

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary K. Hayzlett at 2:15 p.m. on March 10, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dennis McKinney, excused  
Representative Janice Pauls, excused  
Representative Eugene Shore, excused  
Representative Daniel Thimesch, excused

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Gerald Karr  
Karen Lowery, Coordinator of Governmental Relations, Kansas Association of School Boards

Others attending: See attached list

**SB 131- School districts, school bus use for other than required school purposes**

The Chair opened the hearing on **SB 131**.

Senator Gerald Karr testified he introduced **SB 131** to allow school districts to contract with township, city, or county for the transportation of individuals, groups, or organizations. Presently authority is limited to senior citizen groups or organizations. Senator Karr indicated it would be entirely up to the individual school districts whether or not to contract with groups. He indicated there were no opponents to the bill in the Senate Committee and passed without any amendments.

Karen Lowery, Coordinator of Governmental Relations, Kansas Association of School Boards, testified in support of **SB 131** as it would allow local districts more flexibility in determining the use of their school buses. Also the bill reinforces the concept of local control and allows local boards of education to make decisions for their own districts. (Attachment 1)

Hearing was closed on **SB 131**.

Minutes of the March 5 and March 6 meetings were presented for correction or approval. Representative Correll made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Dreher, and motion carried.

The Chair called on Pat Hubbell, Kansas Railroads, to give update on the Railroad Tour for Tuesday, March 11. Mr. Hubbell advised the bus would depart at 1:30 from the south entrance of the State House, to wear comfortable tie shoes; hard hats, safety glasses and steel toes for shoes would be provided on the tour. Bus should return to State House by 9:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1997.

# HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: March 10, 1997

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jerry Kam	Senate
Pat White	*DOR
Call, Jim	<del>SWA</del>
Ken Bahr	Economic Lifelines
Pat Hebbel	KS Railroads
Karen Lowery	*H&B
Jacquie Stokes	SQE

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**Testimony on S.B. 131 before the House Transportation Committee  
by Karen Lowery, Coordinator of Governmental Relations  
March 10, 1997**

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in favor of S.B. 131. As you are aware, KASB is a strong supporter of greater local control for school districts. By inserting the word "individuals" we believe this bill would allow local districts more flexibility in determining the use of their school buses.

This change reinforces the concept of local control and allows local boards of education to make decisions for their own districts. We would encourage your favorable action.

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