

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson SENATOR BEN VIDRICKSEN at 9:05 a.m. on January 20, 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: Senator Umbarger
 Robert Novotny
 Sheila Walker
 Rick Schiebe

Others attending: See attached list

SB 51-An act relating to motor vehicles; concerning certain distinctive license plates

Senator Umbarger appeared in support of the bill which basically changes one component of current law. It takes the gross weight in registration up from 12,000 to 16,000 lbs. Senator Umbarger introduced Mr. Robert Novotny who explained problems with current law (no written testimony). Sheila Walker, Special Assistant to the Secretary advised their department has no objection to the bill as written. There is no significant fiscal note attached to the change. In discussing the bill, a question was raised as to why the gross weight could not be raised to 20,000. Do not believe this would enter the realm of commercial vehicles. Staff Revisor Kinzie advised that distinctive license plates are issued only to individual owners who are eligible for such plates. Also, if it is raised to 20,000 lbs. National Guard and Amateur Radio who are currently at 16,000 lbs. should be added to the bill. Senator Tyson moved to amend SB 51 to 20,000 lbs. rather than 16,000 and to include other eligible license plates currently at 16,000 lbs. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Tyson recommended SB 51, as amended, favorable for passage and to put the bill on the fast track. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Tyson moved to reconsider the bill. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Harrington moved to make the bill effective as soon as it is printed in the register. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members returned to the bill as amended. Senator Tyson moved to recommend the bill as amended favorable for passage. Senator Harrington seconded the bill. Motion carried. Senator Umbarger will carry the bill.

Introduction of bills

Senator Sandy Praeger requested introduction of a bill concerning maximum speed limits for vehicles with a gross weight of 26,001 pounds or more on multi-lane highways. Senator Gilstrap moved to introduce the bill. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes - approval of

Senator Jordan moved to approve minutes of the January 14 and January 19, 1999 meetings. Senator Huelskamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 1999

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GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Mike Kelley	Kansas Motor Carriers Assn
Robert & Ardian Novotny	guest
Rick Scheibe	KDOR Vehicles
Sheila Walker	KDOR
Ken Behr	Economic Lifelines
Kent Galley	Mc Gill, Gaches & Associates