

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 10:20 A.M. on Friday, March 28, 2008 in Room 192-E of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes

Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Colonel Terry L. Maple, Acting Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

Chairman Donovan opened the Confirmation Hearing for Colonel Terry L. Maple to be appointed Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol. He welcomed Col. Maple and his family. Col. Maple spoke of his past accomplishments as a member of the Kansas Highway Patrol. He has been Assistant Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol since 1999. His intent is to continue with the Patrol for another two and a half years. He stated he is proud to be a part of the Kansas Highway Patrol. (Attachment 1)

Sen. Wilson spoke about his experiences with Col. Maple, saying he has the ability to work well with everybody.

Sen. Goodwin stated Col. Maple has become a good friend during his years of work in the Capitol. She is honored to have him take this position.

Sen. Donovan asked Col. Maple to introduce his family and friends to the committee. Those attending the hearing were his wife, Donna; friend Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association; wife's parents, Darrel and Virginia Hotchkiss; sister-in-law, Karen Smart with Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and sister-in-law, Penny Hotchkiss, a teacher with Allen County Community College.

Chairman Donovan said this is a proud day for all attending the hearing. He feels Col. Maple has worked in the Capitol and has a good understanding of the political part of the Superintendent's job. He thanked the Kansas Highway Patrol for its part in the passage of bills regarding teen driving, booster seats for young children, and seat belts for all.

Sen. Petersen noted the Highway Patrol's demonstration about seat belts is very helpful in educating students of the importance of usage of the belts. Col. Maple told the committee the Kansas Highway Patrol is partnering with Kansas Department of Transportation and the Department of Education to make this program even better.

Sen. Palmer told Col. Maple she appreciates him bringing himself forward to take this position.

Sen. Schmidt added that she has had the opportunity to work with Col. Maple in the past and he has her approval.

Sen. Goodwin moved "this Highway Patrol Guardian Angel" be approved as Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Sen. Gilstrap and Sen. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Donovan congratulated Col. Maple before closing the confirmation hearing. He then adjourned the meeting at 11:00. No other meetings are scheduled at this time.