

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

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

9:02 a.m./p.m. on February 21, 1991 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

~~All members were present except~~ Members present:

Senators Morris, Doyen, Brady, Hayden, Kanan, F. Kerr, Martin, Rock, Sallee and Thiessen.

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Joe Dick, Director, Motor Vehicles  
Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association  
Gary Stotts, Secretary of Transportation  
Paul Matthews, Highway Users Federation

Bill Requests.

Joe Dick said the Department of Revenue had seven bills which they would like to have introduced as committee bills.

1. To change the point of collection for special fuel (diesel) tax from the user/retailer to the distributor/wholesaler.
2. Repeal requirement for Department of Revenue to estimate sales tax attributable to retail sales of new and used motor vehicles.
3. Increase the annual fee for full-privilege license plates for dealers from \$350 to \$500.
4. Increase fee for 72-hour temporary permits from \$20 to \$26 to conform with other permit fee increases authorized by the 1989 Legislature.
5. Technical amendments to Commercial Drivers License Act.
6. Increase the fee for a motor vehicle fuel tax refund permit from \$1 to \$6.
7. Amend inconsistent provisions between DUI, Implied Consent and CDL laws.

The committee felt the CDL bills (No. 5 and No. 7) could probably be handled as amendments to SB 71 and the revisor was instructed to prepare these amendments; however if the amendments became too extensive for floor amendments the committee would request the revisor to write No. 5 and No. 7 proposals as a new bill and include SB 71 in that request.

A motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. Martin to introduce the remaining five bills as committee bills. Motion carried.

Tom Whitaker said he had a request regarding towing and recovery. This would be for vehicles with a value of less than \$500. They would like to eliminate the 60-day requirement. People are stripping down their cars and then abandoning them without any recourse. A motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. Sallee to introduce the bill as a committee bill. Motion carried.

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Gary Stotts, the new Secretary of Transportation, was introduced to the committee by Chairman Morris. He said he had extensive experience in budget and fiscal management and was familiar with the highway program. He realizes the pressure that will be brought to bear because of the fiscal problems of the state. He would like to keep the comprehensive highway program intact and would work to that end. He said his department was ready to cooperate with the committee and his staff would provide any information they could.

Paul Matthews said the federal government would soon release their plans to expand primary and interstate systems. There would be a draw-down on the federal highway fund. Bill has not yet been drafted.

Secretary Stotts said in April they would make a presentation to federal legislators.

Action on SB 263 - Notice to state corporation commission of accidents.

A motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. F. Kerr to recommend SB 263 favorably for passage and recommend it be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Doyen and was seconded by Sen. Sallee to approve the Minutes of February 19 and 20, 1991. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Next meeting February 26, 1991.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Date 2-21-91 Place 254-E Time 9:02

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