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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on February 9, 2000 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Vaughn Flora, excused
Representative Phill Kline, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Krahn, Chief, Bureau of Right-of-way, Kansas Department of Transportation
Joyce Bishop, Kansas City, Kansas
James Tobaben, Chief, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Kansas Department of Transportation

Others attending:

See attached list

HB 2745 - highway advertising control act, definitions

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2745** and called on Joe Krahn from the Department of Transportation. He told the committee that KDOT is responsible for administering the Kansas Highway Advertising Control Act and this law was enacted in 1972 to comply with the federal Highway Beautification Act. He continued the federal law had been amended to require states that elect to have a scenic byway program to prohibit the erection of new signs along sections of the interstate system, as well as sections of the federal-aid primary system, which have been designated as scenic byways. The penalty for non-compliance is reduction in state federal funds by 10%. (Attachment 1)

Representative Ballou questioned whether current signs would be subject to this penalty and Mr. Krahn responded that signs placed before March, 1972 would be grandfathered in. Mr. Krahn suggested perhaps a more equitable solution would be to penalize the area that is in violation and shut off federal funds to that area and not the whole state.

Joyce Bishop, a citizen from Kansas City, Kansas, voiced her concern for, and support of, the removal of nonconforming and illegal signs currently in existence. (Attachment 2)

There being no opponents to appear Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2745**.

HB 2746 - uniform act regulating traffic, defining accident report

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2746**.

Joe Tobaben, Department of Transportation, spoke in support of **HB 2746** concerning the submission of motor vehicle accident report. He told the committee this bill would allow for the electronic submission of accident reports prepared by computer from law enforcement agencies to the Department of Transportation while continuing to allow all current methods of submittal. He said this would provide an opportunity to improve the efficiencies of motor vehicle accident data collection and reporting. (Attachment 3)

Following questions by the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2746**.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2000 in Room 519-S.

