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## **MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:32 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Peggy Mast, District 76, proponent  
Charles Yunkers, Adjutant, The American Legion Department of Kansas, proponent  
Bob Saueressig, Coffey County Commissioner, proponent

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Update on State General Fund Revenue Adjustments as related to the State Highway Fund

At the request of the Chairperson, Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department, explained the graph on State General Fund Revenue adjustments as it relates to the State Highway Fund for the fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to the Committee (Attachment 1). The 2013, column eight figure (in blue) represents the amount Governor Brownback has recommended to be transferred. Senator Donovan stated that the Kansas Department of Transportation continues to be used as a bank, thus creating a negative effect on Kansas' economic recovery.

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Hearing and possible final action on:

**HB 2441–Floyd H Robinson memorial highway**

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB 2441 - Floyd H Robinson memorial highway** and then recognized Representative Peggy Mast, District 76. Representative Mast stated the Vietnam veterans have not been properly recognized for their service, patriotism, and sacrifice, as the other returning veterans have (Attachment 2). She is, therefore, pleased to support **HB 2441** that honors the first Missing-in-Action (MIA) veteran from the Vietnam War from Coffey County. The Chairperson recognized Charles Yunkers, Adjutant, The American Legion Department of Kansas (Attachment 3). Mr. Yunker stated Kansas is rich in military tradition and many notables have been memorialized; thus, **HB 2441** provides an opportunity for those who knew Mr. Robinson to pay tribute to this veteran whose fate is still unknown. The Chairperson, then recognized Robert Saueressig, Coffey County Commissioner (Attachment 4). Mr. Saueressig provided additional details of Mr. Robinson's military life after he was drafted into military service and his service to his country while serving in South Vietnam. Unfortunately, Mr. Robinson's fate is still unknown and Mr. Saueressig stated he hopes that the memory of Mr. Robinson will humble and inspire others for generations to come. The Chairperson asked if there were others in attendance who wished to speak either for or against **HB 2441** and, hearing no requests, declared the hearing closed. The Chairperson asked what the Committee's desire would be regarding working **HB 2441**. The Committee opted to work **HB 2441**; thus, *Senator Donovan made a motion to recommend HB 2441 favorably for passage. Senator Petersen seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

Approval of 2/8/2012 minutes

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the minutes for February 8, 2012, as written. *Senator Reitz made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Senator Marshall seconded the motion and the motion carried on voice vote.*

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Possible final action on:

**SR 1806–Urging congress to repeal freeze on truck weight limits**

The Chairperson opened discussion on **SR 1806**. At the request of the Chairperson, Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided an update on the proposed amendment. Patrick Vogelsberg, National Solid Wastes Management Association-Kansas Chapter, provided written testimony in support of **SR 1806**. The Chairperson asked if the Committee was willing to work this resolution and hearing affirmation, indicated a motion would be in order. *Senator Reitz made a motion to accept the SR 1806 as amended and to recommend it favorably for passage. Senator Petersen seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2012.

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