

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- MARCH 22, 1971

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on March 22, 1971. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Representatives Davis and Allison.

Ed Weillepp, Topeka, Kansas Contractors' Association, was a guest.

Conferees were: Senator Arden Booth on Senate Bill 154; Senator Harold S. Herd on Senate Bill 239; Representative Ambrose Dempsey on Senate Bill 36; Representative John Hayes on House Concurrent Resolution 1034.

SENATE BILL 154 - AN ACT relating to the driver's license act; concerning instruction permits and temporary licenses; amending KSA 1970 Supp. 8-239 and repealing the existing section.

Senator Booth said this was presented at the request of the Driver Education Department and also the licensing bureau. This is not permission to teach motorcycle driving - it permits another person, the instructor, to drive another vehicle in line beside him.

The second request is by the licensing bureau - they want to relinquish giving these permits, and the driver ed teacher would like to do this.

SENATE BILL 239 - AN ACT relating to taxation; concerning the motor-fuel tax law; defining motor-vehicle fuels; amending KSA 79-3401 and repealing the existing section.

Senator Herd said that on page 2, one phrase has been stricken - "including stove and lamp fuel". The fuel now packaged and used in lamps is special fuel and cannot be used in combustible engines. Since this is not a highway user fuel, the people do not feel they should pay the tax on it.

The Chairman told the committee that he would check with the Department of Revenue and see if a fiscal note could be secured before taking action on the bill.

HCR 1034 - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue the federal highway trust fund on a permanent basis for highway development with none of its money diverted to other purposes.

Mr. Hayes explained the Resolution - that there is a move to divert some of these funds and he feels the money should be left like it is for road building purposes and for roads only.

Mr. Hayes made a motion, second by Dr. Hughes, that House Concurrent Resolution 1034 be recommended for adoption and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 36 - AN ACT amending the general county rural highway system act; concerning the application thereof; amending KSA 1970 Supp. 68-599 and repealing the existing section.

Representative Dempsey explained that this is to bring it in line so it can be enacted - that the legislation was passed last year.

Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Mr. Nowlin, that Senate Bill 36 be reported favorably and placed on the Consent

Calendar. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that hearings would start Tuesday, March 23, on Senate Bill 137.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Arden Dierdorff
ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

March 24, 1971