

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- FEBRUARY 17, 1971

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Mr. Allison and Mr. Davis, excused.

Conferees on House Concurrent Resolution were: Representatives Carl Ossmann and Oscar Nowlin; Don Hogue, Topeka, Chamber of Commerce; Harry W. Craig, Jr., Topeka, Martin Tractor Co.; Ron Balleu, Nebraska City, Nebraska, Chamber of Commerce.

A list of the guests is attached.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013 - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the highway departments of the states of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas to take necessary action in selection of an interstate highway from the city of Omaha, Nebraska to the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Ossmann said that there is a move in Washington at the present time to expand the interstate system. The human element is to say we would like to have a little of it around our area. If you examine the interstate system you will find there is a definite blank if you are going north and south until you get to Oklahoma City. Research shows that of the north-south highways presently traveled, we have two main arteries -- 75 and 81. This road would mean a savings of about 75 miles, and we feel this is worthy of consideration. We would like to see Kansas memorialize Congress to make this a north-south interstate.

Mr. Nowlin said that living on 75 and studying the state flow maps that he knows the traffic we get, especially into Nebraska. There are no weight stations between Topeka and the state line and the truckers use the road.

Ron Balleu and Bob Swinney of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce were present in support of the resolution and Mr. Balleu's statement is attached.

Don Hogue, Vice President of the Topeka Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the resolution and he read portions of the attached letter.

Harry Craig, Jr. of the Martin Tractor Company, said we are talking about a corridor that is designated in the Kansas state system. If we can get it as part of the federal system, we can get 90-10 participation. It would give us the opportunity to guide business interests into the state of Kansas. He urged the committee to pass this resolution.

Mr. Bush was concerned if this would divert traffic from the present turnpike.

Mr. Nowlin pointed out that this could connect two air bases, Offut in Omaha and Forbes in Topeka.

Mr. Warren Shaw, representing the Motor Car Dealers, asked the committee to introduce a committee bill that would amend legislation passed regarding certificate of title (KSA 8-135). They would like an extra three day period to deliver a title. Mr. Shaw said they would be glad to confer with the Motor Vehicle Department in having the legislation drafted.

Mr. Shaw cited several examples where the present law works a hardship for both the dealer and purchaser.

Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that the

legislation be drafted and be brought back as a committee bill.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

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# Roads and Highways

Name	Address	Firm or Corporation Represented
Ray P. Baker	Nebraska City, Neb.	Chamber of Commerce
Robert D. Swinney	Neb. City, Neb.	City Council & Chamber
Harry A. Long Jr.	P.O. Box 1698, Topeka	Martin Tractor Company
M. D. Hillman	Holton, Ks	City of Holton
G. M. R. R. R.	Holtan, Ks	City of Holtan
Tony Shapp	Holtan, Ks	City of Holtan
J. Van Mendenhall	K M C B	Topeka
Don Hogan	Topeka	Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Charles J. Sheets	Topeka	Topeka Chamber of Commerce
John D. Miller	Topeka	Topeka Chamber of Commerce
Norman Wilson	Topeka	Kan. Motor Car Dealers Assn
Willard Goller	"	" " " " "
Geo. W. Drummond	"	TOPEKA C. of C. T. S. A.

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 1013

Mr. Chairman and committee members

I am Ren Ballou representing the Nebraska City, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce <sup>& City of Nebraska City, Neb.</sup> I speak for the Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

We want to record our endorsement to passage of House Concurrent Resolution 1013 based on these facts:

The State of Nebraska has excellent highway connections to east and west.

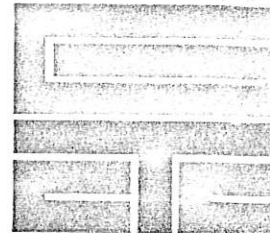
U.S. Highway No. 75 is the most traveled north-south barrel highway in the State of Nebraska.

Omaha, the transportation and/or traffic hub of Nebraska, as a manner of speaking, soon will headquarter private consultants contracted by the Nebraska State Roads Department.



# GREATER TOPEKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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February 12, 1971

Mr. Don F. Hogue  
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Dear Don:

There will be a hearing on House Concurrent Resolution 1025 on Wednesday, February 17, at 2:45 p.m. in Room 535 of the State Capitol Building.

HCR 1025 proposes to petition Congress to consider making an interstate highway from Omaha, Nebraska to Tulsa, Oklahoma following generally the route of the present highway US 75. Such a highway is of prime importance to the future economic development of Topeka. Business and industry take a careful look at highways that will serve them in bringing in raw materials and distribution of the finished product.

Such a highway giving direct and fast routes from Winnipeg, Canada to Galveston, Texas would undoubtedly contribute also to more tourist dollars spent in Topeka and other Kansas communities.

You are encouraged to attend the hearing and voice your opinions. Your interest will largely determine what happens to this House Concurrent Resolution in this session of the legislature.

Sincerely,

John O. Miller  
Manager, Economic Development Division

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