

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND TOURISM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on January 14, 1997 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Pat Hubbel, Kansas Railroads

Others attending: See attached list

Since the majority of the members are new to the Committee Chairman Vidricksen provided a brief orientation on the Committee's background, anticipated issues for this session, and Committee procedures. Members and staff introduced themselves and provided brief biographical data.

Introduction of Bill(s)

The Chairman asked Mr. Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes, to introduce a bill dealing with school buses and the definition thereof. Senator Jerry Karr moved that the bill be introduced. Senator Robert Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Vidricksen noted that several school districts have requested this bill and it will be considered as soon as hearings can be scheduled.

Railroads

Pat Hubbel, Kansas Railroads, announced that his purpose in appearing before the Committee was to extend an invitation for March 11th to tour a rail facility starting in Wyandotte County which will demonstrate the extent of cooperation between rails and trucking industries, then a train car construction facility will be seen, possibly a diesel overhaul facility - depending on how busy it is. From the yard facilities, the group will go to Johnson County Community College to see the cooperative training program which has been cited nationally as one of the top award winners in government/business cooperation. A unique factor is that Johnson County Community College offers the only associate degree in railroading in the United States. After that visit the group will go over to Lenexa and visit some of the old Burlington Northern Railroad cars. The House Transportation Committee will also join the tour group and everyone should be back in Topeka by 9:00 p.m. Final details will be provided closer to the tour date.

Chairman Vidricksen advised members would receive copies of the report from the 1996 Interim Special Committee on Transportation and SB-2 will be scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 1997 if hearings can be scheduled for the school bus bill. If that is not possible, the next meeting will be January 21, 1997.

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COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
John Rosacker	KDOT
Pat Hubbee	KS Railroads
J BOTTEBERG	KS RAILROADS
T. MARIE	K. H. P.
Mark Barcellina	Commerce + Housing