

Approved 1-29-92
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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

9:02 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on January 22, 1992 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~.

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:

Mike Johnston, Secretary, Department of Transportation

Secretary Johnston appeared before the committee to answer any questions they had pertaining to the Comprehensive Highway Program.

He was asked to comment on relocation of roads and by-passes when they went around towns. Were these governed by special interests and how were determinations made. The Secretary said he had to evaluate all the information. They held public meetings to get input from the community. Many times the retail business does not want a by-pass but other residents want it. They also have to balance the cost. A whole range of factors goes into the evaluation. Engineering also brings in recommendations. When they look at a by-pass they look at all benefits and losses. In the Concordia by-pass cost would be a big factor.

The Secretary was questioned about Hwy. 75 through the Indian reservation. The Indians wanted the highway to go through the reservation and the state gave them \$200,000 in compensation. This was causing dissatisfaction in the community. The Secretary said if they were to change the plans it would have added \$300,000 or \$400,000 to the cost. Time was also involved. When these factors were considered it was decided that paying the tribe for control of right-of-way was the way to go. He said this project was proceeding just the same way as any other. A member stated that if they wanted a highway through their reservation bad enough they should have given some concessions.

The committee discussed the motorcycle helmet issue and the loss of federal funds if the state doesn't take action on this issue. If the state does not take action we would not have the opportunity to apply for grants and money would be diverted from our highway program. At this time the state is not sure what the grant loss would be. It could be \$1.4 million.

Secretary Johnston was questioned about the Fast-Track program, specifically Hwy. 83 south of Garden City. It was agreed that his was a bad piece of road. The Secretary said some mistakes had been made in the past and we have learned from those mistakes. He said he had heard many stories but he said he would do his best to get the best highways for the state. The Secretary stated that most Fast-Track projects had been completed in a satisfactory manner and they were constantly evaluating their standards.

Review of Bills in Committee.

Bruce Kinzie gave a brief review of the bills in committee.

SB 435 - This bill would exempt certain electric cooperatives from KCC regulation. To be eligible the co-op must have less than 15,000 customers.

SB 461 - This bill would provide confidentiality. It would prevent someone from obtaining information by just calling the division of vehicles with a license number.

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SB 493 - This bill would permit students with restricted licenses to operate a vehicle to a school sponsored activity when school is not in session such as to a football practice.

HB 2437 - This bill would provide for an extension for renewal of a driver's license. This was to accommodate students or people who had gone south for the winter.

There was some discussion that this had already been handled. A motion was made by Sen. Doyen to recommend HB 2437 unfavorably for passage. Motion was seconded by Sen. F. Kerr. Motion carried.

On a motion from Sen. Sallee and a second from Sen. Doyen the Minutes of January 16, 1992 were approved. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting January 29, 1992.

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