

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Proehl at 1:30am on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Craig McCullah, Legislative Research Department
Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Betty Boaz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Vogelsberg, representing County Treasurers
Travis Lowe, representing AAA
Kevin Sisson
Pam Robinson
Michael Seitz
1st Sgt. Christopher Kyle Donaldson
Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Ass'n.

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Patrick Vogelsberg, representing County Treasurers, requested introduction of a bill regarding a certificate of title on motor vehicles and increasing fees. *Representative Sloan moved to introduce this bill seconded by Representative Todd and the Motion carried.*

Travis Lowe, representing AAA, requested introduction of a bill that would extend the seat belt safety program for minors. *Representative Ballard moved to introduce this bill seconded by Representative Lusker and the Motion carried.*

There being no other requests for bill introductions the Chairman opened the Hearing on **HB2098.**

Hearing on: HB2098 — Designating a portion of U.S. 69 as the 2nd Lieutenant Justin L Sisson memorial highway.

Chairman Proehl recognized Kevin Sisson as the first proponent. [\(Attachment 1\)](#) Mr. Sisson is 2nd Lieutenant Justin Sisson's father. He said their biggest fear is that Justin will be forgotten.

The next proponent was Pam Robinson. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Ms. Robinson said as a board of education member, she shook the hands of nearly 1600 graduates and handed them their diplomas. She said that less than 20 of these graduates are recognized by their peers

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for choosing to enter the military to defend the freedoms of our country.

Michael Seitz was the next proponent. ([Attachment 3](#)) He said his son and Justin Sisson were classmates and captains of the wrestling team at Blue Valley West High School. He said Justin demonstrated five traits from which we all can learn: passion, confidence, resilience, vision and courage.

The next proponent was 1st Sgt. Christopher Kyle Donaldson. ([Attachment 4](#)) He said Justin was his friend and brother. He said 2nd Lt Sisson served as one of his Platoon Leaders. He concluded by saying it would truly be an honor to name a highway in remembrance of Justin in the State of Kansas because Justin was born here, went to school in this state and is buried in the National Cemetery in this state.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted in support of this bill:

Judith B. Liming, Justin's grandmother. ([Attachment 5](#))

Dustin M. Gillenwater, Captain US Army Commanding([Attachment 6](#))

Sgt. Daniell Tyler-Eckel, 83rd Troop Command([Attachment 7](#))

Benjamin Scott, Clarkville, TN ([Attachment 8](#))

Robin Sumple, family friend([Attachment 9](#))

Ron O'Brien, Justin's Platoon Sergeant ([Attachment 10](#))

David Rickert, fellow Platoon Leader ([Attachment 11](#))

William and Deborah Rickert, family friends ([Attachment 12](#))

Sarah Morefield, went to school with Justin ([Attachment 13](#))

There being no other proponents and no opponents the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2098**.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Representative Luskar made a motion to suspend House Rule 1308 seconded by Representative Thimesch which would allow the Committee to do final action on this bill. Motion carried.

Representative Sloan moved to pass this bill favorably from Committee seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

Representative Sloan made a motion to move **HB2098** to the consent Calendar, seconded by Representative Doll and the motion carried.

Informational briefing:

Chairman Proehl introduced Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Ass'n. who gave a presentation on "Trucking 101" providing the Committee with valuable information and

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helping the Committee to better understand the trucking industry.[\(Attachment 14\)](#)

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.