Kenney, Chairman	☑		Senator Flanders
Senator Morse, Vice Chair	☑		
Senator Below	☑		
Senator Flanders	☑		
Senator Martel	☐		

***Amendments:**

NOTES:

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation

to which was referred House Bill 477

AN ACT (New Title) establishing certain speed limits.

VOTE: 4-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Robert B. Flanders
For the Committee

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2/13/2003	**H**	Prop Comm Am{0249}(New Title); HC 15, p333-334
2/20/2003	**H**	Passed with Am; HJ 18, p400-401 + 420
3/13/2003	**S**	Introduced and Ref. to Transportation; SJ 8, Pg.106
4/11/2003	**S**	Hearing; April 16, 2003, Room 104, LOB, 3:30 p.m.; SC18
4/18/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass [04/24/03]; SC19
4/24/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass; SJ 14, Pg.337
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