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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./~~p.m.~~ on January 29, 1988 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Sen. J. Norvell and Sen. D. Thiessen

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Louise Cunningham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dairl Bragg, Washington, D.C.
Steve DeMoure, Sun Limited, Wichita
Lt. Bill Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol

The Chairman said the purpose of this meeting was to review the window tint law. Last year S.B. 192 was passed and it went into effect on January 1 with enforcement and citations were issued. There had been some misunderstandings and this meeting was to see what could be done to solve any problems.

Dairl Bragg is a representative of the manufacturers of the window tinting product. They were pleased with the Kansas law and felt that it gave the consumer what he needs and still offered protection for law enforcement officials. He said he had learned of some problems with windshields concerning the eyebrow portion. This is a manufacturing option and could be a violation of Kansas law. If a Kansan business were to do it, they would be in violation of the law. This is really discrimination against Kansas business.

Steve DeMoure, Sun Limited, has been in the business of window tinting since 1974. He said the new law is a fine law and it is an equitable law but he has problems when a customer comes in and wants a tint and he cannot do it as dark as when it comes from the manufacturer. He was concerned about the liability as a businessman if a person were cited for the tint being too dark from an application prior to the enactment of S.B. 192. He was assured that he was under no liability.

Lt. Bill Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol, said the sun screening was used in conjunction with tinted windows from the factory. He felt the material should all be controlled at the federal level. The law enforcement officers use templates to gauge the tint of the windows now. There are measuring devices available but they cost approximately \$400. It is not feasible for law officers to have these devices but a business could utilize them as a part of their business expense. Installers now cannot install the same tint as that which comes through a manufacturer but this is a federal problem. Kansas now has a good law and it is a reasonable law.

Mr. Bragg said there is an inequity in the law and if GM and Ford can do a tint a Kansas businessman should be able to do the same thing in this state.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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