

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 29, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Virgil Peck- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and asked for bill introductions. Representative Long made a motion that the Committee accept a bill regulating traffic prohibiting the sending, reading and/or writing of text messages while operating a motor vehicle. The motion was seconded by Representative McLachlan and the motion carried.

Representative George made a motion that the Committee accept a bill on micro-utility trucks, the motion was seconded by Representative Humerickhouse and the motion carried.

John Peterson, representing Enterprise Leasing, asked the Committee to accept a bill concerning the failure of a person to return a rented vehicle from ten days to three days before it is considered a stolen vehicle. Representative McLachlan made a motion to accept the bill, seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

Representative Powers requested that a section of a highway by Mulvane, Kansas be named for the Patriot Guard. A motion was made by Representative Burgess, seconded by Representative McLachlan and the motion carried.

There being no further bill introductions the Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2622**. Chairman Hayzlett asked staff to explain the bill. Current law requires all vehicles registered in Kansas to display license plates on the rear of the vehicle. **HB 2622** would clarify that any vehicle registered in Kansas is prohibited from displaying a license plate on the front of the vehicle. Previous exceptions to this restriction still apply, which include: license plates issued for a truck tractor; model year license plates attached to the front of an antique vehicle; and personalized license plates attached to the front of a passenger vehicle or truck. After the Committee's questions were answered Representative Sloan made a motion to favorable pass **HB 2622** and that it be placed on the consent calendar. Representative Wetta seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Committee was asked to review the Minutes of the Meetings of January 22 and 23, 2008. Representative Swanson made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Representative McLachlan, and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett mentioned to the Committee that the Sub-Committee discussing **SB 294** had met and discussed some recommendations that they would be bringing back to the Committee.

There was a short discussion about tours that might be interesting to the Committee.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 519-S.