

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

The meeting was called to order by Sen. Bill Morris at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 7, 1985 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Doyen, Francisco and Hayden were excused.

Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Revisor  
Hank Avila, Research Department  
Louise Cunningham, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Wynkoop, Electric Companies Association  
Don Low, Kansas Corporation Commission  
Jim Sullins, Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association  
Bill Green, Kansas Corporation Commission  
Marcus Woods, Department of Revenue  
Steve Wiechman, Kansas Automotive Dismantlers and Recyclers Association

HEARING ON S.B. 181 - Excavating and underground explosive regulation.

PROPONENTS:

John Wynkoop, Director of the Department of Water and Water Pollution Control for the City of Wichita, said he appeared as a member of the Kansas One-Call System, Inc. This System provides for a toll-free number where any excavator, within the state, can get information regarding the areas of excavation. He spoke in support of S.B. 181. A copy of his statement is attached. (Attachment 1). A letter from Kansas Gas and Electric Company signed Don H. Elliott dated March 6, 1985 in support of S.B. 181 was also submitted. A copy is attached. (Attachment 2).

Don Low, KCC, said they were in support of S.B. 181. They encourage the development of a program which will help prevent damage to underground facilities. If underground facilities are damaged it is expensive and this has to be included in rates. Also, there is interuption of service to consumers.

On a motion from Sen. Frey and a second from Sen. Martin the Minutes of March 4, 1985 were approved. Motion carried.

CONTINUED HEARING ON S.B. 321 - Dealer license plate bill.

Bill Green, KCC, had a suggested amendment to S.B. 321. He said it was a more comprehensive amendment to pin down exemptions to dealer license plates. A copy of this amendment is attached. (Attachment 3).

A motion was made by Sen. Frey and seconded by Sen. Hoferer to add the amendment to S.B. 321. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the merits of raising the cost of a dealer's first license plate from \$10 to \$250. It was brought out that some people are using a dealer's license in lieu of paying property taxes and sales taxes.

There was also discussion that perhaps a certain number of cars should have to be sold in a year's time to qualify for a dealer's license.

Marcus Woods, Department of Revenue, had some figures for 1984. He said 315 dealers had sold no cars and 495 dealers had sold 5 or less cars. This was a total of 810 dealers out of 3600 dealers in all categories.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES,  
room 254-E Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on March 7, 19   .

Sen. Frey made a conceptual motion that if you sell 5 or less automobiles per year, then you could not get a license. You would have to sell at least 5. Motion was seconded by Sen. Norvell.

Steven Wiechman said this would not work. You should get a license and then 5 sales would be necessary to renew. Licensing and tags should be kept different. Sen. Frey withdrew his motion.

Sen. Frey made a conceptual motion that you would not change the way to apply for a license but to renew the license you would have to show at least 5 sales in the previous year in order to get dealer tags. Motion was seconded by Sen. Hoferer. Motion carried.

The Chairman said there had also been an amendment that to qualify as a full-time employee you had to work at least 20 hours. A motion was made by Sen. Walker and seconded by Sen. Hoferer to adopt this conceptual amendment into S.B. 321. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about whether the licensing fee was too high but the Chairman said the Car Dealers themselves had requested this legislation and no one had come forward to say this was too high.

A motion was made by Sen. Walker and seconded by Sen. Hoferer that S.B. 321, as amended, be recommended favorable for passage.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

SENATE LABOR, INDUSTRY & TOURISM COMMITTEE

Date 3-7-85

Place 354-E

Time 9:00

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Howard B. Smith	"	" " "
Don Low	KLL 500	
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Richard D. Keady	"	KPL / Gas Services Co.
Dr. Swigg	"	S.W. DILL - S. CO.
Jeery Conrad	"	KGSE
Grace Matt	"	Sen Walker office

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Wynkoop. I am Director of the Department of Water and Water Pollution Control for the City of Wichita. I appear here before you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas One-Call System, Inc., in support of S.B. 181.

The purpose of Kansas One-Call System, Inc. and that of S. B. 181 is to protect underground facilities from destruction, damage or dislocation in order to prevent death and injury to persons, damage to private and public property and the loss or curtailment of use of services.

The concept of Kansas One-Call is simple. Any excavator, within the state, 48 hours prior to the start of work, calls a toll-free number. The information is received at a central office, where utility locations are checked and all member utilities who have facilities in the area of excavation are notified. The utilities then mark or flag their facilities before the excavator begins work.

The Kansas One-Call System, Inc., was chartered as a non-profit corporation in October 1983, for the purpose of implementing and operating a statewide one-call damage prevention program.

Kansas One-Call had its beginning in 1982 when the Kansas Corporation Commission called a meeting of public utilities to explore the establishment of a state-wide system as a means of complying with federal legislation that mandated the establishment of a damage prevention program for natural gas pipeline operators and distributors. Since a successful local one-call system had been in operation in Wichita for several years, the Chairman of that organization was asked to head up a steering committee to explore the possibility of establishing a similar system, statewide. That committee effort resulted in the present Kansas One-Call System, Inc.

Kansas One-Call became operational in Wichita on August 15, 1984 and at present has over 90 members who operate every type of pipeline imaginable, from petroleum products to cable television. During this 6 months of operation, Kansas One-Call has received over 26,000 locate requests. We have a toll-free number, which is 1-800-DIG-SAFE and we have developed a fee structure which makes membership affordable to all.

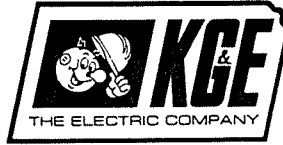
State one-call systems are not new. As of 1981, there were 106 one-call notification centers operating in some 40 states. Seventeen operate on a state-wide basis. The other 89 operate within a given area of a state. Some 23 states of the 40 with one-call systems have enacted legislation requiring notification prior to excavation. States that have one-call systems have experienced reductions in property damage from 20% to 60%. Our neighboring states of Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma all have legislation requiring notification and the Missouri legislature is now considering it.

S. B. 181 is a major step forward in the prevention of damage to underground facilities for not only Kansas One-Call System, Inc. members, but for every operator of underground facilities in Kansas.

Further, it would provide assurance to every excavator, which includes underground operators, that their planned work would be expedited through the notification and location process.

We encourage the adoption of S. B. 181.

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KANSAS GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

March 6, 1985

DON H. ELLIOTT  
REGIONAL MANAGER — WICHITA REGION

Senator Bill Morris, Chairman  
Transportation and Utilities Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Morris:

Approximately ten years ago the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County passed ordinances authorizing the establishment of a Utility Location Coordination Council in the Wichita area. Participation in this group included the Department of Public Works-Sedgwick County, Department of Public Works-City of Wichita, water and sewer utilities in Wichita, Metropolitan Planning Department-Sedgwick County/Wichita, Gas Service Company, Arkla Gas Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone and Kansas Gas and Electric Company. Later Multi-Media Cablevision also joined the ULCC group.

The purpose of the council is to address problems of mutual concern affecting the quality and reliability of necessary utility service to residents in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Shortly after our formation you informed us of the new Department of Transportation regulations regarding pipeline safety and the need for a damage prevention program.

As a direct result of that information provided from your office, the Wichita group developed a one-call system in the metropolitan Wichita area with the name of Kan-U-Dig-It. This was staffed by two employees and provided a single number to call when contractors, home owners, and others planning to excavate in this area wished to notify utilities. The Kan-U-Dig-It program was extremely successful in our area and led directly to the formation in August of last year of the Kansas One-Call Center which is located in Wichita.

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What we did in the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County we are now attempting to implement statewide. The Kansas Corporation Commission and their staff has been extremely helpful in the creation and establishment of this organization and program. We currently have in excess of 90 members and have provided one number in the state, 1-800-DIG-SAFE, for all interested parties to use.

As chairman of the Wichita/Sedgwick County ULCC, I have been authorized to indicate to you our support for Senate Bill No. 181. My group believes in the one number to call concept and through experience know its implementation and use will improve reliability of utility service to citizens of Kansas while reducing the loss of property and threat of injury to others. We very much appreciate your consideration and that of your committee of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Morris", written in a cursive style.

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cc: Bernard Ruddick, President  
and Chairman of the Board  
Kansas One-Call, Inc.

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(r) A vehicle being operated with a dealer license plate issued under K.S.A. 8-2406 and amendments thereto, and in compliance with K.S.A. 8-136 and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto and vehicles being operated with a full privileged license plate issued under Section 4.

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