

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arthur Douville at
Chairperson

9:05 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 9, 1984 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

All present

Committee staff present:

All present

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mrs. Joyce Lacey, B & J Garage
Mr. Dick Wadleigh
Mr. Harry Dingman, legal officer for R.W. Harmon & Sons
Mr. Jack Woolf, R.W. Harmon & Sons
Mr. Joe Taggart, Butler 77th
Mr. Wayne Maichel, KS AFL-CIO
Mr. Steve Goodman, Asst. Sec'y, Dept. of Human Resources

Chairman Douville called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The first bill set for hearing was H.B. 2513.

The first speaker was Representative Burt DeBaun who gave testimony in support of H.B. 2513. His testimony is attachment #1.

2. The next speaker in support of this bill was Mr. Harry Dingman. Mr. Dingman brought a letter from Mr. J. T. Blair, also in support of this bill. And said he was also asked to mention that the bill was supported by Mr. Bill Ross, who has 12 buses and Mr. Clyde Day who has 18 busses. Mr. Jack Woolf answered several questions asked by committee members.

The next speaker in support of this bill was Mr. Dick Wadleigh.

Mr. Joe Taggart then took the speakers stand and gave testimony against H.B. 2513. He then answered questions of the committee members.

Mr. Wayne Maichel said that the only real problem he had with the bill was on the last page where it says "or a reasonable assurance thereof," line 276.

Mr. Steve Goodman then took the speakers stand and answered questions of the committee members.

Because of a lack of time the committee did not get to S.B. 374. Of which Neal B. Brady, Assistant District Attorney, for the Sedgwick County Courthouse was waiting to give testimony on.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Visitors

Name	Representing
Jack Wolff	R. W. Harmon & Sons
Harry Dringman	"
Tom B. Bussey	School Services & Leasing, Inc
Richard Rodlight	Yellow Cab Co
Jack R. Jacy	B+J Garage
Jayce Lacey	B. + J. Garage
Judy Taylor	Salina Transit Co.
Enoch Harret	" " "
Leroy Harris	" " "
Neal Brady	Sedgwick Cty Dist. Atty's office
Rita Targant	Butler 77th
Joe Targant	Butler 77th
David Bayle	Junction City Transportation Co, Inc
Joe Lidman	Dept. Human Resources
Wayne Maikel	Kansas AFL-CIO
Joe Hodges	KCCI
Jerry Powell	D. H. R.
Skip Heeb	D. H. R.
Chris Mitchell	KS AFL-CIO
Robert C. Anderson	MidCont Oil & Gas
Walter Wynn	EROGA
Mike Browning	KLDH-TV

House Bill 2513 concerns the Employment Security Law as it would apply to part time school bus operators, employed by "Contract School Bus Operators."

There are 53 School Bus Contract Operators in the State of Kansas, or approximately 20% of the total.

These 53 Contract Operators employ approximately 900 operators.

These operators are hired on an hourly basis and as part time. They usually work $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours per day depending upon the length of their route and they work nine months a year.

These operators are usually housewives, farmers and semi-retired people.

Inasmuch as this is a private tax paying enterprise, these operators are currently covered by the employment security law and can draw unemployment compensation during the Christmas holidays as well as three months during the summer.

If they were operating buses owned by the school system, they would not be covered by the employment security law and could not draw unemployment funds as outlined above.

Based on the results of one contract carrier who employs four drivers, the estimated annual total cost to the unemployment fund for 900 drivers would be \$245,700.00. I believe this estimate is on the low side because it is based on salaries from a rural area.

Burt DeBaun
Representative
Thirteenth District

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February 8, 1984

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to serve as a written notice that I am in support of House Bill 2513. I do not feel it is fair for my 17 drivers to draw unemployment in the summer. They are hired for nine months and knew that when hired.

I feel this is an extra expense to myself and the state. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

J T Blair

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