

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 19, 1971

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on January 19, 1971. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Dempsey, Ossmann, Steffes and Weaver. Each present answered roll by giving his occupation and place of residence.

Guests present were N. C. Grant, Topeka, Kansas State Chamber of Commerce; Ruth Wilkin, Topeka, League of Women Voters.

Conferees were Representatives Clyde Hill and Ted Lindahl and Merritt Buffon of Legislative Research, all appearing on House Bill 1004.

HOUSE BILL 1004 - AN ACT relating to the tax on motor vehicle fuels, and providing for the payment of certain motor fuel tax refunds. Mr. Hill explained this bill was introduced to permit taking care of refund tickets not redeemed. A fiscal note to Mr. Hill revealed this was calculated already in the Governor's budget.

Mr. Lady inquired if there was a way to make a claim after that period specified in the bill and Mr. Hill verified that there was not.

Mr. Buffon said he had no figures of how much money would be involved if this bill passes, but he gave the total refunds for the last five years as follows: 1966 - \$7,961,726; 1967 - \$7,326,274; 1968 - \$7,229,802; 1969 - \$6,781,994; 1970 - \$8,439,377. From 1966 to 1969 there was a five-cent gas tax. Eleven months were involved in 1970 when the tax was increased to seven cents.

The Revenue Department records showed that of the total

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figure for 1970, \$6,880,753 was billed as for agricultural use. In 1967 \$5,763,893 was for agricultural use.

In making the estimate for fiscal 1971, the figure ten million dollars was used; in 1970 the estimate was nine million dollars.

In 1967 the gallonage was 139,915,180 and in 1970 it was 133,984,103.

Mr. Lindahl explained how the bill works - that they are not asking for a subsidy. Revenues do not show how many claims went through last year but probably around 6,000.

Mr. Lady made a motion, second by Mr. Rosenau, that House Bill 1004 be reported favorably. Motion carried.

Chairman Dierdorff asked permission of the committee to introduce a Committee Resolution that was recommended by the Legislative Council - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION expressing the support of the legislature of the state of Kansas for a study by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which study was approved as an expression of legislative intent in the House debate on the Clean Air Act amendments of 1970. Dr. Hughes made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that this be introduced as a Committee Resolution. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN
January 20, 1971

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