

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 7, 1972

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 510 S at 2:45 P. M. on March 7, 1972. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Mr. Davis.

Conferees were: On SB 714 - C. F. Preston of the State Highway Commission; on SB 638 - Senator Ted Saar and Richard Peyton; on SB 679 - Harold Turntine; on SCR 86 - Senator Dave Owen; on SCR 79 - Senator Don Christy.

SENATE BILL 714 - AN ACT concerning abandonment of motor vehicles; providing for the sale thereof and disposition of proceeds therefrom; amending KSA 1971 Supp. 8-1102, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Preston said this bill deals with second sale. Under the present statute there is no provision for second sale of abandoned vehicles. There is a problem if the first buyer of abandoned vehicles fail to pick them up - the highway department has to keep them and dispose of them, and this bill gives them the authority to resale them. The average price for the vehicle is \$20.

SENATE BILL 638 - AN ACT relating to federal aid to counties, cities and political subdivisions, amending KSA 1971 Supp. 68-402b and repealing the existing section.

Senator Saar offered the attached amendments.

Mr. Peyton said he understood he was given credit for the authorship of the bill, and that is not the case.

Prior to the 1969 legislation the department did follow the practice of advancing some funds to certain counties and they would later pay it back. The '69 legislation changed this and it is apportioned by the highway department and they cannot make advances. The present

law provides for the counties to accumulate the funds, but there is a limitation of three years. After that you would lose the funds.

Advances have to come out of secondary funds, and it would reduce the amount of funds for other counties.

Mr. Steffes asked if the counties would recover the funds in a few years and Mr. Peyton said he would say they would. They would be repaid from future allocations.

Mr. Steffes asked what is the opinion of the highway department on this bill, and Mr. Peyton said he would defer to the legislature.

Mr. Jacobs asked if there would be many requests for this at one time.

Mr. Peyton replied that over the years they have had six or seven requests, and they have been for smaller amounts.

SENATE BILL 679 - AN ACT relating to registration fees on certain vehicles; amending KSA 1971 Supp. 8-143, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Turntine explained the bill and said if the effective date of this bill could be made January 1, 1973, this would give the Motor Vehicle Department sufficient time to procure and distribute the additional license plates to the County Treasurers as would be required by this bill.

Fiscal note is attached.

Mr. Peyton said the Highway Patrol had asked this be introduced. They have difficulty identifying vehicles.

SENATE BILL 539 - AN ACT relating to the operation of motor vehicles; prescribing the procedure for declaring a person an habitual violator of

the laws relating thereto; prohibiting certain acts, and declaring any violation thereof to be a crime.

Mr. Gray said he does not think this bill will solve the problem - that is too long a period of time to take the license. He does not think it will decrease insurance rates.

Mr. Allison said he does not think this will do it.

Mr. Wilson said he does not think this is going to change the cost of insurance - taking the license away doesn't mean the person won't drive.

Mr. Dugan said he thinks if this bill is passed that we should definitely put the colored photo on the license for identification purposes. This would make sure that a person cannot borrow a license to drive.

Mr. Dempsey wondered what would happen to the family man if his license is taken for that length of time.

The chairman reminded the committee of a recent accident on the Interstate where several people were killed, innocently, because of a drunken driver.

Mr. Dugan made a motion, second by Mr. Gray, that HB 539 be amended on page 4, in lines 23 and 26, by striking "five years" and inserting in lieu thereof "one year."

Mr. Jacobs said he thinks that is too short a time.

Mr. Allison made a substitute motion, second by Mr. Dugan, that HB 539 be amended on page 4, in lines 23 and 26, by striking "five (5)" and inserting in lieu thereof "three (3)". The motion carried.

Mr. Hayes made a motion, second by Mr. Ratner, that HB 539 be reported favorably as amended. The motion carried.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 86 - A SCR providing for a special committee to make a legislative study concerning the establishment of rapid transit systems.

Senator Owen explained the resolution -- said it is becoming a real problem in the larger cities. The area transportation authority is Kansas City is actively studying this -- the regional planning system is also. This is something that is going to happen sometimes in the future and the legislature will be asked to pass legislation regarding it as Missouri has been with the big bond issue. When the Highway Commission acquired right-of-way they should acquire enough that it could be between the four lanes. The time for the study is before the need.

Mr. Lady made a motion, second by Mr. Wingert, that SCR 86 be adopted. The motion carried.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 79 - A SCR authorizing and directing the Kansas state highway commission to conduct a study of the feasibility, cost of financing and legal authority for establishing, improving and developing that certain property located in Ellis County and known as "Custer Island" as a highway rest area or park facility; and requiring a report and recommendations to be made to the 1973 session of the legislature.

Senator Christy explained the resolution. He said he was on a study committee that went out there and looked into this problem and felt it had a potential for a semi-roadside park. He called the Highway Commission and was told there were funds available to make the study. It would be by them rather than the legislature and they just need the resolution as authority.

Mr. Ratner suggested it could be amended in line 2 by striking "and directed"; in line 9 by changing "shall" to "may", and this would "pass the buck" on to the Highway Department.

Mr. Dugan made a motion, second by Mr. Wilson, that SCR 79 be not adopted.

Mr. Arbuthnot suggested we hear from the Highway Department before we take action on the resolution. The Chairman told the committee he would call Mr. Peyton and action would be taken later if Mr. Dugan would withdraw his motion. Motion was withdrawn.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 92 - A SCR providing for a special committee to make a legislative study concerning the mandatory periodic motor vehicle inspection standard established by the federal highway safety administration.

Chairman Dierdorff explained the resolution and told the committee that before we are forced to have motor vehicle inspection that we should study the matter and see what some of the other states are doing.

Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Mr. Wingert, that SCR 92 be adopted. The motion carried. Mr. Hayes voted NO.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 91 - A SCR providing for a special committee to make a legislative study comparing the statutes contained in the uniform act to regulate traffic on highways with the corresponding sections of the uniform vehicle code.

Mr. Gray made a motion, second by Mr. Ratner, that SCR 91 be adopted. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

Except as otherwise noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim and this record has not been approved by the committee or by the individuals making such remarks

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

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SB 679

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HBT

TO: Elton D. Lobban, Superintendent of Motor Vehicle Department

FROM: Harold B. Turntine, Administrator of Business Management

DATE: March 7, 1972

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note on Senate Bill 679

This subject bill will have the following fiscal effect on the Department.

<u>REVENUE</u>	
62,000 Additional registrations @ \$5.00 Each	<u>\$310,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$310,000.00

<u>EXPENSE OF MATERIAL AND ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Envelopes, Renewal Forms & Postage	.08.50
License Plate and Decal	.24.25
County Treasurer Commission	.35.00
Key Punch Time, Computer Time, Auditing, Checking, & Filing of Records	<u>1.32.25</u>
TOTAL	\$2.00

62,000 Additional Registrations @ \$2.00 Each	\$124,000.00
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<u>FUNDS REMAINING</u>	\$186,000.00
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If the effective date of this bill could be made January 1, 1973, this would allow us sufficient time to procure and distribute the additional license plates to the County Treasurers as would be required by this bill.