

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANSThe meeting was called to order by Senator Joseph Harder at
Vice-Chairperson11:00 a.m./p.m. on March 1, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Doyen and Hess

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Mary Galligan, Ray Hauke

Revisor's Office: Norman Furse

Committee Office: Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Kemp, Secretary, Department of Transportation

John Sherman, Chief of Rail Programs, Department of Transportation

Col. Bert Cantwell, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

SB 712 - Home SchoolingSB 699 - Vital Statistics

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Bogina to report SB 699 and SB 712 without recommendation. The motion carried by roll call vote.

SB 506 - Appropriations FY 1985, Department of Transportation and Highway PatrolSB 578 - Appropriations FY 1984, DOT and Highway PatrolSection 2 - Department of Transportation

Senator Talkington reviewed the subcommittee report on this section. Included in the report were recommendations for FY 1984 as well as FY 1985. There were questions concerning Recommendation No. 4. Secretary Kemp said that the Federal Railroad Administration, rather than the state, has a lien on the property.

Senator Werts asked what would be the state's interest in property in the event of default and assumption of title by the United States government. Mr. Sherman said the state would be the Federal Government's last resort; and when the Federal Government comes to the state they have liquidated all property.

Upon completion of the subcommittee report, Senator Gaines noted that Secretary Kemp has been very responsive to suggestions for reopening state roadside parks, especially since Kansas has a great many more parks than surrounding states.

Section 3 - Highway Patrol

Senator Talkington presented the subcommittee report on this section. There was discussion concerning Recommendation No. 7. Senators Gaines and Talkington explained that there has been some dialogue with the Highway Patrol and the Budget Division concerning the question of whether the headquarters staff of the Highway Patrol should be paid mileage for driving personal vehicles or should drive Highway Patrol vehicles. It was the opinion of the subcommittee that, since they are required to wear uniforms when they are on duty, they should be driving Patrol vehicles. This would enable them to use radio equipment in case of emergency.

It was noted by Senator Talkington that there will be continuing discussion to make an attempt to resolve the problem of use of Patrol vehicles. He said the subcommittee feels that vehicles should be sold

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when the speedometer reads 75,000 miles. There was discussion concerning the sale of Patrol vehicles. It was noted that some are sold to local police and sheriff departments, and the others are sold by sealed bids. Mr. Cantwell said there is a proposal pending which would authorize that vehicles be sold at auction.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to adopt the subcommittee reports for SB 506 and related sections for SB 578. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Senator Talkington and seconded by Senator Gaines to report SB 506 as amended favorably for passage. The motion carried by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Harder, Vice-Chairperson.