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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./~~noon~~ on February 18, 1986 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~.  
Sen. Walker was excused.

Committee staff present:

Fred Carman, Revisor  
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Louise Cunningham, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sen. Eric Yost  
Lt. Bill Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol  
Harley T. Duncan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue  
David Huyett, Wichita, Sunglow, Inc.  
Patrick J. Keeley, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Madico, Inc.  
Wayne Peterson, Topeka, Peterson Systems  
Melvin Solko, Hays, Hays Glass Tinting  
David Warner, Topeka, Peterson Systems

The Chairman asked the committee to reconsider the action taken last Friday when it introduced legislation requested by Secretary Kemp on the Governor's economic development highway improvement program. In drafting the bill an error was made and the bill was labeled as a Ways and Means bill and was sent to Ways and Means instead of to the Transportation Committee. A conceptual motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. Thiessen to reconsider the introduction of that bill. Motion carried.

Sen. Norvell stated that this committee should handle all transportation issues. He said this committee was better informed on these matters and should make the decisions.

Sen. Doyen, as former President of the Senate, said it was a rule of the Senate that any bill that had an appropriation was to be sent to the Ways and Means Committee. As a rule, it was usually double referred to two committees. The rules are set at the beginning of the session.

HEARING ON S.B. 469 - Personalized license plates.

Sen. Yost said since two plates are not required in Kansas the manufacturer does not put a plate holder on the front of cars and when a person has the personalized plates he has to use two plates and must drill holes in the car. He felt that these people should not have to display two plates. One would be sufficient.

Lt. Bill Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol, said they opposed this because it was in direct opposition to the two plate system they were supporting. If an owner lost a plate or mislaid it someone else could use that personalized plate. He said usually the brackets for a plate are in trunks of new cars and the holes are already in.

Secretary Duncan opposed S.B. 469 because tags that were not displayed could be used on other cars and a front license plate bracket is a no-cost option on new vehicles. A copy of his statement is attached. (Att. 1).

HEARING ON S.B. 559 - Windows of Motor Vehicles

David Huyett, Sunglow Inc., Wichita, said there was confusion about the density of the glass coating material and one patrolman might say it is not

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room 254-E, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 18, 1986.

a violation and another may give a ticket to one of their customers. He said the description "substantial impairment" was confusing. This bill was introduced at his request.

Patrick J. Keeley, Tulsa, said he was a manufacturer's representative. He said some car manufacturers are tinting at the factory and he felt there should be no discrimination and they should be able to put on what the car manufacturers put on. Many people want to get the tinting put on but they are not sure about the density. He passed around samples to show the light density.

Wayne Peterson, Peterson Systems, said customers want this to protect the interior of the car from the sun and it also keeps up the value of the automobile. They promote a two-way vision window. This allows officers to see into an automobile.

Melvin Solko, Hays, Hays Glass Tinting, said tinted glass is not the only way to conceal a weapon. He said he recommends the lighter density to his customers.

David Warner, Peterson Systems, Topeka said his customers are varied in age. Some of the older ones have eye problems and the tinted glass allows them to use their cars in the daytime when there is extreme light.

Lt. Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol, said the two sample densities the committee had been shown were viewed here in a light room but at night in the dark it is impossible to see through them. It is like wearing sunglasses in the dark. This is a real concern to law enforcement people and it is dangerous to them. People should not have privacy windows to provide for illegal activities. The tint is no problem if it is a light shade.

A motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. Hayden to approve the Minutes of February 13, 1986. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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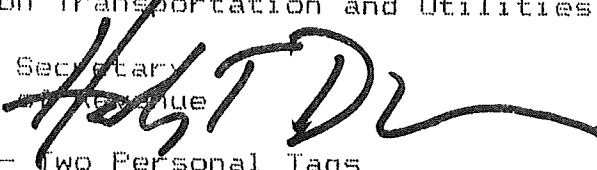
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Bill Morris, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Transportation and Utilities

FROM: Harley T. Duncan, Secretary  
Kansas Department of Revenue 

RE: Senate Bill **469** - Two Personal Tags

DATE: February 18, 1986

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on Senate Bill **469** which would require that a vehicle display two personalized license plates only if it is "specifically" designed to carry two tags. The Department of Revenue must respectfully oppose this legislation. We do so for two reasons.

First, we believe the bill would create several enforcement problems. It would create a situation in which there are tags produced and on the street which are not required to be displayed on a vehicle. These tags could be used on other vehicles without the payment of the proper personalized plate fee or perhaps without the payment of other required registration fees. You would also have a situation in which two vehicles would have the same license plate which creates a problem for law enforcement. Finally, law enforcement or someone would have to determine which vehicles are specifically designed for two tags and which are not so that it could be determined if a citation for failure to display the proper plates was in order.

Second, I believe one could argue that the bill is of no practical effect. It is my understanding that all vehicles sold in the United States must be capable of displaying two license tags. In some cases, this may require the attachment of bracket or other device, but such devices must be available. In addition, a front license plate bracket is a "no cost option" on new vehicles. Therefore, determining those vehicles that are not "specifically" designed to carry two plates is not as straightforward as it may seem. With two plates being required in over 30 jurisdictions, it is inconceivable that not all vehicles are made to carry two tags.

Thank you for this opportunity. I would be glad to attempt to answer any questions.

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