

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Les Donovan
Senator Anthony Hensley
Senator Mike Petersen
Senator Vicki Schmidt

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Toni Beck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Major Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol
Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel, KS League of Municipalities
Ed Klump, KS Associations of Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Don McNeely, President, KS Automobile Dealers Association
Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel of Legislative Services, written testimony only

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 213 - Registration of lightweight roadable vehicles

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB213**.

Michael McLinn commented that Ducks (amphibious vehicles) are registered as autos to answer a question from the previous meeting.

Roger Hamm presented a tax table from the motor vehicles division to explain possible taxation issues for the current roadable vehicles being discussed in the bill. (Attachment 1) Chris Courtwright commented few aircraft are on the tax rolls as business corporation planes are exempt. The roadable vehicle could be tax exempt per 79-201K, but the bill could be written that roadable vehicles do not apply. Roadable vehicles would be tagged and taxed that 79-201K does not apply to the roadable vehicles. Depreciation would be fair market value but possibly not at the 15% schedule. Chairperson called for a language and action on the bill.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB213**.

Senator Kultala moved to amend the bill to exclude lightweight roadable vehicles from the aircraft exemption from property tax under KSA 79-201k and to recommend the bill favorably as amended. Senator Huntington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 218 - Kansas Highway Patrol; vehicle inspection fees

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB218**.

Major Bruce testified as a proponent and commented that Department of Motor Vehicles does not run inspections. Stolen vehicles are typically found through an inspection process. (Attachment 2) Larry Baer gave testimony in support of the bill for collection of fees for government services is an accepted way of doing business to help defray the cost of providing the service. (Attachment 3) Ed Klump testified in support of the bill with a user fee to defray costs. (Attachment 4) Don McNeely testified as a proponent for the bill requesting a \$5 fee for dealerships who perform these inspections. (Attachment 5) Melissa Wangemann provided written testimony that the bill is necessary to replace lost state general fund

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monies that previously funded the positions responsible for the VIN inspection. (Attachment 6)

Major Bruce commented cost expenditure recovery for the Highway Patrol runs \$80,000 per raceway event and \$35,000 per the annual Country Stampede event.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB218** with comment to continue the bill next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2011.