

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- MARCH 29, 1971

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on March 29, 1971. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Representatives Dugan and Hayes.

Conferees were: Fred Carman, Revisor of Statutes Office, Jim Martin, Kansas Highway Patrol, on Senate Bill 359; Mary Turkington and John Marks, Kansas Motor Carriers' Association, Willard Noller, Kansas Motor Car Dealers' Association, on Senate Bill 329.

Other guests were: Jack Milligan, Kansas City, Kansas, Woods Industries, Inc. and Ray Lindbergh, Kansas Motor Carriers' Association.

SENATE BILL 359 -- AN ACT concerning registration of vehicles; amending KSA 1970 Supp. 8-127 and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Martin said their concern for having the legislation introduced came from truckers coming in from outside of Kansas. They are operating intra-state.

Mr. Carman said the statute that was repealed had some recodification about three years ago and after the changes, the highway patrol felt there was nothing to enforce. He is in favor of this bill for the reason that it is giving the highway patrol and some judges a problem the way the bill now reads. This makes the registration clear for all, and it will be easier to enforce. He thinks it is a good bill.

Since House Bill 1508, which has already passed the House, amends the same section, Mr. Lady made a motion, second by Mr. Wingert, that Senate Bill 359 be amended as follows: On page 2,

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in line 6, by inserting after the word "of" the following: "not
later than five (5) days after acquiring another motorcycle or
passenger vehicle," -- Motion carried.

Mr. Jacobs made a motion, second by Mr. Spotts, that Senate
Bill 359 be reported favorably as amended. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 329 - AN ACT concerning the height and length
of vehicles; amending KSA 1970 Supp. 8-5,116, and repealing the
existing section.

Mary Turkington introduced John Marks, Jack Milligan and
Ray Lindbergh.

Their explanation of Senate Bill 329, the auto transport
cargo proposal, is attached.

Mr. Noller said that he represents 525 new car dealers.
They are experiencing difficulty in receiving damaged vehicles.
They support the concept of this bill.

Mr. Davis made a motion, second by Mr. Ratner, that Senate
Bill 329 be reported favorably. Motion carried. NO -- Lady,
Wilson and Hughes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Secretary

APPROVED:


ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

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EXPLANATION OF SENATE BILL 329 -- THE AUTO TRANSPORT CARGO PROPOSAL

Senate Bill 329 relates to the cargo only of auto transporters.

- The bill does not extend the present statutory motor vehicle length limit of 65 feet.
- The proposal would not permit operation of "triple trailers" or any other combination of motor vehicles in excess of the 65-foot vehicle length limit.
- The bill does provide, as set out in subsection (g), for vehicles transporting automobiles to carry a load which extends no more than three feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.
- This "overhang" would be well above the traffic level and would pose no safety problem whatsoever.
- The proposed revision is necessary to help resolve a problem which has become costly to auto transporters, to automobile dealers -- and to customers.
- This is the problem of costly damage in transit which frequently is encountered as a result of changes in the designs of motor vehicles.
- The automobile transporter has no control over vehicle designs. Variations in grills, bumpers and in the wheel base itself of motor vehicles can cause difficulty in properly spacing these units on an auto transport trailer.
- The language of Senate Bill 329 would permit the auto transporter to make allowances for such problems and avoid damage to a grill or windshield which results when automobile cargoes have to be packed too closely on the auto transport units.

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- The language proposed in Senate Bill 329 is identical with that now contained in Oklahoma and Texas statutes.
 - Kansas based auto transporters who have terminals in these other states would be able to design Kansas equipment to permit the interchange of such equipment with terminal locations in Oklahoma and Texas. Again, this would offer some savings in cost to the carrier and to his customer.
 - This measure was introduced by the Senate Transportation & Utilities Committee and was adopted by the Senate 36 - 2.
 - This flexibility of cargo space urgently is needed. The change would not permit any more cars to be transported on a given unit. It would reduce the incidence of damage in transit and would aid Kansas-based auto transporters to utilize equipment more fully in such operations.
 - We urge your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 329.
