

Approved: 3 - 24 - 99
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:45 p.m. on March 17, 1999 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except

Representative Flora, excused:
Representative Flower, excused
Representative Hermes, excused
Representative Howell, excused
Representative McKinney, excused
Representative Myers, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Research
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Ben Vidricksen
Michael Johnston, President/CEO, Kansas Turnpike Authority
Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached sheet

SB 169 - designating the Senator Bill Morris Memorial highway

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **SB 169** and called on Senator Ben Vidricksen as the first conferee.

Senator Vidricksen spoke of Senator Morris and their personal relationship as well as their professional relationship when Senator Morris served as Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and was instrumental in passing the 1989 Comprehensive Transportation program. He asked support of this bill in memory of/ and in tribute to Senator Morris.

Michael Johnston, Kansas Turnpike Authority, presented testimony in support of **SB 169**. He said without Senator Morris' persistent commitment to the 1989 Comprehensive Highway Program the four-lane improvement to K-254 would not have been possible. Therefore, it is fitting that this part of the highway system be named for him. (Attachment 1)

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, stood in support of **SB 169**.

Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 169**.

There being no opponents Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 169** for discussion and final action.

Representative Grant made a motion to amend HB 2141 into SB 169. This was seconded by Representative Johnston and the motion carried.

Representative Grant made a motion to pass SB 169, as amended, favorably, seconded by Representative Larkin and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 1:45 p.m. on March 17, 1999.

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor, stated the striking out of "vacation" on **SB 273**, page 1, line 42, which the committee passed on March 16th, 1999, was a printers' error and will be corrected. Therefore, the motion made by Representative McClure on March 16th will not be needed.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. There are no other meetings of the House Transportation Committee scheduled at this time.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: March 17, 1999

NAME	REPRESENTING
Michael Johnston	ETA - Wichita
Bill Watts	KDOT
Tom Whitaker	Ks Motor Carriers Assn
Ken Bahr	Economic Lifelines



KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

9401 East Kellogg • Wichita, Kansas 67207-1804

Frank J. Becker, Chairman, Lawrence

Michael L. Johnston, President/CEO, Wichita

March 17, 1999

Sen. Ben Vidricksen
Vice-Chairman
Salina

Rep. Gary K. Hayzlett
Secretary-Treasurer
Lakin

Mary E. Turkington
Member
Topeka

E. Dean Carlson -
KDOT - Secretary of
Transportation
Member - Topeka

William W. Sneed
General Counsel
Topeka

Jon Glaser, Controller
Asst. Secretary-
Treasurer
Wichita

Telephone:
(316) 682-4537

Fax:
(316) 682-1201

E-Mail:
kta@southwind.net

Representative Gary K. Hayzlett and
Members of the Transportation Committee
House of Representatives – Room 171-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairman Hayzlett and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today to make brief remarks concerning SB169. I am pleased to be here to offer my support for the measure that would designate part of K-254 as the Senator Bill Morris Memorial Highway.

As you know Mr. Chairman, I served in the Senate 14 years with Bill and later nearly two years as a fellow board member of the Kansas Turnpike Authority. On a personal level, he was my friend and we shared many wonderful moments for which I have equally rich and wonderful memories. On a professional level, serving on opposite sides of the aisle, I came to deeply respect the candor, and even sometimes his judgment, that characterized Bill's service to the people of Kansas. One such occasion where he showed that good judgment was in his persistent and unflinching commitment to the Comprehensive Highway Program that passed in 1989 and without which the four-lane improvement to K-254, in place today, would certainly not have been possible. Though most of you have little knowledge and history about how that program actually came about, I can tell you that we would not enjoy the fruits of that major achievement without Bill Morris. Bill was committed to that program and improving K-254. It would indeed be a fitting gesture to Bill and Dorothy and their family to affix his name to that special part of our highway system that he cared so much about.

Finally, as a former Secretary of Transportation, I am keenly aware of the reluctance of the department concerning these matters for reasons that are quite obvious. I continue to support the general rule that would urge caution. But as is the case with most general rules, there are special exceptions for good and just reason. This bill about this Bill is one such exception.

MICHAEL L. JOHNSTON
President/CEO

House Transportation Committee
March 17, 1999
Attachment 1