

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson SEN. BEN VIDRICKSEN at 9:05 a. m. On January 19, 1999 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Teresa Sittenaur, KS Funeral Directors Assn.

Others attending: See attached list

**Introduction of bills**

Teresa Sittenaur, Kansas Funeral Directors Association, requested introduction of a bill dealing with funeral processions (Attachment 1). They have met with those who objected to portions of the bill proposed last year and believe they have resolved the liability issues. Senator Gilstrap moved to introduce the bill. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

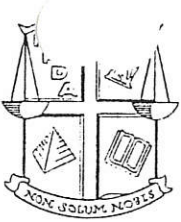
Senator Moran suggested we go ahead with the Senate Concurrent Resolution concerning drivers licenses. Senator Jordan moved to introduce the resolution. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Vidricksen announced that the aggressive driving bill will not be heard in this committee. It has been assigned to Judiciary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 1999.





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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**PAM SCOTT**  
Topeka

Date: January 19, 1999  
To: Senate Committee on Transportation and Tourism  
From: Pam Scott, Executive Director  
Re: Funeral Procession Legislation

Chairman Vidrickson and members of the Committee, the Kansas Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association (KFDA), again this year would like to request the introduction of a funeral procession law.

The legislation we would like introduced is patterned after Senate Bill No. 557, which was introduced during the 1998 Legislative Session. We have included within this year's legislation amendments that were made to the bill last year at the request of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Kansas League of Municipalities. We have also added the option of using purple or amber lights.

The legislation we are proposing would:

- Provide that a funeral procession does have the right-of-way when passing through intersections and that all vehicles must yield the right-of-way to the funeral processions regardless of traffic control devices.
- Authorize the use of purple or amber flashing lights by non-law enforcement funeral escort vehicles to be used when escorting a funeral procession.
- Provide that all vehicles comprising a funeral procession shall follow the proceeding vehicle in the funeral procession as closely as is practical and safe.
- Require the use of headlights for each vehicle in the procession and allow for the use of flashing hazard lights.
- Provide that liability for any death, personal injury, or property damage suffered by any person which arises out of a funeral procession shall not be imposed upon the funeral director, funeral establishment, their employee or agent unless it results from their negligence or an intentional act or the negligence of the funeral home, its employees or agents

Kansas funeral homes are concerned about the potential liability that would result from conducting funeral processions without a law governing how funeral processions are conducted. The passage of such a law would improve the safety of funeral processions by setting forth a clear set of rules that must be followed by funeral homes and the public.

Please support the introduction of this legislation.

SN. TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMM.

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ATTACHMENT #1