

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Rex Crowell at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on January 17, 1985 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~:

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Crowell and introductions were made. Procedural policies were reviewed, with the Chairman requesting that members receive recognition from the Chair before questioning and discussion. It was explained that tabling will require a simple majority and that a simple majority will be required to take a bill from the table. A simple majority can table a bill to a time certain but a two-thirds majority will be required to take a bill off the table before the time certain.

Hank Avila briefed the Committee on the topics studied by the 1984 Special Interim Committee on Transportation. Proposal No. 43 dealt with State Corporation Commission jurisdiction over municipal utilities and natural gas suppliers. It resulted in the introduction of two bills, HB-2019 and HB-2020.

HB-2019 deals with who will be able to supply natural gas users, and which suppliers will be subject to Kansas Corporation Commission jurisdiction.

HB-2020 clarifies that a county is not a municipality for utility purposes.

Hank Avila proceeded to brief the Committee on Proposal No. 44 dealing with the transportation of hazardous and radioactive materials.

As a result of the interim study on Proposal No. 44, SB-20, SB-21 and SB-22 were introduced. SB-20 would prohibit the disclosure of records of the transportation of nuclear materials in certain instances. SB-21 requires the State Corporation Commission to adopt the necessary rules and regulations which are consistent with the federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. SB-22 mandates that the State Corporation Commission adopt rules and regulations relating to intrastate transportation of hazardous materials by railroad carriers which are consistent with the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and with any other federal railroad safety regulations.

Proposal No. 53 was in regard to Kansas titles for out-of-state used vehicles. Hank Avila stated a law which became effective on May 24, 1984, required vehicles coming into Kansas from out of state on a foreign title to have a vehicle identification number check by the Kansas Highway Patrol for a fee of \$10. The interim study concerned the Vehicle Identification Number inspection procedures as well as how the money received from the inspections is allocated.

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As a result of the interim study on Proposal No. 53, three bills were introduced by the Committee. HB-2024 concerns tampering with or altering certain readings on odometers and tachometers. HB-2025 eliminated the cost of a second vehicle identification number check in certain instances. HB-2026 authorizes adoption of rules and regulations by the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol in regard to vehicle identification number checks, odometer tampering, and certificate or title fraud.


Tom Severn briefed the Committee on Proposal No. 45 concerning motor fuel taxes. He stated the interim study specifically reviewed technical statutory provisions for indexing the motor fuel tax rates, and the transfer of sales taxes received from the sale of new and used motor vehicles to the highway fund. The Committee also reviewed the tax break differential for gasohol and its effect on motor fuel tax collections.

Three bills were introduced as a result of the interim study, HB-2021, HB-2022 and HB-2023.

HB-2021 would index the motor fuel tax to a new federal publication and change the percentage factor from 10 to 10.5 percent. HB-2022 would raise the state tax on gasohol by \$.01 effective July 1, 1985. HB-2023 would provide that the transfers of sales tax revenue from the State General Fund to the State Highway Fund would reflect the latest annual estimate made by the Secretary of Revenue of the percentage of sales tax collections attributable to sales of new and used motor vehicles.

The Chairman indicated there may be a request forthcoming for the Committee to introduce a seat belt bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.


Rex Crowell, Chairman

