

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Representative Rex Crowell at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 19, 1984 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representatives Clifford Campbell, Joan Adam,
Norman Justice, Joe Knopp, all excused.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Fred Carman, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Donna Mulligan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Robert Frey
Ms. Mary Turkington, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

The first order of business was a hearing on HB-2645. Representative Robert Frey explained HB-2645 concerning the inspection of trailers and semitrailers. He cited an example in which the state of Pennsylvania's fee to have a vehicle inspected is higher than the vehicle inspection fee in Kansas. He also indicated it is more logical to have an inspection program in Kansas for inspecting trailers so vehicles can be inspected regularly at home, and probably be able to operate in other states without needing to be inspected in those other states. He went on to say the provisions of this bill are optional, and the fee would remain at the current level for vehicle inspections.

Chairman Crowell asked Representative Frey what would have to be inspected on a trailer in order to meet the requirements of other states. Representative Frey said he thought it would be brakes, lights, hoses and tires.

Representative Shelor asked if we presently have inspectors who could do this, or would it involve inspection stations hiring new personnel. Representative Frey stated it would not require new personnel, as inspection stations would probably only need an extra 15 minutes to inspect semitrailers.

Representative Frey stated he feels if we are going to have inspection of trailers we will have to continue inspecting other vehicles too, as it wouldn't be economically feasible to maintain the inspection stations just to inspect semitrailers. He explained that he is endorsing the existing inspection law by introducing HB-2645.

Mary Turkington of Kansas Motor Carriers testified as a proponent of HB-2645 but indicated regardless of whether there is a mandatory or voluntary inspection program for semitrailers, as an industry they are subject to a very specific maintenance program and have to maintain vehicles and keep a record of that maintenance.

Hank Avila reviewed for the committee the recommendations of the 1983 Special Interim Committee on Transportation.

Chairman Crowell announced he plans to take action on SB-176 on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.


Rex Crowell, Chairman

