

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 8:10 a.m. on April 7, 1999 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Harrington

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Col. Don Brownlee, Ks. Highway Patrol

Others attending: See attached sheet

**Confirmation hearing on: Highway Patrol Superintendent, Col. Brownlee**

Members were provided copies of Col. Brownlee's resume and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation report (Attachment 1). Written testimony in support of Col. Brownlee's confirmation was provided by Kansas State Troopers Association (Attachment 2). No one appeared in opposition to the appointment.

Col. Brownlee described his background and philosophy of leadership - administration, supervision, etc. and stood for questions from members. He responded to the members satisfaction regarding recent controversies that have arisen in the Highway Patrol operations. He explained his proposed steps regarding morale. He plans to travel and meet with troopers in a one on one situation as much as possible. He has always used the "Kansas Quality Management" policy, but feels it does create a lot of paper work that just gets in the way of the decision making process. He sees the Kansas Troopers Association as vital in the communication process. He answered questions regarding the marked/unmarked cars and the mix of types of vehicles in the patrol's fleet package.

A confidential Kansas Bureau of Investigation report had been "leaked" to some committee members. Col. Brownlee responded to questions concerning this issue to the satisfaction of the members.

Senator Jordan moved to recommend the confirmation of Col Brownlee as Superintendent of the Highway Patrol. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried..

**Minutes - Approval of**

Senator Gilstrap moved to approve the minutes of Joint Senate & House Transportation Meetings of February 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 12, 23, 24, and 25. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



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**Senate Confirmation Information Summary**  
*Prepared and Submitted by the Office of Governor Bill Graves*

Appointee: Donald W. Brownlee

Position: Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol

Appointment Date: Upon confirmation by Senate Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Length: \_\_\_\_\_ serves at the pleasure of the Governor

Statutory Authority: KSA 74-2113 Party Affiliation: Republican

- ⇒ Statutory geographic representation requirements (*indicate any that apply*):
- Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_
  - County: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Size requirement (*if any*): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

⇒ Statutory party affiliation requirement: No more than \_\_\_\_\_ members from the same political party.

⇒ Statutory industry or occupation requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary: \$74,000 Predecessor: Lonnie McCollum

**Board Composition Prior to Confirmation of New Appointee:**

*(SEE ATTACHED LIST)*

Super/KHP

**74-20b09**

STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

**74-20b09, 74-20b10.**

History: L. 1947, ch. 409, §§ 9, 10; Repealed, L. 1972, ch. 292, § 10; April 1.

**74-20b11.**

History: L. 1947, ch. 409, § 11; L. 1963, ch. 401, § 7; Repealed, L. 1972, ch. 292, § 10; April 1.

**74-20b12.**

History: L. 1947, ch. 409, § 12; L. 1955, ch. 347, § 10; L. 1963, ch. 401, § 8; L. 1965, ch. 438, § 1; Repealed, L. 1972, ch. 292, § 10; April 1.

**74-20b13.**

History: L. 1963, ch. 401, § 9; Repealed, L. 1972, ch. 292, § 10; April 1.

Article 20c.—HIGHWAY PATROL  
EXAMINERS FOR OPERATORS' AND  
CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

**74-20c01.**

History: L. 1949, ch. 104, § 43; L. 1951, ch. 437, § 2; L. 1953, ch. 368, § 3; L. 1957, ch. 427, § 3; L. 1959, ch. 314, § 2; L. 1961, ch. 382, § 3; Repealed, L. 1963, ch. 402, § 8; April 11.

**74-20c02 to 74-20c09.**

History: L. 1949, ch. 104, §§ 44 to 51; Repealed, L. 1963, ch. 402, § 8; April 11.

Article 21.—KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

**74-2101.**

History: L. 1917, ch. 237, § 1; R.S. 1923, 74-2101; L. 1931, ch. 282, § 1; Repealed, L. 1955, ch. 348, § 5; July 1.

Revisor's Note:

Later act, see 75-3408 to 75-3410 (now repealed).

CASE ANNOTATIONS

1. Chief mine inspector is deputy and must take required examination. State, ex rel., v. Besson, 116 K. 607, 608, 227 P. 371.

**74-2102.**

History: L. 1917, ch. 237, § 2; R.S. 1923, 74-2102; Repealed, L. 1955, ch. 348, § 5; July 1.

**74-2103.**

History: L. 1923, ch. 27, § 1; R.S. 1923, 74-2103; Repealed, L. 1955, ch. 348, § 5; July 1.

**74-2104.**

History: L. 1923, ch. 27, § 3; R.S. 1923, 74-2104; L. 1939, ch. 287, § 1; Repealed, L. 1955, ch. 348, § 5; July 1.

**74-2105.** Principal function of highway patrol; uniforms required, exceptions; security for public officials; superintendent to supervise and manage capitol area security patrol; advise with legislative coordinating council; management functions for bureau of emergency medical services. (a) The principal function of the Kansas highway patrol shall be enforcement of the traffic and other laws of this state relating to highways, vehicles and drivers of vehicles except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a). The superintendent and members of the highway patrol in performing their duties under this act shall wear badges and uniforms of office. The superintendent may designate members to perform security duties for public officials and other duties as directed by the superintendent. The superintendent may perform duties under this act whether or not wearing a badge and uniform. Such members may serve without uniform and without open display of badges. Officers and employees of the bureau of emergency medical services shall not wear badges and uniforms of office.

(b) In addition to the duties otherwise prescribed by law, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall supervise and manage the capitol area security patrol. In the supervision and management of the duties of the capitol area security patrol in and around the state capitol building, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall advise with the legislative coordinating council.

(c) In addition to other duties, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall provide budgeting, purchasing and related management functions for the bureau of emergency medical services of the Kansas highway patrol as may be provided by law and shall perform other functions and duties pertaining to emergency medical services as may be specified by law.

History: L. 1972, ch. 291, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 394, § 1; L. 1984, ch. 244, § 22; L. 1985, ch. 249, § 1; April 25.

Research and Practice Aids:

Highways — 90 et seq.

C.J.S. Highways § 144 et seq.

CASE ANNOTATIONS

1. Nothing under 74-2105 et seq. grants patrol capacity to sue or be sued. Hopkins v. State, 237 K. 601, 606, 702 P.2d 311 (1985).

**74-2106.** Duty assignments of highway patrol and capitol area security patrol; limitations. The superintendent of the Kansas

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highway patrol shall issue orders to the members of the highway patrol and the capitol area security patrol specifying duty assignments and limitations upon the duties of the members of the highway patrol and capitol area security patrol consistent with the intent of this act and the act of which this section is amendatory.

History: L. 1972, ch. 291, § 2; L. 1976, ch. 394, § 2; July 1.

**74-2107.** Rules and regulations for conduct of highway patrol and capitol area security patrol. The superintendent of the state highway patrol is hereby authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of the members of the state highway patrol and the capitol area security patrol not otherwise prescribed by law.

History: L. 1937, ch. 330, § 9; L. 1976, ch. 394, § 3; July 1.

**74-2108.** Police powers of patrol members; enforcement of laws relating to motor carriers; authority to inspect. (a) The superintendent and members of the Kansas highway patrol are hereby vested with the power and authority of peace, police and law enforcement officers anywhere within this state irrespective of county lines.

(b) In addition to the general power and authority prescribed by subsection (a), the superintendent and members of the Kansas highway patrol are hereby authorized and directed to execute and enforce the laws of this state relating to public and private motor carriers of passengers or property, including any rules and regulations relating to such laws, and shall have the power and authority to require the driver of any motor vehicle owned or operated by any such carrier to stop and submit such vehicle to an inspection to determine compliance with such laws and rules and regulations.

History: L. 1972, ch. 291, § 3; L. 1974, ch. 328, § 1; L. 1988, ch. 266, § 16; July 1.

**CASE ANNOTATIONS**

1. A warrantless search for the purpose of inspecting any records or documents required to be maintained and kept in a truck cab, and to check required safety equipment, is not unreasonable. *State v. Williams*, 8 K.A.2d 14, 20, 22, 648 P.2d 1156 (1982).

2. Discussed in holding spot check weight inspections (8-1910) constitutionally permissible. *State v. Moore*, 237 K. 523, 528, 701 P.2d 684 (1985).

**74-2109.** Arrested person taken before court. Any person arrested by a member of the patrol shall forthwith be taken by such patrolman before a court having jurisdiction of the crime whereof such person arrested is

charged, and therewith dealt with according to law.

History: L. 1937, ch. 330, § 6; May 1.

**74-2110.** Persons on highways to obey signals and directions of patrol members. It shall be the duty of the operator or driver of any vehicle, pedestrian or rider of any animal traveling upon the highways of the state to stop on signal by any member of the patrol and to obey all reasonable signals and directions in order that traffic may move with safety and dispatch.

History: L. 1937, ch. 330, § 11; L. 1972, ch. 291, § 5; July 1.

**74-2111.** Uniforms, equipment and supplies. The superintendent shall prescribe a distinctive style of uniform for members of the patrol, to be made of such material and of such color as he shall specify and such uniforms shall be purchased at such times as the superintendent shall require. The members of the patrol shall be furnished with such vehicles, uniforms, equipment, arms, ammunition, supplies and insignia of office as the superintendent may deem necessary, all of which shall remain the property of the state and be strictly accounted for by each member of the patrol.

History: L. 1937, ch. 330, § 7; L. 1947, ch. 398, § 5; L. 1953, ch. 375, § 58; L. 1972, ch. 291, § 4; July 1.

**Cross References to Related Sections:**

Duties of director of purchases, see 75-3738 to 75-3740.

**74-2112.** Topeka offices; establishment of districts and district headquarters. The secretary of transportation shall furnish suitable offices for the highway patrol in its general office building at Topeka. The superintendent shall create districts as needed for patrol purposes. The headquarters in each district shall be located at some place in the district where office facilities can be furnished said district patrol members, and wherever possible, in the facilities of the department of transportation.

History: L. 1937, ch. 330, § 12; L. 1955, ch. 347, § 4; L. 1972, ch. 291, § 6; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 237; Aug. 15.

**74-2113.** Patrol created; appointment and salary of superintendent and assistant superintendent; qualifications of officers and troopers; restrictions. (a) There is hereby created a Kansas highway patrol. The patrol shall consist of: (1) A superintendent, who shall have the rank of colonel and who shall have special training and qualifications for such position; (2)

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an assistant superintendent, who shall have the rank of lieutenant colonel; and (3) officers and troopers who are appointed in accordance with appropriation acts and as provided in this section. The superintendent and assistant superintendent shall be within the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. The assistant superintendent serving on the effective date of this act shall be appointed to such position by the superintendent. Thereafter, the assistant superintendent shall be appointed by the superintendent from among the members of the patrol, and shall serve at the pleasure of the superintendent. If a person appointed as superintendent or assistant superintendent is a member of the patrol when appointed, such person in each case, upon termination of the term as superintendent or assistant superintendent, respectively, shall be returned to a rank not lower than the rank such person held when appointed as superintendent or assistant superintendent. If such rank is filled at that time, a temporary additional position shall be created in such rank until a vacancy occurs in such rank. All other officers, troopers and employees shall be within the classified service under the Kansas civil service act.

(b) The superintendent of the patrol shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto, and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the governor. The assistant superintendent shall receive an annual salary fixed by the superintendent and approved by the governor.

(c) All other members of the patrol shall be appointed by the superintendent in accordance with appropriation acts and with the Kansas civil service act. No person shall be appointed as an officer of the patrol, other than superintendent, unless the person has had at least five years of service in the patrol as an officer or trooper. No person shall be appointed as a trooper unless the person meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- (2) is at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment;
- (3) has not been convicted by any state or the federal government of a crime which is a felony or its equivalent under the uniform code of military justice;
- (4) has been fingerprinted and a search of local, state and national fingerprint files has been made to determine whether the applicant has a criminal record;

(5) is the holder of a high school diploma or furnishes evidence of successful completion of an examination indicating an equivalent achievement; and

(6) is free of any physical or mental condition which might adversely affect the applicant's performance of duties as a trooper and whose physical health has been certified by an examining physician appointed by the superintendent.

(d) No member of the patrol shall hold any other elective or appointive commission or office, except in the Kansas national guard or in the organized reserve of the United States army, air force or navy. No member of the patrol shall accept any employment or compensation from any licensee of the director of alcoholic beverage control of the department of revenue or from any licensee of the Kansas racing commission or from any officer, director, member or employee of any such licensee, nor shall any member of the patrol accept any employment or compensation for services which require the use of any state-owned equipment provided by the Kansas highway patrol or the wearing of the patrol uniform. No member of the patrol shall accept any reward or gift except with the written permission of the superintendent.

(e) No member of the patrol, including the superintendent, shall in any way be active or participate in any political contest in any primary, general or special election or participate in politics, except to cast such member's ballot. For any violation of this provision, the offender shall be summarily removed by the superintendent from the patrol.

**History:** L. 1937, ch. 330, § 1; L. 1939, ch. 286, § 1; L. 1943, ch. 266, § 1; L. 1945, ch. 305, § 1; L. 1947, ch. 398, § 1; L. 1949, ch. 407, § 1; L. 1953, ch. 368, § 1; L. 1955, ch. 347, § 1; L. 1957, ch. 427, § 1; L. 1959, ch. 314, § 3; L. 1961, ch. 382, § 1; L. 1963, ch. 402, § 5; L. 1963, ch. 400, § 1; L. 1965, ch. 458, § 9; L. 1965, ch. 437, § 1; L. 1967, ch. 443, § 9; L. 1968, ch. 320, § 1; L. 1969, ch. 365, § 1; L. 1970, ch. 310, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 290, § 1; L. 1973, ch. 312, § 1; L. 1974, ch. 361, § 64; L. 1975, ch. 401, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 347, § 32; L. 1984, ch. 283, § 1; L. 1991, ch. 234, § 1; April 25.

**Cross References to Related Sections:**  
Personnel for policing turnpike facilities, see 68-2027.

**Research and Practice Aids:**  
Highways ⇐ 93.  
C.J.S. Highways § 163 et seq.

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**OWNERSHIP INTERESTS:** List any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, trust, joint venture and every other business interest, including land used for income in, which either you or your spouse has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5%, whichever is less. If you or your spouse own more than 5% of a business, you must disclose the percentage held. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "C", check here \_\_\_\_.

BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS	DESCRIPTION OF INTERESTS HELD	HELD BY WHOM	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS
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**GIFTS OR HONORARIA:** List any person or business from whom you or your spouse either individually or collectively, have received gifts or honoraria having an aggregate value of \$500 or more in the preceding 12 months.

If you have nothing to report in Section "D", check here K.

OR BUSINESS FROM WHOM GIFT RECEIVED	ADDRESS	RECEIVED BY:
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**RECEIPT OF COMPENSATION:** List all places of employment in the last calendar year, and any other businesses from which you or your spouse received \$2,000 or more in compensation (salary, thing of value, or economic benefit conferred on in return for services rendered, or to be rendered), which was reportable as taxable income on your federal income tax returns.

1. YOUR PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR. IF SAME AS SECTION "B", CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_.  
If you have nothing to report in Section "E"1, check here \_\_\_\_.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	Highway Patrol	Topeka, Ks	Law Enforcement
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2. SPOUSE'S PLACE(S) OF EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER BUSINESS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.  
If you have nothing to report in Section "E"2, check here \_\_\_\_.

	NAME OF BUSINESS	ADDRESS	TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.	USD 413	Topeka, Ks	Education
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**OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS:** List any organization or business in which you or your spouse hold a position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor at the time of filing, irrespective of the amount of compensation received for holding such position. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section. If you have nothing to report in Section "F", check here .

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3. **RECEIPT OF FEES AND COMMISSIONS:** List each client or customer who pays fees or commissions to a business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions you or your spouse received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year. *The phrase "client or customer" relates only to businesses or combination of businesses.* In the case of a partnership, it is the partner's proportionate share of the business, and hence of the fee, which is significant, without regard to expenses of the partnership. An individual who receives a salary as opposed to portions of fees or commissions is generally not required to report under this provision. Please insert additional page if necessary to complete this section.

If you have nothing to report in Section "G", check here .

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4. **DECLARATION:**

I, Donald W. Brownlee, declare that this statement of substantial interests (including any accompanying pages and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of all of my substantial interests and other matters required by law. I understand that the intentional failure to file this statement as required by law or intentionally filing a false statement is a class B misdemeanor.

3-19-99  
Date

Donald W. Brownlee  
Signature of Person Making Statement

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PAGES 0.

Return your completed statement to the Secretary of State, State House, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

# APPOINTMENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

## Office of Governor Bill Graves

Please complete and return this form to the Governor's Appointments Office. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Name: Donald W. Brownlee

Home Address: 2336 SE Croco Road

City, State, Zip: Topeka, Kansas 66605

Business Address: 122 SW 7th Street

City, State, Zip: Topeka, Kansas 66603

Home Phone: 785/232-3951 Business Phone: 785/296-6800

Date of Birth: 5/11/51 Place of Birth: Wichita, Kansas

Party Affiliation: Republican KBI Check: NA In Process Complete

### BACKGROUND

1. List high school, college, or other education institutions attended along with the date attended and degree conferred.

<i>Education Institution</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Degree</i>
<u>See attached list.</u>		

2. List memberships in business, trade and professional organizations for the past 10 years.

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<u>Kansas Peace Officers Association</u>	<u>1974-Present</u>
<u>International Association of Chiefs of Police</u>	<u>1997-Present</u>
<u>American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators</u>	<u>1997-Present</u>
<u>Traffic Institute Alumni Association</u>	

3. List any public offices you have been elected or appointed to, along with the dates of service.

<i>Office Held</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<u>Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent</u>	<u>3/20/99</u>

4. List any positions held with a foreign, federal or local government entity along with the dates of service.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Government Entity</i>	<i>Dates</i>
N/A		

5. List any lobbying activities you have been involved in during the past five years. This includes activities as a registered lobbyist activities for which you were compensated.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Compensation (yes/no)</i>	<i>Dates</i>
N/A		

6. List experience or interest which qualify you for the position to which you have been appointed.

See attached

7. Summarize business and professional experience.

See attached

8. List any service in the United State military. Include dates of service, branch, date and type of discharge.

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Discharge</i>	<i>Dates</i>
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9. Provide details of any arrest, charge or questioning by a federal, state or other law enforcement authority for violation of any federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance (excluding traffic violations for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed).

N/A

10. List and provide details of any interests that may present a conflict of interest for this position.

None

I, Donald W. Brownlee, declare that this questionnaire is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Donald W. Brownlee

Signature

3-18-99

Date

*Return completed questionnaire to Judy Krueger, Secretary of Appointments, State Capitol, Rm 226-S, Topeka, Kansas 66612.  
If you have questions, please call 913/296-4052.*

## EDUCATION

Valley Center High School 1965–1969

Wichita State University 1969–1972

Butler County Community College 1970 & 1985

Barton County Community College 1979–1980 Associate of Arts  
Additional Classes 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989

Labette County Community College 1984

Pittsburg State University 1982–1983

Northwestern University 1986  
Graduate Police Staff & Command School

University of North Florida 1988  
Graduate of Institute of Police Technology & Management Internal  
Affairs School

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**EXPERIENCE:**

- Coleman company, 1969-1974
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**INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- Internal Affairs, Law Enforcement Coordinating Council
- Supervision, Associated Public Communications Officers
- Evaluation Appeals, Highway Patrol
- Background Investigations, Highway Patrol

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- Boy Scouts of America, Pack Committee Chairman
- Shawnee Heights United Methodist Church, Finance Committee Chairman, 1996; Administrative Board, 1996-Present
- Shawnee Heights Unified School District 450, Superintendent's Advisory Committee, 1989-1993
- Shawnee Heights High School, Principal's advisory Council, 1989-1993
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## KANSAS STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

To: Chairman Vidricksen  
From: Eric Haskin, President Kansas State Troopers Association  
CC: Members of the Senate Transportation Committee  
Date: 04/06/99  
Re: Brownlee Appointment as Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol

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I would like to express the support of the Kansas State Troopers Association for Lt. Colonel Don Brownlee's appointment. The Kansas State Troopers Association has been afforded an open door policy with Lt. Colonel Brownlee and has had a positive working relationship with him. We have found Lt. Colonel Brownlee accessible and open minded when considering the positions of the Association.

This legislative session the Legislative Committee of the Kansas State Troopers Association met with Lt. Colonel Brownlee and his staff responsible for carrying forward the legislative agenda of the Kansas Highway Patrol. This is the first time in recent memory that the staff at Headquarters and the Legislative Committee of the KSTA have met. This gave us the opportunity to agree on the common interest both have in advancing the professional services of the Kansas Highway Patrol and it's mission. As many of you are aware, we have been appearing in concert during testimony to the Legislature, and have been advancing and supporting a virtually identical agenda.

We believe that perhaps even more importantly, when the interests of the Kansas State Troopers Association diverge from those of the Headquarters position, that Lt. Colonel Brownlee is a man who will be deliberative in his decision making. It is this type of personality that will create an environment of seeking solutions and common ground when disputes arise, as they occasionally do between management and the rank and file. An approach aimed at considering all interests and seeking the commonality of the parties will serve to avert protracted contract negotiations or other lengthy disputes that create an environment of divisiveness that harms all concerned.

SENATE TRANS. & TOURISM COMM.  
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