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## LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Before The

House Transportation Committee  
Representative Rich Proehl  
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### In Support of Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 99

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear here this afternoon representing our 950 member companies and the Kansas trucking industry in support of Senate Bill No. 99 which extends the length limits for the custom harvesting industry and those used stinger-steered vehicle combinations to transport automobiles and light trucks.

Over the past few years, KMCA supported the custom harvesting industry in their efforts to pass federal legislation to allow a one truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor semitrailer combination to have an overall length limit of 81.5 feet. They were successful in the efforts and Kansas can now allow for the 81.5 foot length limit. Adoption of SB 99 removes the "block State" label for the movement of custom harvesting equipment from the southern US border to Canada.

KMCA requested that the Senate Transportation Committee amend SB 99 by changing the effective date to the Kansas Register and by adopting language, which also passed by Congress in the Federal Highway Legislation, that extends the length and overhang limitations for a stinger steered automobile transporter. As written in Sen. Substitute for Sen. Bill 99, the Bill increases the overall length for stinger-steered automobile transporter from 75 feet to 80 feet and increases the overhang to 4 feet in the front of the vehicle and 6 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle.

Mr. Chairman, we thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee today. KMCA supports Sen. Sub for SB 99 and ask the Committee to pass the bill favorably. I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

