

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 March 4, 1998 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Goodwin

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep. Joe Shriver

Others attending: See attached list

HB 262: Designating part of us 77 as walnut valley greenway

Representative Shriver explained the need for this bill. He further advised the City of Arkansas City will pay for signage for this small leg which will bypass the city (Attachment 1). No signage is required for the Docking Highway. The Greenway encompasses a river area which cannot be used for housing or any other type of structures. A local group is doing the designing and beautification project. This will be a beautiful area and a tourist attraction when completed.

There has been a request for an amendment to this bill regarding Hospital signage - with the hospital name rather than what is currently being used. When that proposed amendment is available the committee will return to HB 2621.

Minutes - approval of.

Senator Harrington moved to approve the February 4, 5, 9, and 10, 1998 minutes. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 1998.

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House Bill 2621 comes from a request by a local non-profit organization in Arkansas City. The Arkansas City Beautification Committee is working with Kansas State University and many local groups in Arkansas City for the development of parks and recreation areas along the recently opened by-pass around the east side of Arkansas City. Much of this land sits in the flood plain of the Walnut River which limits development.

The Arkansas City Beautification Committee requested a name for the by-pass and asked me for legislation. I requested the Committee to first ask for a resolution by the City of Arkansas City for the naming of the road. The City of Arkansas City took the matter up and also requested the naming of the by-pass to be the Walnut Valley Greenway.

Upon return to the legislature this session, I submitted HB 2621. In the House Transportation Committee, I requested an amendment to correspond with the re-numbering of U.S. 77. The House Committee amended the bill to return the Robert B. Docking Memorial Highway to downtown Arkansas City (New Business U.S. 77).

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Attachment #1*

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Signage of the Robert B. Docking Memorial Highway currently exists and no changes need to be made. Signage of the Walnut Valley Greenway would be paid by the City of Arkansas City.

Thank you for your consideration, Mr. Chairman. I would stand for any questions.

Representative Joe Shriver
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