

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Petersen at 8:30 am on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department
Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Carolyn Long, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kevin Sisson
Pam Robinson, President, Blue Valley School Board
Mike Seitz, Vice-President, Blue Valley School Board
Christopher Donaldson, 1SGT, 101st Airborne

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

There were no bill introductions.

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes from January 14, 2015 and January 15, 2015. Moved by Senator Donovan, seconded by Senator Pettey, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Hearing on: SB5 — Designating a portion of U.S. highway 69 as the 2nd Lieutenant Justin L. Sisson memorial highway.

Chairman Petersen opened the hearing on **SB 5** and noted that Senator Jeff Melcher, sponsor of the proposed legislation, was relinquishing his time so that members of the family could share their remembrances.

Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor, informed the committee that **SB 5** would designate a portion of US 69 as the 2nd Lieutenant Justin L. Sisson memorial highway.

Kevin Sisson, father of Lt. Sisson, told the committee about their family connection to Kansas, who Justin was, and why this memorial was important to them and to those who knew Justin. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Pam Robinson, President, Blue Valley School Board, shared with the Committee that as the wife of a military officer, she was continually reminded of soldiers' dedication to duty, honor, and country all the

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while knowing it could cost them the ultimate sacrifice ([Attachment 2](#)).

Michael Seitz, Vice-President of the Blue Valley School Board, noted that his son and Justin were classmates and captains of the wrestling team at Blue Valley West High School. He detailed their relationship both on and off the mat and said that Justin demonstrated five traits: passion, confidence, resilience, vision, and courage ([Attachment 3](#)).

1SG Christopher Kyle Donaldson said he was honored to speak on behalf of 2LT Sisson. Lt. Sisson served as one of his Platoon Leaders in Able Company 1-506th, 101st Airborne Division. He felt that honoring our fallen soldiers by naming highways in their honor reminds those that see the road sign of the ultimate sacrifice that was given to protect our freedom ([Attachment 4](#)). After his presentation, Chairman Petersen thanked him for his service, on behalf of the Committee.

The following written testimony was presented in favor of the bill: Captain Dustin Gillenwater ([Attachment 5](#)),

Benjamin Scott ([Attachment 6](#)), Captain Brienna Zeigler ([Attachment 7](#)), Paul and Teresa Reddick ([Attachment 8](#)), Lt. Col. Gregory B. Beaudoin ([Attachment 9](#)), Signe Thomas ([Attachment 10](#)), Cheryl A. Kerns ([Attachment 11](#)), Dave and Heather Mihanovic ([Attachment 12](#)), Erin Mihanovic ([Attachment 13](#)), James Robinson ([Attachment 14](#)), Bennett Family ([Attachment 15](#)), Karle Hamer ([Attachment 16](#)), Judith B. Liming ([Attachment 17](#)), Nancy H. Robinson ([Attachment 18](#)), Ryan Cermely ([Attachment 19](#)), 1LT Frances Denmark ([Attachment 20](#)), Diane Triano ([Attachment 21](#)), Carol Miller ([Attachment 22](#)), Scott Miller ([Attachment 23](#)), Nick and Susan DeGennaro ([Attachment 24](#)), Jennifer Ross ([Attachment 25](#)), Meredith Miller, ([Attachment 26](#)), Jordan Anne Glisson ([Attachment 27](#)), Deborah L. Murchison-Perri ([Attachment 28](#)), Billie Easterberg ([Attachment 29](#)), Tressa Wasson ([Attachment 30](#)), SGT. Daniell Tyler-Eckel ([Attachment 31](#)), Donald Sumple ([Attachment 32](#)), Sarah Morefield ([Attachment 33](#)), David Rickert ([Attachment 34](#)), William and Deborah Rickert ([Attachment 35](#)), Ron O'Brien ([Attachment 36](#)), Jan Beshoner ([Attachment 37](#)), Pat Stripling-Brown ([Attachment 38](#)), John R. Ross ([Attachment 39](#)), Kevin R. Sisson ([Attachment 40](#)), and Robin Sumple ([Attachment 41](#)).

Senator Donovan asked if the Committee could take immediate action on this bill but the Chairman said it was his policy to wait for final action on all proposed legislation for at least a 24-hour period.

The Chair then thanked all who testified and closed the hearing on **SB 5**.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Chairman Petersen call for Final Action on **SB 21--Regulation and safety requirements for private motor carriers**. Alan Siebers, Assistant Revisor, gave the committee a brief summary of the contents of **SB 21**.

*It was moved by Senator Schmidt, seconded by Senator LaTurner, that **SB 21** be moved out favorably.*

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for passage. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.