

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 8, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Faber- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Whitaker, Exec. Director, KS Motor Carriers Association

Rebecca Brewster, American Transportation Research Institute

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the Committee meeting and introduced Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Mr. Whitaker introduced the Kansas Road Team and the Kansas Motor Carriers Association members who were present. Mr. Whitaker then introduced Rebecca Brewster, President and CEO of American Transportation Research Institute.

Ms. Brewster discussed the research done on truck crashes. She said research focused in five areas: Safety and Human Factors; Technology; Environmental Factors; Economic Analysis; and Transportation Security. Ms. Brewster said prior research points to driver-related factors as critical reasons for crashes and that focusing on driver behaviors will have the most profound impact on crash reduction. She said their analyses focused on whether there is a significant difference in future crash rates for drivers based on past roadside inspection, violations, convictions and/or crash information.

After all the Committee members' questions were answered, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on February 9, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.