

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:10 a.m. on March 16, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nancey Harrington

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jackie Miller, KCC
Tom Whitaker, KMCA
Senator Umbarger

Others attending: See attached list

HB 2582: Re school buses; head lamps

Committee resumed consideration of **HB 2582**. Discussed the fact that it might create problems, certainly regarding obscuring vision at night. Representative Grant pointed out that it is “permissive” language and is aware of the “uniformity” concern. However, he continued to urge allowing those who wished to try this. He had no objection to amending the bill to allow usage only during daylight hours and on low beams only; reference to Section 2 (b) (2) on page 2.

Senator Stephens moved to amend the bill so that these lights could be used in daylight only. Discussion resulted in agreement to include low beams only in the amendment. Senator Stephens reworded his amendment accordingly. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Jordan moved to recommend the bill as amended favorable for passage. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Vidricksen will carry the bill.

HB 2768: Re Kansas Corporation Commission - regulation of motor carriers

Jackie Miller, Director of Transportation Division, Kansas Corporation Commission, in support of this bill provided background information and reasons for requesting the bill (Attachment 1). She further advised the Commission supports an amendment to be proposed by the Kansas Motor Carrier Association.

Tom Whitaker, Director, Governmental Relations, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, offered a minor amendment to correct an oversight relating to “certificate of public service” and certificates of “convenience and necessity” which were inadvertently eliminated.

Senator Umbarger, presented an amendment regarding agriculture operations which would make Kansas consistent with surrounding states in terms of hours of operation (Attachment 2). Concerned parties had not previously discussed this proposed amendment. The opinion was expressed that this is a regulatory issue rather than one to be dealt with by an amendment to **HB 2768**. The spokesman for Kansas Motor Carriers expressed particular concern regarding the impact of this amendment on cattle haulers. Following several questions and further discussion, Chairman Vidricksen instructed the parties to meet and return to the Committee with a compromise that is acceptable to all concerned..

Senator Huelskamp moved to adopt the amendment to correct the oversight relating to certificates of public service and convenience and necessity. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Committee will return to consideration of **HB 2768** when compromise language is ready.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m..

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2000