

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ballard, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Legislative Reserch Dept.
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Dept.
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Hayzlett called for introduction of bills. Representative Ballou made a motion to introduce a bill that would change heavy truck registration expirations to the last day of February each year rather than the current date of February 15. The motion was seconded by Representative Huff and the motion carried.

Representative Kevin Yoder asked to have a bill introduced relating to the financing of port authorities. The bill would allow a port authority to borrow money from a private person or entity approved by the port authority. The bill would also clarify that a port authority could either borrow money or issue bonds. Representative Wilk made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Yonally and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Sheila Walker, Director of Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Revenue. Director Walker requested the introduction of three bills. The first bill was presented in order to avoid losing the State Highway Fund from losing \$16 to \$18 million the first year and \$31 to \$33 million the second year, Kansas must pass state laws that mirror the new federal regulations.

The second bill was proposing a driver's license fee increase of \$1 per year across the board. Most licensed drivers in Kansas would see the cost of the six-year license fees increase \$6, from \$12 to \$18.

The third bill proposed a \$2 fee increase to the Kansas vehicle title, from \$8 to \$10. This fee would generate an additional \$1.6 million annually. This proposal also lifts the sunset on the Kansas Department of Revenue's VIPS/CAMA fee fund (a fund designed to maintain the DMV's Vehicle Information Processing System and the Property Valuation Division's Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal system), as well as the Kansas Highway Patrol's vehicle fee fund.

Representative Beggs made a motion to introduce all three bills, seconded by Representative Dreher and the motion carried.

Sandy Braden representing the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers requested a bill introduction relating to airbag fraud. This bill would make it a class A, nonperson misdemeanor for any person paid to perform work on automobiles either to install in a vehicle an airbag previously installed on another vehicle or to install equipment in any way that would not be in accordance with federal safety regulations for the particular vehicle being repaired.

A motion was made by Representative Wilk to introduce this bill and seconded by Representative Humerickhouse and the motion carried.

Representative Faber made a motion to introduce a bill relating to license plates for United States military veterans. The introduction was seconded by Representative Jack and motion carried.

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Chairman Hayzlett recognized Robin Jennison representing Westar Energy who requested introduction of a bill due to a problem with the CDL when Westar and other utilities need to go out for restoration of services when it may not be a complete emergency. According to Mr. Jennison, the KCC just did a recent ruling that the Westar attorneys are still looking at that may provide partial relief but at this time they don't think it completely deals with the problems and therefore request a bill to deal with this problem. A motion to introduce was made by Representative Humerickhouse, seconded by Representative Toelkes and the motion carried.

There being no further bill requests the Chairman introduced Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carrier Association. Mr. Whitaker said they were here celebrating Kansas Trucking Industry Day at the Capitol and learning more about the legislative process. Mr. Whitaker introduced five Road Team Captains. They were: Jack Larson, Kent Durant, Vaughn Harris, Leon Kunn and Jeff Davis. Road Team Captain Jeff Davis made a presentation on sharing the road with trucks safely. A discussion followed with questions by the Committee. Mr. Whitaker concluded by thanking the Committee for the opportunity to make the presentation.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative R. J. Wilson who requested to introduce a bill which would allow sun-screening devices on motor vehicles. He said he had a constituent, with a medical condition who had been ticketed twice by the Highway Patrol for having windows tinted too darkly. Representative Larkin made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Miller and the motion carried.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2003.