

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Don Myers at 1:30 p.m. on March 12, 1996 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Crabb, excused  
Representative King, excused  
Representative Long, excused  
Representative Presta, excused  
Representative 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 McKinney  
Senator Vidricksen  
Senator Morris  
Anita Cheatum  
Jeanette Siemens, Executive Director, Pratt Chamber of Commerce  
Ray Koerner, Greensburg Chamber of Commerce  
Shelly Krestine, Kansas Developmental Disability Council

Others attending: See attached list

**SB 440 - designating part of U.S. 54 as Cannonball Stageline Highway**

Hearings opened. Staff gave a briefing on the bill which designates U.S. Highway 54 west from the east city limits of Kingman to the west city limits of Greensburg as the Cannonball Stageline Highway. DOT would place signs along the right-of-way with this designation using donations and private funds to pay the costs.

Representative McKinney was the first conferee who spoke in support of **SB 440**. He stated the cooperation between the three communities and three counties involved in this project has been amazing with endorsement from the historical societies, the Chambers of Commerce and the county governments. He told the committee this project would not only help promote tourism in their area but would also make the community aware of their heritage and would preserve it.

Senator Vidricksen said, as a strong supporter of tourism, he was very impressed with the amount of work and money the communities had put into this project. He felt it was very significant for rural tourism to maintain this piece of heritage and stands in support of **SB 440**.

Anita Cheatum gave a brief history of Donald Robertson "Cannonball" Green, stating he ran a stage line from Kingman to Coldwater, by way of Pratt, and since the speed of his coaches was compared to the Wabash Cannonball he named the stage line the "Cannonball Stage". When Kiowa County was organized in 1886, Green was elected to the state legislature. It was there he acquired the nickname of Cannonball. A resolution by the Kingman Chamber of Commerce, upon the death of Mr. Green in 1922, stated "he provided such transportation as the early days of Kansas needed, and his life was a highly useful and important one to the early settlers of Kansas who found him a friend when friends, through few, were much to be desired." (Attachment 1)

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, Room 526-S Statehouse, at 1:30 p.m. on March 12, 1996.

Jeanette Siemens, Pratt Chamber of Commerce, stated she felt there was a resurgence of interest in rural American, and its' cultural history, not only by local citizens but by the large number of international visitors coming to Kansas each year. She quoted statistics of the visitors from the South Haven Visitors Center in May of 1995 which showed of the 10,000+ visitors to the Center, 8,500 were out-of-state visitors and 332 were international visitors. She concluded rural communities are struggling to not only grow but are working very hard to keep the population number which they have. With the designation of the highway, and the cooperative efforts of all the communities, they feel this will give the communities another area of interest to visit in Kansas.

Ray Koerner, Greensburg Chamber of Commerce, stated it was projected by the Travel and Tourism Division that tourism will surpass the oil and airplane industry in the next few years as the largest business in Kansas. He presented letters of support from the towns which will be along the route of the highway. The communities are planning for a \$3,000 Historical Marker to be placed in a roadside park in Cunningham as well as signs in Kingman, Pratt and Greensburg, all to be paid for by private funds. The Cannonball Stageline Highway committee asks for support of **SB 440.** (Attachment 2)

In response to committee question, the designated highway would be 80 miles in length.

There were no opponents to this bill and the Vice-Chair closed hearings on **SB 440.**

### **SB 393 - distinctive drivers' licenses for deaf or hard of hearing**

Hearing opened. Vice-Chair called on staff to review the bill. This bill provides for a person who is deaf or hard of hearing to request a driver's license which is readily distinguishable from driver's licenses issued to other drivers. Also a floor amendment was added to the bill which relates to the voluntary surrender of drivers' licenses.

Senator Morris was the first proponent. He stated this bill would modify Kansas drivers licenses slightly to allow for a rapid identification of those Kansans who are hearing impaired. This bill was introduced when some hearing impaired individuals voiced concern with the possibility of being stopped by law enforcement personnel and reaching for a notebook to write on and having this misconstrued as reaching for a gun. This change has been coordinated with the Department of Motor Vehicles who stated the cost would be minimal. (Attachment 3)

Shelly Krestine, Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, stood in support of **SB 393.** She stated the Council supports this bill which would provide individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing with a distinguishable drivers' license. In the event of an accident or other contact with law enforcement officers or medical providers, it would be immediately known that person needed an alternative form of communication. She concluded the Council appreciated the thought behind this bill and the concern for individuals with disabilities. (Attachment 4)

Following questions from the committee the Vice-Chair closed hearings on **SB 393.**

The minutes for the meetings of March 5th and 7th were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Correll made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Representative Dillon and the motion carried.

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1996.

# HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: March 12, 1996

NAME	REPRESENTING
Shelley Kristine	KCDD
Gary Carter	KDOR Vehicles
Sandra Dexter	KDOR / VEHICLES
Jeanette Siemens	Proth Chamber of Commerce
<del>W. Siemens</del>	<del>Proth Chamber of Commerce</del>
Linda Cheatum	Kingman "Cannonball"
Dan Cheatum	Kingman, Kan
Paula Jacobs	Kingman, Kansas
Ray Kerner	Greensburg, Ks. Cannonball
Steve Dawson	Greensburg Ks "CANNONBALL"
Anne Spiess	Peterson Public Affairs Group

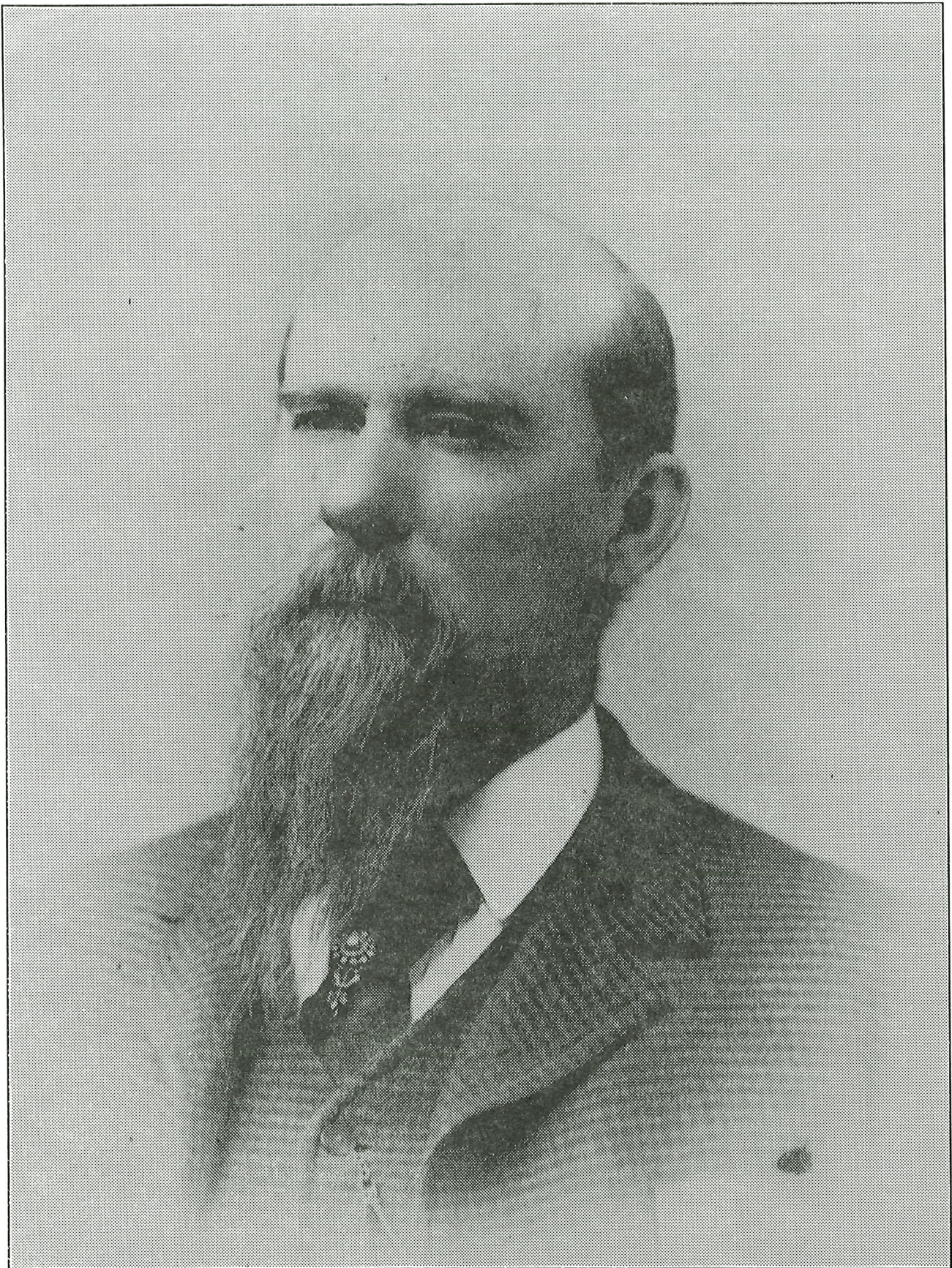


Photo courtesy The Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS

**DONALD ROBERTSON "CANNONBALL" GREEN**

*House Transportation Committee  
March 12, 1996  
Attachment 1*

**DONALD ROBERTSON "CANNONBALL" GREEN**  
**1839 - 1922**

Born in Kentucky in 1839, Donald R. Green became a colorful and flamboyant stage driver in the late 1800's. To quote Bob Getz in his January 10 column in the Wichita Eagle, "You usually have to be fictitious to get as colorful as Cannonball Green."

Green had many adventurous occupations beginning at the early age of 15 when he left Kentucky and went to California but he is best remembered as a stage coach driver which he learned in Montana after he had married Margaret Ellen Browning in Kentucky. The couple passed through Fort Scott, Kansas, when he had a mercantile business. From there they went to Montana and again came back to Kansas. By 1884, the Wichita and Western Railroad, later the Santa Fe, had come as far west as Kingman and Green saw an opportunity there. He ran his first stage line from Kingman to Coldwater by way of Pratt.

He claimed to have such a fast stage line that "even Father Time could not keep up". Because he compared the speed of his coaches with the Wabash Cannonball, he named his line the Cannonball Stageline. He used matched teams of horses, many of which had been wild broncos, and changed teams every eight to fifteen miles. A passenger could get from Kingman to Coldwater, a distance of 100 miles, in just one day on the Cannonball Stage.

It was a privilege for a newcomer to the west to ride on the driver's seat with Green as he was a "prairie textbook". He taught those who were used to plentiful trees how to twist the prairie grass into stove-wood lengths if they could not find enough buffalo chips to use for fire. He also warned them of grass fires and blizzards and how to prepare for each. He could also tell newcomers how to build dugouts for homes or how to build a sod shanty.

The story is told about how it came about that one of his children was born on the streets of Kingman. It seems as tho he was going to move his house from one location to another. The house had been loaded onto a trailer when a daughter was born. In those days neither the new mother nor baby were disturbed for at least two weeks so the house set in the middle of A Street until such time mother and baby could be disturbed and the move of the house could be finished.

The railroad caught up with Green and he moved further west, building a prairie mansion north of Coldwater near the town of Reeder. The Green family lived in high style as by this time the Cannonball State Line had prospered and grown to 70 Concord coaches and nearly 1,000 horses. The colors of the folders and the brochures inside represent the colors of the stage coaches. Donald Green dressed his six foot plus frame in fine broadcloth suits, wore a top hat, and a diamond pin in his tie. His wife had a private coach and wore diamonds. Many fine parties were held at Fairlawn, the prairie mansion.

Green usually had drivers for his stages but he often rode as a passenger himself. One trip found him with Carry Nation as a fellow passenger. Ms. Nation did not like the cigar that Green was smoking so she grabbed the offending cigar and threw it out the window. Green immediately had the stage stopped and he bodily removed her from the coach and left her standing alongside the trail in the dust of the stage.

Towns were vying for Green's attention, giving him free town lots if he would bring one of his stage lines through. One day he came upon a couple of surveyors who

e planning to begin their own town two miles east of Janesville. Striking a deal with them, he teamed with them to began the town of Greensburg. But to become an official town, they needed a post office, which the government refused stating Janesville already had the office and two miles was not enough distance apart. So -- one night a group of men visited the Janesville postmaster, stuck up a card game with him providing a good jug of "corn cheer". Around midnight the postmaster was sleeping peacefully in a corner of the post office. D. R. Green helped load the post office onto a sled and the next morning the postmaster found himself in business two miles east in Greensburg.

When Kiowa County was organized in 1886, Green was elected to the state legislature. It was there that he acquired the nickname of Cannonball. During the first legislative session, the Speaker of the House asked Green to step out into the aisle so that he could be better heard. Green answered, "If Mr. Burton will take a match and clean the wax out of his ears he can hear me." He was then introduced to the assembly as the owner of the Cannon Ball Stagecoach Line and his fellow House members thereafter called him "Cannonball Green" and the name stuck.

But the railroads were fast catching up with Donald "Cannonball" Green.

In 1889 the Rock Island Railroad had gone as far southwest as Pond Creek, Oklahoma, and Green entered into a contract with the railroad to meet their train and take 600 settlers on southwest. What the railroad failed to tell him was that all 600 people would arrive on one train. Even though he had rounded up all the stages, carriages, and wagons he could find, there was no way he could handle the mob that detrained that day. All he could do was stand by helplessly and he never recovered from the criticism he received.

In 1893 Green made the Cherokee Strip run into Oklahoma and took a claim three miles northwest of Pond Creek. He moved his family to that claim but he suffered many financial losses, eventually losing all he had accumulated except for a pair of mules and a cow. But he never lost his determination to succeed. He stayed in politics serving as county treasurer in Grant County and later as school appraiser in Caddo County.

The last few years of his life were spent in California where he lived near by a brother. He was still a town booster and served on the Long Beach city council. A few years before his death, he entered a stage driving contest in San Francisco and won by cutting a figure eight on the smallest space of ground.

Donald Robertson "Cannonball" Green died in 1922 at age 85 in California. He is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Wichita.

Undoubtedly the most enduring legacy of Green's life was secured during the brief years of the Cannonball Stageline's existence. A permanent route westward had been established. Just as the railroads had earlier followed the trails blazed by the stagelines, the highways of later days kept largely to these same paths. Today it takes little imagination when traveling 54 Highway to recall Cannonball Green, resplendent in his frock coat and Stetson hat, "hightailing" it westward down the Cannonball Highway.

To quote from a resolution by the Chamber of Commerce and published in the Kingman Journal upon the death of Green, "When the early history of Kingman County and Western Kansas is finally written D. R. (Cannonball) Green will appear a most vivid and interesting character.....Possessed of many manly qualities, unbounded enthusiasm and an especial gift for providing just such transportation as the early days of Kansas needed, his life was a highly useful and important one to the early settlers of Kansas who found him a friend when friends though few were much to be desired."

**Economic Impact**  
**The Cannonball Stageline Highway**

The first question will be how much will this cost the State of Kansas? We are planning on this not costing nothing but the time and labor to erect the signs. Witch we have talked with Deb Miller head of KDOT and she says that would be OK. We will be soliciting privet business for the cost of the signs. We plan on Having 12 made, they are to be put up in this order. Two in Kingman, two in Pratt, and two in Greensburg. We are also looking at putting up a Historical Marker in the roadside park that is being planed for in Cunningham. This will also not cost the State anything but labor to put up the sign. We are figuring the cost of this at \$3,000.

The other side of the coin is how much will this benefit the communities that The Cannonball Stageline Highway will be running through? The Greensburg Chamber of Commerce had their annual chamber meeting Saturday January 20, as there guest speaker they had Max Ary. Max was head of the Travel & Tourism Division last year and he was in Favor of the name change. Max said that tourism was the fourth largest business in Kansas. It is a 4 billion dollar industry. He projected that tourism will surpass the oil and airplane industry in the next few years. Studies have found that the more you can put your place of business before the tourist the more chance you have of them stopping and spending that dollar. We have maximized that idea by putting several towns together along this route as you can see by the letters of support. The one figure I have to help support this idea is the 1995 business report from the Big Well at Greensburg it has a \$1.43 sales per visitor at a rate of 57,614 visitors at the well. If The Cannonball Stageline Highway increased the amount of visitors just 1,000 people, look at what that would do for Greensburg. That doesn't count what it would do for the other towns.

Mr. Vidrickson and other senators of this committee if this bill passes we have already found a stage coach and are planning quite an occasion to kick this road off. We would like to have breakfast at Kingman, lunch at Pratt, and a supper at Greensburg. We would like to invite you at this time to plan on ridding the stage coach a portion of the route.

We the committee of The Cannonball Stageline Highway would like to thank you for you time and interest. At this time we would like to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you

Don & Anita Cheatum  
138 N. Main  
Kingman KS. 67068  
Ms. Jeanette Siemens  
P.O. Box 469  
Pratt KS. 67124  
Ray Koerner  
315 S. Sycamore  
Greensburg KS. 67054

*House Transportation Committee*  
*March 12, 1996*  
*Attachment 2*

7-10-95

To Dennis McKinney and KS legislators:

This is to give support from myself and the City Council of Cullison for legislative action necessary to designate a portion of US 54 Highway as the Cannonball Stageline Highway.

It is our feeling that preserving our history is important and we appreciate your support and assistance.

Sincerely,

*Don Rose*

Don Rose  
Mayor



PRATT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Pratt, Kansas

June 16, 1995

Kansas Legislators  
c/o Rep Dennis McKinney  
612 S. Spruce  
Greensburg, KS 67054

Dear Legislators:

With the settlement of the Southern part of Kansas comes a bit of history when Daniel R. "Cannonball" Green ran a stageline which started in Kingman, went through Pratt and continued on to the western town which was Greensburg. This stageline was in use prior to the coming of the railroad.

Many members of the local Historical Society remember US 54 being called the "Cannonball" and we would like to support having this portion of the Highway 54 designated as the "Cannonball Stageline Highway".

Since Pratt is halfway on the route, we would encourage a rest area be planned which would be in or near Pratt and also the history of the "Cannonball" could be explained there.

The effort of having this portion of the highway so designated will also be a means whereby the towns of Kingman, Cunningham, Pratt, Cullison, Haviland and Greensburg can pull together in a common effort and promote tourism by including the stage route in their history.

The Pratt County Historical Society Board of Directors endorses this proposed project and we encourage that this part of Kansas history be recognized.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

Nathan F. Schepmann, President,  
Pratt Co Historical Society



# CITY OF PRATT

City Clerk  
316-672-6446

P.O. Box 807  
Pratt, Kansas 67124

June 6, 1995

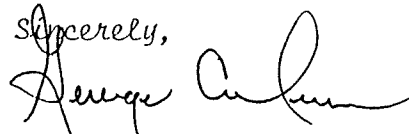
Ms. Jeanette Siemens, Executive Director  
Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 469  
Pratt, Ks. 67124

Dear Jeanette:

The Pratt City Commission at their regular meeting on June 5, 1995, discussed the proposal to name a section of U.S. 54 Highway the "Cannonball Stageline Highway", between Greensburg and Kingman.

This is to inform you of their support on this project and the application for an 80120 grant and private donations to fund the project.

Good Luck with the project and the grant application.

Sincerely,  


George Anderson, City Manager  
City of Pratt, Kansas

GA:bb

cc: Rep. Dennis McKinney, Greensburg, Ks.  
Deb Miller, Dept. of Transportation, Topeka, Ks.



P.O. Box 469 • Pratt, Kansas 67124 • Phone: 316 • 672-5501

September 26, 1995

Representative Dennis McKinney  
612 Spruce  
Greensburg, KS 67054

To Dennis McKinney and Kansas legislators:

This letter is in support of legislative action that would be necessary to designate the portion of Highway 54 from Kingman to Greensburg as the Cannonball Stageline Highway.

This project would call attention to an important time in our history as well as bring together in a cooperative effort three counties and several communities, and assist in tourism economic development efforts.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanette Siemens". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeanette Siemens  
Executive Director

JS:lg

# Pratt County

P.O. Box 885 (316) 672-4110  
Pratt, Kansas 67124

Office of the County Clerk  
Alma Walker, Clerk

County Commissioners

Charles F. Flinks, 1st Dist.  
Ramon Parker, 2nd Dist.  
Lothar Dauner, 3rd Dist.

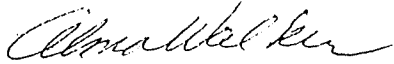
SEPTEMBER 26, 1995

TO: REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS MCKINNEY  
FROM: PRATT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RE: DESIGNATION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 54

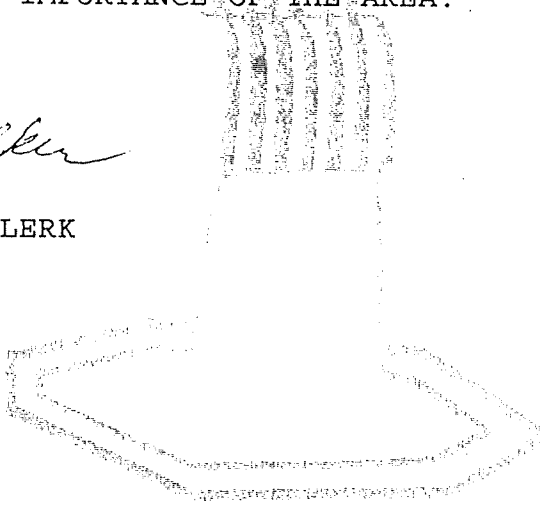
THE PRATT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY SUPPORT ANY LEGISLATIVE ACTION NECESSARY TO DESIGNATE THAT AREA OF U.S. HIGHWAY 54 FROM KINGMAN TO GREENSBURG, AS THE CANNONBALL STAGELINE HIGHWAY.

THIS PROJECT WOULD BE NOT ONLY OF ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO THE COUNTIES INVOLVED, BUT WOULD ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO THE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE AREA.

SINCERELY,



ALMA WALKER  
PRATT COUNTY CLERK



# PRATT CONVENTION AND TOURISM

P.O. BOX 469 • PRATT, KANSAS 67124 • (316) 672-5501

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Sincerely,



Ken Brown  
Chairman

KB:lg

# KIOWA COUNTY

GREENSBURG, KANSAS 67054

Co. Commissioners  
723-3366

Co. Clerk  
723-3366

Co. Treas.  
723-2681

Co. Sheriff  
723-2182

Road & Bridge  
723-2531



Reg. of Deeds  
723-2441

Co. Attorney  
723-2721

Appraiser  
723-3301

Co. Health Dept.  
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August 15, 1995

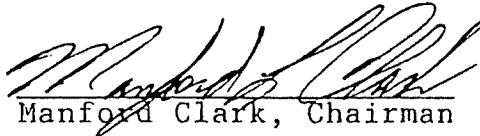
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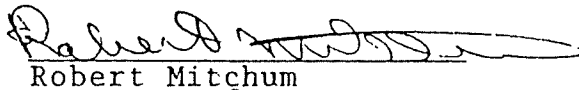
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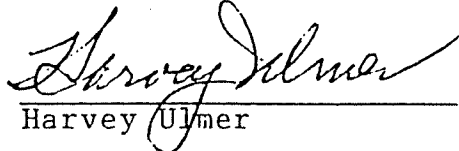
On June 30, 1995, we, the Kiowa County Board of Commissioners, passed a unanimous vote to support the naming of Highway 54 the "Cannonball Stageline Highway".

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Manford Clark, Chairman

  
Robert Mitchum

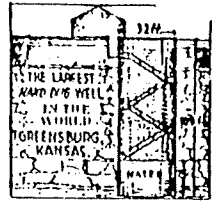
  
Harvey Ulmer

Greensburg, Kansas 67054

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PHONE (316) 723-2751

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July 3, 1995

Representative Dennis McKinney  
612 South Spruce  
Greensburg, KS 67054

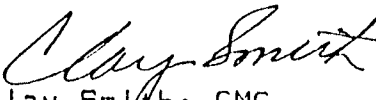
RE: Cannonball Stagecoach Highway

Dear Dennis:

The Mayor and the City Council would appreciate your support and your recommendation in dubbing the US 54 Highway from Kingman to Greensburg as the "Cannonball Stagecoach Highway".

If you have any questions concerning the above matter, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Clay Smith, CMC  
City Clerk/Administrator

CS:hw

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## GREENSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GREENSBURG, KANSAS 67054

*November 7, 1995*

*Ms. Jeanette Siemens, Executive Director  
Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 469  
Pratt, KS. 67124*

*Dear Jeanette,*

*The Greensburg Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed legislative action to call highway US 54 between Kingman and Greensburg the "Cannonball Stageline Highway." We feel it is important to preserve the history and pride of this area.*

*The support of our legislature will be appreciated in passing this bill.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ray Koerner  
President*

*Pat Jellison  
Vice President*



# City of Cunningham, Kansas 67035

P.O. BOX 188

"INTERESTING BECAUSE IT WAS LAID OUT IN THE FORM OF A CROSS"

June 20, 1995

To: Dennis McKinney and Kansas Legislators:

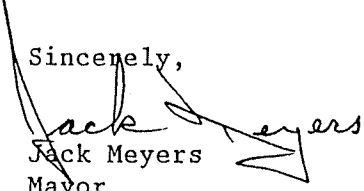
With the settlement of our forefathers, a great deal of history was created in the area between Wichita and Dodge City. Among those who helped settle this territory was Daniel R. "Cannonball" Green, who ran a stageline from Kingman to Greensburg, keeping ahead of the railroad construction. Mr. Green was also the founder of the city of Greensburg.

In recognition of Mr. Green's contribution to the settlement of this territory and in an effort to preserve our history, we support having Highway 54 between Kingman and Greensburg designated as the Cannonball Stageline Highway.

This project would be a great way to bring together the towns of Kingman, Cunningham, Pratt, Cullison, Haviland, and Greensburg in a common effort. It will also create an economic factor by way of tourism, as each town includes the stage route in its history.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Meyers  
Mayor  
City of Cunningham

# *Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce*

322 NORTH MAIN  
KINGMAN, KANSAS 67068  
phone 316-532-3694

June 9, 1995

To: Dennis McKinney and Kansas Legislators:

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Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Madden

Coordinator

Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

*Kingman County Economic Development Council*

*322 N. Main*

*Kingman, Kansas 67068*

*(316) 532-3694*

**June 10, 1995**

**To : Dennis McKinney and Kansas Legislators:**

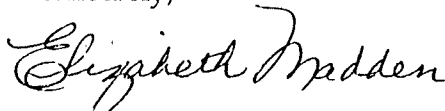
**With the settlement of the state of Kansas by our forefathers, an enormous amount of history was created. Most of this was between Wichita and Dodge City. Daniel R. "Cannonball" Green was a leader in establishing Kansas as well as the city of Greensburg.**

**In recognition of Mr. Green's contribution to the establishment and settling of this territory and in a effort to preserve our history, we support having Highway 54 between Kingman and Greensburg designated as the Cannonball Stageline Highway. We will never be able to understand our future if we don't remember our past.**

**This project is a good example of how small towns can be brought together in a joint effort to bring about tourism and economic growth .**

**We appreciate your consideration and support of this project.**

**Sincerely,**



**Elizabeth A. Madden  
Coordinator  
KCEDC**



# KINGMAN COUNTY

## OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas 67068

(316) 532-3732

June 19, 1995

TO: Dennis McKinney and Kansas Legislators

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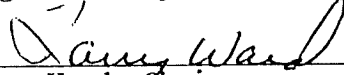
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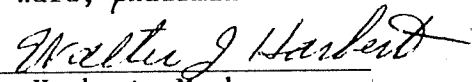
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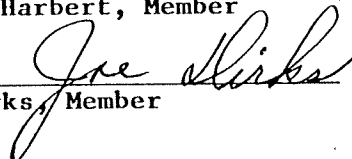
We, The Kingman County Commissioners, support this project fully and would appreciate your consideration and support of it, also. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kingman County Commissioners:

  
Larry Ward, Chairman

  
Walter Harbert, Member

  
Joe Dirks, Member

Walter Harbert, 3rd District  
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Joe Dirks, 2nd District  
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Dennis McKinney and Kansas Legislators:

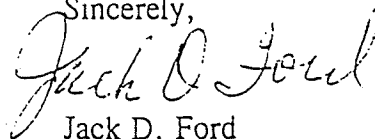
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Sincerely,



Jack D. Ford  
Mayor



County Museum  
Kingman, Kansas  
Featuring unique  
hose-drying tower.

## Kingman County Historical Museum

400 North Main, P.O. Box 281

Kingman, Kansas 67068

August 9, 1995

To Dennis Mckinney and Kansas Legislature

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The Kingman County Historical Society appreciates your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely yours,

*Byron Walker*

Byron Walker, President  
Kingman County Historical Society

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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 12, 1996

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

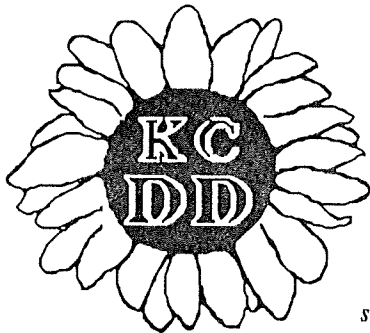
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before your committee today. Senate Bill 393 is a very simple bill that would modify Kansas drivers licenses slightly to allow for a rapid identification of those Kansans who are hearing impaired.

Some hearing impaired individuals have concerns with the possibility of being stopped by law enforcement personnel at which time they may reach down to write a note from a notebook to the law enforcement officer telling that person they are hearing impaired. In some cases this could be construed as reaching for a gun. Having a drivers license that readily identifies them as being hearing impaired should solve this problem.

I have coordinated this change with the Department of Motor Vehicles. They have no problems with it and have stated that the cost will be minimal.

Thank you very much.

*House Transportation Committee  
March 12, 1996  
Attachment 3*



## ***Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities***

BILL GRAVES, Governor  
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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**March 12, 1996**

Testimony in Regard to S.B.393

AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSES; PROVIDING DISTINCTIVE LICENSES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.

*To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities.*

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I am appearing today on behalf of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities in support of S.B.393, which would authorize distinctive licenses for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The Kansas Council is a federally mandated, federally funded council composed of individuals who are appointed by the Governor. At least half of the membership are persons with developmental disabilities or their immediate relatives. We also have representatives from the major agencies who provide services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our mission is to advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities, to see that they have choices regarding their participation in society.

The Council supports this bill which would provide individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing with a distinguishable drivers' license, *as long as the individual has the option* to have this type of license. In the event of an accident or other contact with law enforcement officers or medical providers, it would be immediately known that this person needed an alternative form of communication. We appreciate the thought behind this bill and the concern for individuals with disabilities.

Shelly Krestine, Grants Manager  
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