

Approved: 2-11-97  
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary K. Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 3, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Jackie Buchanan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Jerry Henry  
Cloud L. "Bud" Cray, Honorary Co-Chair, Amelia Earhart Birthday Centennial Committee

Others attending: See attached list

Minutes of the January 29 meeting were presented for corrections or approval. Representative Long made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Dreher, and the motion carried.

The Chair called to the attention of the committee that a Report of the Kansas Corporation Commission to the Kansas Legislature for Fiscal Year 1996 was distributed to each committee member for their information. The report covers action taken by the Kansas Corporation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996. This report is on file at the Kansas Corporation Commission.

The Chair welcomed visitors from Atchison.

**HB 2123 - Designating bridge no. 013 located on United States highway 59 in Atchison county as Amelia Earhart memorial bridge**

Hearing was opened. The Chair called on Representative Jerry Henry who presented testimony in support of **HB 2123** to name the bridge that spans the Missouri River between Atchison, Kansas, and the State of Missouri to the "Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge". (Attachment 1)

The Chair called on Cloud L. "Bud" Cray, Honorary Co-Chair, Amelia Earhart Birthday Centennial Committee, testifying in support of **HB 2123** expressing there could not be a more suitable name, not a more appropriate time than now, to name this bridge in honor of Amelia Earhart during this centennial celebration of Amelia Earhart. The bridge carries many travelers over the Missouri River into Kansas each day. The Centennial Committee has planned the installation of decorative lighting along the outline of the bridge. (Attachment 2)

Written testimony was presented by Brenda Horton, Housing Director, Finance Committee, Amelia Earhart Centennial Committee, requesting the name of the bridge be the "Amelia Earhart Bridge". (Attachment 3)

Representative Dillon made a motion to pass out **HB 2123** favorably and place it on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Representative Flower, and the motion carried.

Hearing was closed on **HB 2123**.

Whitney B. Damron, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, requested introduction of a bill which would allow an additional five (5) days of time to perfect a security interest on a vehicle that is being financed at the time of purchase. Current law allows for ten (10) days, but fifteen (15) would be allowed under this request.

Representative Shore made a motion to introduce the bill, seconded by Representative Correll, and the motion

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carried.

Jonathan Small, National Guard Association of Kansas, requested introduction of a bill to amend the statute which authorizes the issuance of National Guard License plate. The request for the amendment is to simplify the process for individual members to renew their license plate by presenting their military I.D. rather than going back to their units for recertification from their unit commanders.

Representative Dillon made a motion to introduce the bill, seconded by Representative Humerickhouse, and motion carried.

Representative Humerickhouse made a motion for introduction of a bill for titling of salvage vehicles, seconded by Representative Dillon, and motion carried.

Representative Correll made a motion to introduce a bill exempting volunteer fire department from requirement to have Class B non-commercial driver's licenses, seconded by Representative Flower. Motion carried.

Representative McClure made a motion to introduce a bill concerning school buses and the 12-year time limit and safety standards and retrofit set a few years ago, seconded by Representative Aurand, and motion carried.

Representative Hayzlett requested introduction of a bill that would exempt counties from liability when assisting the State Highway Department clear roads, right-of-ways, because of the closure of some the area service areas.

Representative Howell made a motion to introduce the bill, seconded by Representative Dillon, and the motion carried.

Rep. Aurand made a motion to introduce a bill concerning farm truck and axle weights going to and from production, and temporary permits, seconded by Representative Shore, and motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1997.

# HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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**TESTIMONY TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**FEBRUARY 3, 1997**

Mr. Chairman and the members of the House Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you testimony on House Bill 2123.

House Bill 2123 is a bill to name the bridge that spans the Missouri River between Atchison, Kansas and the State of Missouri to the, "Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge."

As I am sure you are aware, 1997 marks the 100th Birthday of Amelia Earhart. You can see the river bridge from the front porch of the house where Amelia Earhart was born and where she spent her early childhood.

The City of Atchison and the State of Kansas will celebrate this centennial occasion with a number of events and activities over the next six months that will culminate with a huge birthday celebration on the weekend of July 24, 25, 26 and 27.

The naming of the river bridge to "Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge" will be a fitting tribute to a great citizen of Atchison and of the State of Kansas.

I would appreciate your consideration of our request and to vote favorable for passage of House Bill 2123.

Again, Thank you for this opportunity and for your time.

Jerry Henry  
State Representative  
48th District

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PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

BY CLOUD L. "BUD" CRAY  
HONORARY CO-CHAIR  
AMELIA EARHART BIRTHDAY CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 3, 1997

As Honorary Co-Chair of the Amelia Earhart Birthday Centennial, I am grateful for the opportunity to come before you today to express my support for a proposal to name the river bridge in Atchison "The Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge."

While many events will come and go throughout the Centennial year, some will endure in significance well beyond 1997. The naming of the bridge in Amelia's memory would constitute such an event. I cannot imagine a more suitable name, nor a more appropriate time than now, when we in Kansas are paying special tribute to one of our most famous daughters.

As individuals and as a committee, you have a unique opportunity to perpetuate this tribute.....to proliferate the memory of a great pioneer whose accomplishments in the sky are deeply rooted in our soil.

Just as Amelia's legendary achievements continue to draw worldwide attention to our State, the bridge carries many travelers over the Missouri River into Kansas each day. The river undoubtedly was a source of inspiration to Amelia as it coursed freely beside the bluffs past her childhood home in Atchison. Indeed, she shared much with the river in the way of character -- bold.....spirited.....independent.....destined for greatness.

Among the projects our Centennial Committee has planned for this year's celebration is the installation of decorative lighting along the outline of the bridge. This project will greatly enhance the attractiveness of the bridge and create yet another landmark for our State. Your acceptance of our proposal to name the bridge in memory of Amelia Earhart would be a fitting way to honor her, while providing inspiration to other Kansans destined for greatness. Thank you for your consideration.

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# City of Atchison, Kansas

February 3, 1997

State of Kansas  
House Transportation Committee

To the members of the committee:

Please add my voice to the citizens of Atchison and the Amelia Earhart Birthday Centennial Committee who invite you to Amelia's birthday party July 24<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> of this year.

In addition to the food, festivities and fun, Atchison will provide three lasting gifts to the citizens of Kansas. The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum will be rededicated; Stan Herd's first, permanent earthwork, a likeness of Amelia, will be dedicated; and the presentation of the newly lighted bridge, currently called the Mo-Kan bridge.

Atchison hopes that with the bridge lighting presentation that the new name of the bridge can also be announced. The Amelia Earhart Memorial bridge could remind visitors that Kansas is a place where adventures begin and heroes are born.

Please consider this letter a request to change the name of the current Mo-Kan bridge to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge.

Thank you for considering this request; we hope to see you in Atchison this July.

Sincerely,

Brenda Horton  
Housing Director  
Finance Committee  
Amelia Earhart Centennial Committee

Preserving our past, working for our future

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