

MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Rex Crowell at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on March 16, 1987 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research
Donna Mulligan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Richard Bond
Ms. Willie Martin, Sedgwick County, Kansas
Mr. Tom Sloan, Administrative Assistant to Senator Robert Talkington
Ms. Nancy Welsh, Douglas County, Kansas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crowell, and the first order of business was a hearing on SB-189 concerning the designation of Interstate Highway 670 as the Jay Dillingham Freeway.

Senator Richard Bond, co-sponsor of the bill, briefed the Committee on its contents.

The hearing on SB-189 ended.

The next order of business was a hearing on SB-29 concerning the registration of city and county vehicles.

Ms. Willie Martin, Sedgwick County, Kansas, testified in support of SB-29. (See Attachment 1) She said the savings of time and paper work involved in processing yearly tags for municipally owned vehicles will be of benefit to all local units of government.

Chairman Crowell passed among Committee members, written testimony from Ms. Bev Bradley, Kansas Association of Counties, in favor of SB-29. (See Attachment 2)

The hearing on SB-29 was concluded.

The next order of business was a hearing on SB-44 concerning the overtaking and passing by vehicles at certain intersections.

Mr. Tom Sloan, Administrative Assistant to Senator Robert Talkington, spoke in support of SB-44.

Chairman Crowell distributed copies of written testimony from Mr. Ed DeSoignie, Kansas Department of Transportation, expressing support of SB-44. (See Attachment 3)

The hearing on SB-44 ended.

The next order of business was a hearing on SB-55 concerning the waiver of penalties for late vehicle registration.

Ms. Nancy Welsh, Douglas County Treasurer, testified in support of SB-55. (See Attachment 4) She said enactment of this bill will result in the rules of registration becoming more comparable and fair between the staggered and non-staggered systems, and definitely be a positive measure towards service to the taxpayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.


Rex Crowell, Chairman



SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATOR

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February 4, 1987

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

REF: SENATE BILL 29

Interim Proposal No. 32

**Permanent Registration of County & City Owned
Vehicles**

**From: Willie Martin, Intergovernmental Coordinator
Sedgwick County**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

I am Willie Martin, representing the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners. Sedgwick County would like to express their support for S.B. 29 which provides for permanent registration of municipally owned vehicles. The savings of time and the paper work involved in processing yearly tags for municipally owned vehicles will be of benefit to all local units of government.

The processing of tags for the 550 vehicles owned by Sedgwick County involves the Purchasing Department, Controller's Office, Auto License Department, and the Motor Pool. The county expends approximately \$3500 to \$4000 (not including the cost of tags) and remits to the State \$1650 in registration fees.

We believe the proposed legislation will simplify the process, provide control, and maintain state revenues.

We respectfully request your support of S.B. 29.

Attach. 1

Kansas Association of Counties

Serving Kansas Counties

212 S.W. Seventh Street, Topeka, Kansas 66603

Phone (913) 233-2271

March 16, 1987

To: Representative Rex Crowell
Members of the House Transportation Committee

From: Bev Bradley, Legislative Coordinator
Kansas Association of Counties

Re: SB-29, Permanent Registration of
City and County owned vehicles

The Kansas Association of Counties supports SB-29 as we have supported one-time registration of governmental vehicles for a long time. Our voting delegates voted unanimously at our annual conference in November, to include this concept in our legislative policy statement.

The main concern is the time involved now in re-registering each vehicle each year and getting the appropriate number on each motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer. The testimony this summer indicated that some jurisdictions registered 1000 or more vehicles annually.

We particularly like section (b) - license plates shall be distinctive with no date. The words city or county are fine, but we would not object to something more generic like "local government."

With each county having a computer for VIPS and reappraisal it would be no problem to file the annual report with the state. As a former county commissioner, I can guarantee I knew how many vehicles Douglas County had - not nearly 1000 - and when we paid to replace them.

We support SB-29. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Attach. 2

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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HORACE B. EDWARDS, Secretary of Transportation

MIKE HAYDEN, Governor

March 16, 1987

MEMORANDUM TO: The Honorable Rex Crowell, Chairman
House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Edward R. DeSoignie
Policy Coordinator, KDOT

REGARDING: Senate Bill 44, as amended

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee, Senate Bill 44 amends K.S.A. 8-1519 to require the Kansas Department of Transportation and county road departments to sign intersections on state or county maintained roads, located outside of cities, at which passing on the left is prohibited. The bill seeks to resolve conflicts in rules of the road cited by the Kansas Supreme Court in *Nirschl v. Webb* (239 Kan. 90, p. 97).

In Webb the Court found that while K.S.A. 8-1519 prohibits vehicles from passing on the left when approaching within 100 feet of an intersection, motorists might not comply with the law at a place where the Department of Transportation has marked a highway with a broken yellow centerline indicating that passing is permitted. Senate Bill 44 as introduced, addressed the conflict by requiring the State and counties to place intersection signs at those intersections where passing is prohibited.

Testifying before the Senate and Transportation and Utilities Committee the Department noted that from a traffic engineering perspective, the use of intersection signs would not resolve the conflicts which presently exist. Such signs are classed as warning signs to the motorists and are used to indicate the existence of conditions which require caution and may call for reduction of speed or a maneuver in the interest of safety. Intersection signs do not prohibit passing unless used in combination with other signing or pavement marking. Estimates of costs for the signs are in the range of \$50 apiece inclusive of materials and labor costs. Such costs would be borne by both the State and counties for signage of routes under their respective jurisdictions.

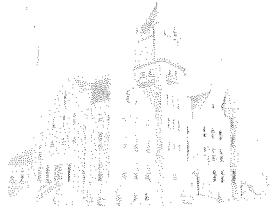
Attach. 3

The Department requested amending the bill to resolve the conflicts noted in Webb and to reduce or eliminate the fiscal impact on the State and counties. Senate Bill 44, as amended would prohibit passing on the left at those intersections which are signed and/or pavement marked as no passing zones. The Senate Committee's amendments would bring the statute and established traffic engineering practices closer together.

At present intersecting routes, such as state highways and county highways, of sufficient traffic to constitute a hazard, are designated as no passing zones by pavement markings and by use of no passing pennant signs. Intersecting routes of low traffic volume such as county section line roads are generally not signed as no passing zones.

Senate Bill 44, as amended would address the Supreme Court's concerns and eliminate the need for additional signing. The Department respectfully requests that Senate Bill 44, as amended be reported favorable for passage.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee.



Douglas County Treasurer

DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Eleventh & Massachusetts

Lawrence, Kansas 66044

March 16, 1987

TO: Transportation and Utilities Committee
FROM: Nancy Welsh, Douglas County Treasurer
RE: Support of Senate Bill 55

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Nancy Welsh, Douglas County Treasurer. I am here on behalf of the County Treasurer's Association to voice to you our support of Senate Bill 55 and its effect on the taxpayers of Kansas.

Currently, renewal applications for autos, motorcycles, mopeds and trucks weighing under 12,000 lbs. are mailed from the state forty-five days prior to their expiration date. The present law makes no provision for a grace period on vehicles registering on the staggered system when that last day of renewal falls on a week-end or on a day the Treasurer's office may be closed due to a holiday. Grace periods are provided by law for trucks weighing over 12,000 lbs., mobile homes and trailers. These tags expire December 31st and have until February 15th to renew with no penalty.

Please understand some holidays may include a period of four days counting the weekend. Following the rules of registration becomes extremely difficult if the last day of the month falls on Friday and the County Treasurer's office has been closed since Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

True, the law does give individuals on the staggered system forty-five days to renew prior to the expiration date; however, when individuals are paid at the end of the month, they become penalized because the County Treasurer's office is closed for the weekend or holiday.

I realize this request is small in size; however, because of the number of people it will affect, the results will be large. By enacting this bill, the rules of registration become more comparable and fair between the staggered and non-staggered systems. This would definitely be a positive measure towards service to the taxpayer. I ask your consideration and support of Senate Bill 55 on behalf of the County Treasurer's Association and all individuals who will be affected by this bill.

Nancy Welsh, Douglas County Treasurer

Nancy L. Welsh, County Treasurer
Courthouse

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Attach 4