

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 12, 2002 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Ed Pugh

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Stanley Dreher  
Senator Stan Clark  
Darrell Bencken, State Adjutant, VFW

Others attending: See attached list

### **HB 2603: Re highway designations - US-169 and US-83**

Representative Stanley Dreher provided background information on designating part of US-169 as the Robert V. Talkington highway (Attachment 1). He stated it is anticipated that volunteer donations will be made to cover the cost of signage installation.

Senator Stan Clark advised members of the effort to have US-83 declared "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway" from the Canadian to the Mexican border and asked for the Committee's support in so designating the Kansas portion of US-83," (Attachment 2).

Darrell Bencken, State Adjutant, Veterans of Foreign Wars, wished to make it clear that this request is not for the VFW Organization, but for all veterans of foreign wars. The VFW will supply the money to cover the cost of signage installation. They would like to work further with Kansas Department of Transportation regarding suggested location of the signs. They prefer highway locations rather than roadside parks. The states of Texas, North Dakota, and South Dakota are in the process of working this legislation. It has already been enacted in Nebraska and Oklahoma. (No written testimony.)

Chairman announced proposed amendment to the bill which would require such signs not be placed until the KDOT secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the secretary for cost of placing such signs. Senator Schodorf moved to adopt the amendment. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members discussed the bill. Senator Schodorf moved **HB 2603** be passed as amended. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SB 449: Concerning electronic certificates of title**

Staff reviewed information presented at the February 6, 2002 hearing. Members were reminded that this deals with vehicles on which there are liens and that the notary requirement would no longer be required. When cars are "paid off" a paper title will be issued. County treasurers and lending institutions had also recommended passage of this legislation. Senator Goodwin moved **SB 449** be passed. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Approval of minutes**

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the February 6 and February 7, 2002 meetings. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting will be February 14, 2002.