

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hazylett at 1:35 p.m. on February 14, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Andrew Howell, excused
Representative Joe Humerickhouse, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Research
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Troy Findley
Steve Rarrick, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection
Missy J. Baer
Don McNeeley, Kansas Automobile Dealers

Others attending:

See attached sheet

HB 2145 - warranties on safety belts, federal standards

Representative Troy Findley gave the background for this bill being introduced at the request of one of his constituents, who will testify later. He said **HB 2145** seeks to accomplish the objective of guaranteeing that the motor of the safety belt assembly is covered in Kansas law by adopting federal regulation 209 and also the adoption of federal regulation 210 which covers the safety belt anchoring. ([Attachment 1](#))

Steve Rarrick, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, next spoke in support of **HB 2145**. He told the committee the federal standard referenced in the current law was the applicable federal standard in 1986. This bill would incorporate the current federal standards applying to modern seat belt systems, which include motorized seat belt components. He recommended an amendment which would add "and all components, including motorized components" to line 19 of the bill. ([Attachment 2](#))

Missy Baer, private citizen, who had requested this bill be introduced, presented testimony listing the problems she encountered in trying to get her motorized seat belt repaired under the present 10 year warranty guarantee. She also attached statements from the dealership who had refused to honor this warranty. ([Attachment 3](#))

Don McNeeley, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, stated they support **HB 2145** and felt this was necessary to clear up some of the cloudiness in the current law.

Following questions and concerns from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett stated the leadership of the committee, along with the Attorney Generals' office and the Revisor, would study the bill further before final action was taken.

The hearings were closed on **HB 2145**.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the House Transportation Committee at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 in Room 519-S.