

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Petersen at 8:30 am on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ted Smith, Attorney, Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: SB405 — Nonhighway certificate of title or salvage title for travel trailers.

Chairman Petersen opened the hearing on **SB 405--Nonhighway certificate of title or salvage title for travel trailers.** Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, stated that this bill would amend the definition of "nonhighway vehicle" by adding "any travel trailer which cannot be registered because it is not manufactured for the purpose of highway use" and would include an amendment to include a travel trailer in the definition of "salvage vehicle" that is required to be registered but cannot be because it has been wrecked or damaged.

Ted Smith, Staff Attorney, Kansas Department of Revenue, a proponent of this bill, indicated it would permit the Division of Vehicles to issue salvage brand titles to applicable travel trailers. The state definition for motor vehicles is a motor vehicle that is self-propelled. Travel trailers are vehicles without motive power and are designed to be towed by a motor vehicle used primarily for recreational purposes. Out-of-state travel trailers, with a designation of salvage/non-highway, brought into Kansas for resale have their titles "washed" to a highway title status. Kansas dealers and consumers could purchase previously salvaged travel trailers without their knowledge of its salvage history ([Attachment 1](#)). Mr. Smith Said recreational vehicle dealers are in favor of this bill as it will improve confidence in their business by consumers.

Senator Petersen inquired whether a salvage trailer could be re-registered for different use such as for hauling tools. Mr. Smith replied it would not be certified for highway use but further added that it could be used for storage and transport on a person's property.

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Senator Schmidt asked how many additional salvage title issues would need to be addressed. Mr. Smith said he did not have that information, he was before the Committee only to address this particular issue. Mr. Smith will look into this issue for Senator Schmidt and report his findings to the Committee. Under current law it is not illegal to obtain a salvage title travel trailer from out-of-state and then obtain a normal Kansas title for the same trailer.

Written testimony in favor of **SB 405** was presented by Whitney Damron for Don McNeely, President, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association ([Attachment 2](#)); Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association ([Attachment 3](#)); and the Kansas Highway Patrol ([Attachment 4](#)).

There being no further proponent, opponent, or neutral testimony, the Chairman closed the Hearing on **SB 405**.

Hearing on: SB173 — Korean war, operation desert storm, operation Iraqi freedom and operation enduring freedom license plates.

Chairman Petersen opened the Hearing on **SB 173--Korean war, operation desert storm, operation Iraqi freedom and operation enduring freedom license plates**. Mr. Siebers reminded the Committee that this was a carry over bill from last session. It would authorize four new distinctive license plates and for each of these license plates, transfer to the surviving spouse or other family member in case of death.

Senator Petersen drew the Committee's attention to a list of concerns regarding the addition of these license plates presented by the Division of Vehicles ([Attachment 5](#)).

There was also written testimony in support of the bill from David L. Teska ([Attachment 6](#)).

The Chairman noted that after turn-around there would be a presentation by the Division of Vehicles on the production of digital license plates and perhaps **SB 173** would be considered more favorably once this production was in place as it would decrease the cost of production considerably.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 173**.

Possible action on bills previously heard

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016.