

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth King at 1:30 p.m. on January 23, 1996 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Delbert Crabb, excused  
Representative Tony Powell, excused  
Representative Eugene Shore, excused

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Tom Severn, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Bruce Larkin  
Representative Dale Swenson  
Mike Meacham, Kansas Automotive Recyclers Association  
Betty McBride, Director, Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue  
Sgt. Terry Maple, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending: See attached list

**HB 2151 - vehicles, major component parts, not requiring copy of title.**

Hearings were opened. The Chair called upon staff to give a briefing of **HB 2151**.

Representative Larkin, sponsor of the bill, requested the bill after receiving complaints from his constituents who are salvage dealers regarding the paper work involved concerning component parts. He stated, however, that he would agree with an amendment which would be offered which would address this matter in a more concise way.

Mike Meacham, Executive Director of the Kansas Automotive Recyclers Association, told the committee while the automobile recyclers are supportive of the policy goal to prevent the trafficking in stolen car parts, the maintenance of copies of vehicle titles is costly and excessive. He stated the association would propose the bill of sale include the VIN number so as to achieve the policy goal sought by the original legislation, while eliminating the bureaucratic requirement of keeping a physical copy of the title. (Attachment 1)

Representative Dale Swenson presented a balloon to the committee which he stated would make **HB 2151** less cumbersome. His amendment would require the original title be presented on the last sale of the vehicle and only the vehicle identification number be used when selling major component parts by a licensed salvage vehicle dealer.

The Chair called on Betty McBride, Director of Division of Vehicles of the Department of Revenue, who stated the original title on the last major transaction was all that is required by the Department.

Sgt. Terry Maple stated the best way for the Highway Patrol to check on stolen vehicle parts on inspection was to have the title, however, if there was another, less complicated, way to accomplish the same thing the Department would be open to this.

Following questions by the committee the Chair closed hearings on **HB 2151**.

The minutes for the meetings of January 17th and January 18th were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Dillon made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Compton and the motion carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 1996.

# HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: January 23, 1996

NAME	REPRESENTING
Mike Meacham	Ks Automotive Recyclers Assn
Jim Kelle	BLE
Rick Lewis	BLE
Jacquie Oakes	Ks Ind. Auto Dealers
Alice Annen-Underwood	Johnson County Transit
Valleen Hull	Tri-County Para Transit Council
Marcia Bernard	K C R Transit
Mark Swope	Kansas City Area Trans. Auth.
Bob Baker	K.O. Area Trans. Authority
Tom Whitaker	Ks Motor Carriers Assn
Terry Maple	KHP
DALE SWENSON	DIST 97
Betty McBride	KDOR
Rick Scheibe	KDOR

# Kansas Automotive Recyclers Association Legislative Testimony on HB 2151

House Committee on Transportation  
January 23, 1996

*Mike Meacham  
Executive Director*

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to appear today on behalf of HB 2151. Our association is always grateful for the opportunity to participate in the public policy-making process.

HB 2151 would eliminate the requirement imposed on automobile recyclers to keep copies of vehicle titles for large parts of automobiles. While we are supportive of the policy goal underlying the requirement, to prevent the trafficking in stolen car parts, the maintenance of copies of vehicle titles is needlessly costly and excessive. By the same token, to eliminate all record of the vehicles might be an overreaction. We would propose that the bill of sale include the VIN number so as to achieve the policy goal sought by the original legislation, while eliminating the "bureaucratic" requirement of keeping a physical copy of the title.

Our understanding is that Representative Larkin would welcome an amendment of this nature and that Representative Swenson is preparing an amendment to this effect. With that small change, Mr. Chairman, the Kansas Automotive Recyclers Association is pleased to join in support of this bill.

*House Transportation Committee  
January 23, 1996  
Attachment 1*