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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 2, 2006 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 Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Bill Feuerborn Ken Adamek, Winfield, KS Dave Hansen, representing Property Casualty Insurers Association Matt Mosher, Chief, Titles and Registrations, Dept. of Revenue

Others attending: See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the committee meeting and asked for bill introductions. There were none.

HB 2591 - Proof of insurance or registration receipts, address not required

Chairman Hayzlett then opened the hearing on <u>**HB 2591**</u> and introduced Representative Bill Feuerborn as the first proponent. According to Representative Feuerborn, a vehicle registration and proof of insurance are documents that are usually kept in the glovebox or console. (Attachment #1) These documents contain a vehicle owner's personal information such as their home address. Then if the vehicle is stolen the thief has all this personal information. Representative Feuerborn said that <u>**HB 2591**</u> states that the identification cards or insurance certificates shall not be printed with the address of the policy holder, on and after January 1st 2007. He said that when a vehicle is registered, the owner shall be issued a registration receipt that will contain a registration number assigned to the owner instead of their address.

The next proponent was Ken Adamek from Winfield, Kansas. (Attachment #2) Mr. Adamek said **HB 2591** would reduce the potential for vehicle theft and property burglary by eliminating owners' address information from paperwork kept in the vehicle. He discussed the Oklahoma and Texas methods and talked about a KAKE-TV story on stolen vehicles. Mr. Adamek concluded by saying **HB 2591** is a good logical bill with elected official support and excellent public benefits, which should be passed and implemented as soon as possible.

There being no other proponents the Chairman called for opponents of HB 2591.

The Chairman then drew the Committee's attention to written testimony from the Kansas Highway Patrol (Attachment #3) and from the Kansas County Treasurer's Association (Attachment #4) both opposing this bill.

The first opponent to testify was Mathew H. Moser, Manager, Titles and Registrations Bureau, Division of Vehicles (Attachment 5). According to Mr. Moser, the absence of the address on a registration receipt will severely impact the renewal process, forcing county offices to print separate labels and manually attaching them to envelopes for return mail to citizens. He said taking the address off the registration receipt will severely impact this process with additional equipment costs, staff and will cause delay of citizens receiving their renewals.

After questions of the opponents, the Chairman introduced David A. Hanson, representing The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America. Mr. Hanson said while they support the intent of the bill, they have several concerns with the provisions of <u>HB 2591</u>. (Attachment 6) Mr. Hanson said if Kansas prohibits printing of the addresses, special programming and printing arrangements will need to be made, resulting in additional expense. He said they would like to encourage a standardized approach in the various states,

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possibly through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to allow a uniform system for compliance. Mr. Hanson said they believe there may be a number of viable options available that would not necessitate the prohibitions in this bill and the resulting inconsistencies with other states' laws.

There being no other opponents, Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on HB 2591.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to a set of Committee Minutes for January 26, 2006 and asked the Committee to review them for approval. <u>Representative Ballard made a motion to approve the</u> Committee Minutes as presented, Representative Olson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be February 7, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.