

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ronald Ryckman Sr. at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 09, 2016, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Joe Seiwert – Excused
Representative Mario Goico – Excused
Representative Richard Proehl – Excused
Representative Marty Read – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department
Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Betty Boaz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative John Bradford
Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Ass'n.

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Vice Chairman Ron Ryckman chaired the Committee in the absence of Chairman Proehl.

Hearing on: HB2450 — Increasing the maximum speed limit on certain separated multilane highways to 80 miles per hour.

Vice-Chairman Ryckman introduced Representative John Bradford as the proponent of this bill.

According to Representative Bradford an individual driving the posted speed limit today is a hazard to the smooth flow of traffic on the designated routes. He provided the Committee with statistics comparing states with higher speed limits. He also provided the Committee with several attachments to solidify his points. ([Attachment 1](#))

There were no other proponents so after questions were answered the Vice-Chair called for opponents to this bill.

Vice-Chair Ryckman recognized Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. According to Mr. Whitaker ([Attachment 2](#)) The Motor Carriers Association supports uniform speed limits on Kansas highways. He said this bill does not eliminate the current "speed limit buffer" in which case if the Committee passes **HB2450** the Association requests Section 2 and 3 of the bill be repealed.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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After questions were answered the Vice Chair drew the Committee's attention to Written Testimony submitted in opposition to this bill by the Kansas Highway Patrol ([Attachment 3](#)) and the Kansas Department of Transportation ([Attachment 4](#)).

There were no other Proponents and no other Opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2450**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Ryckman advised the Committee that the meeting originally scheduled for tomorrow had been cancelled and the next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2016.

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