

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on March 7, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Kasha Kelley
Representative Pat George
Carmen Alldritt, Director, Motor Vehicles Division

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting by opening the hearing on **HB 2559**.

HB 2559 - Micro utility trucks, registration, limitations

The first proponent was Representative Kasha Kelley. (Attachment #1) According to Representative Kelley, **HB 2559** provides that beginning on January 1, 2008, a person may operate a micro-utility truck legally on certain streets and roads - within prescribed and limited provision. She said the micro-utility trucks are small, inexpensive, efficient and highly useful at various work sites and are required to meet standard equipment requirements as outlined in law.

The next proponent was Representative Pat George. (Attachment #2) According to Representative George, he had been approached by many owners of these vehicles about titling and tagging their vehicle. He said **HB 2559** would allow these trucks to be titled and tagged as trucks provided they meet the requirements on lights, turn signals, horns, etc. Representative George said these trucks would only be driven on roads posted 55 mph or less.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to a letter of support for **HB 2559** from Representative Otto.

There being no other proponents the Chairman called for opponents of **HB 2559**.

The first opponent was Carmen Alldritt, Director, Motor Vehicles Division, Dept. of Revenue. (Attachment #3) According to Director Alldritt, mini trucks are usually from Japan and are manufactured for driving conditions in that country and are usually older units that have miled-out because of strict emission control which require the owner to pay expensive fees and perform costly periodic maintenance checks.. She asked the Committee to note that speed control governors are required by EPA for these imports which keeps the speed to 25 mph or less. Director Alldritt concluded by asking the Committee to conduct an Interim Study on mini-trucks, ATV's, etc.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to two letters opposing **HB 2559**, one from the Department of Transportation and the other from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

There were no additional opponents to this bill so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2559**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2491** so he asked for questions, comments or motions. After a brief discussion Representative Menghini made a motion to favorably pass this bill from Committee, seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett brought **SB 210** before the Committee to work. After a discussion Representative Peck made a motion to amend **SB 210**, there was no second to the motion and the motion to amend failed. Representative Ballard made a motion to pass **SB 210** favorably out of Committee, seconded by

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Representative Huntington and the motion carried.

The Chairman asked the Committee review the Minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting. Representative Swanson made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Representative Treaster and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.