

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 21, 2001 in Room 245-N 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: Sonny Scroggins, Topeka

Others attending: See attached list.

**SB 280: Designating part of US 24 Highway as Charles Sheldon Traffic Way**

Mr. Scroggins of the "What Would Jesus Do Memorial Committee" and Kansas Fever/Bias Busters of Kansas appeared before the committee in support of this bill. It was at his instigation that Senator Jackson requested the bill introduction (Attachment 1). There were no other conferees on this bill. Members were advised that donations will cover the cost of signs for this memorial traffic way. Senator Jackson moved to recommend SB 280 favorable for passage. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**SB 83: Verification of auto insurance; on-line or electronically**

Question presented regarding clarification of the amendment to the bill passed by the committee on February 20, 2001 meeting. It was explained that proof of insurance as required by present statute will no longer be required, but a signed certification will be. The penalty for falsifying the certificate remains as a level 8 non-person felony.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2001.



Feb. 21, 2001, KS State Legislature Committee Meeting

My thanks to Chairman, Les Donovan and Vice Chairman, Larry Solomon, of the Legislative Transportation and Tourism Committee of the State of Kansas. I like so many others salute you and each committee member for your successful leadership. You all in fact are to be commended for your insight and stewardship. Allow me also to take a moment just to salute **Kansas Senator Dave Jackson**, for being a person of character and mercy, and if I might make just one other note of affection, and that is for the other eight (8) sponsors of **Senate Bill No. 280** designating a part of United States Highway 24 as the Charles Sheldon Traffic Way!!!

To others who are seated here and to all of you who are seated before me, I am, indeed happy and honored to bear witness for change. A lot of times we don't appreciate what we have in our state. This seems true concerning the legacy and good deed left by the late Pastor Charles Monroe Sheldon born on Feb. 26, 1857. Sheldon was ahead of his time in championing a social gospel message which included abolishing racism, stamping out alcohol, increasing interfaith dialogue and showing compassion to the poor. He started the first Black Kindergarten West of the Mississippi. He was recognized by Operation USA Party, a Bicentennial Observance and Marathon in 1976. He was recognized in 1979 during the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kansas Fever/Great Exodus Movement. He was recognized in 1993 during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Black Kindergarten West of the Mississippi at which time a resolution in his honor was passed and read in the Hall of Congress.

Romans Chapter 5, beginning with Verse 3, it talks about character, Charles Monroe Sheldon was a man of Great Faith and Character with World Wide Influence on religion, in his time, and he continues to influence out time through "In His Step", it seems appropriate that Sheldon's memory should be honored. This idea was advanced several years ago. He is worthy.

Character is what you are willing to do when the spotlight has been turned off, the applause has died down and no one is around to give you credit.

Ask Yourself, "**What Would Jesus Do?**"

Thank You, Yours in Christ,

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