

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 17, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused

Representative Kay Wolf - excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor's Office

Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research

Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Whitaker, KS Motor Carriers Association

Carmen Alldritt, Director, KS Motor Vehicle Dept.

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and introduced Richard Proehl, a new member to the House Transportation Committee..

The Chairman opened the meeting for bill introductions. Chairman Hayzlett recognized Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Mr. Whitaker had two bills he wanted to introduce. The first bill clarifies that a truck tractor dump-semitrailer or dump truck and dump trailer combination vehicles are exempt from the federal "bridge formula" when operating on the interstate system. The purpose of the second bill Mr. Whitaker asked to introduce brings Kansas into compliance with federal law concerning the operation of drive-away saddle-mount combination vehicles. Representative O'Malley made a motion to accept these two bills, the motion was seconded by Representative Long, motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett then introduced Carmen Alldritt, Director, KS Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division. Director Alldritt asked the Committee to introduce a bill to include motorcycle license plates, with the firefighter designation. A motion was made by Representative Yonally to accept this bill, the motion was seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Representative Olson who asked to introduce a bill to allow a person responsible for transporting certain eligible persons (person with a disability) to park in accessible parking spaces. A motion was made by Representative Olson, seconded by Representative Treaster, the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Representative Long who asked to introduce a bill to provide a hardship license to a person whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked, for the purposes of employment, seeking medical treatment, attending school, attending alcohol or drug treatment programs or any other circumstance the director finds would create an undue hardship on the person. Representative Long made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Ruiz, the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Treaster who asked to introduce a bill concerning road machinery and road rollers being equipped with back-up lamps. A motion was made by Representative Treaster to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Long, the motion carried.

After bill introductions Chairman Hayzlett reminded the Committee about touring the Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle Division the next day.

Representative Olson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2006 Committee meeting, the motion was seconded by Representative Henry, motion carried.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 1:30, Room 519-S.