

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on March 15, 2005 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisors of Statutes  
Maggie Breen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association  
Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College  
Jennie Rose, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees  
Representative John Grange

Others attending:  
See attached list.

**HB 2315 - Permanent registration for technical college vehicles leased for truck driver training program.**

Proponents:

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, appeared today representing the Wichita Area Technical College in support of **HB 2315**. In 2003, the legislature passed a bill that allowed the Wichita Area Technical College to lease 5 tractor trailers and permanently register them just like a school district, or city, or county. Previous to this bill, this section only applied to vehicles owned by the city, county, or school district. With the passage of **SB 7**, the technical college separated from the school district. In order to continue the availability of the permanent registration **HB 2315** needs to be adopted, it talks about technical colleges versus area vocational schools for the lease. It just continues policy which was established in 2003. (Attachment 1)

Mary Ellen Conlee, Wichita Area Technical College, testified in favor of the bill. On July 1, 2004, the Wichita Area Technical College separated from the governance of USD 259 and came under the governance of an independent board of trustees. This was done in order for the college to have the ability to grant Associate degrees. Under school district governance, the college was able to permanently register both owned and leased vehicles at reduced cost for vehicles exclusively used for the Truck Drivers Training Center. This bill would allow the college to continue the existing practice. (Attachment 2)

Jennie Rose, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees, said that they have a truck driving school at one of their community colleges at Fort Scott. While they currently don't lease trucks, by adding "and community colleges" to the bill they could have that option in the future. She requested the bill be amended to add community colleges. (Attachment 3)

Senator Wilson moved to amend **HB 2315** as requested. Senator O'Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Wilson moved to pass **HB 2315** as amended. Senator O'Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Donovan will carry the bill.

**HB 2409 - Designating part of U.S. highway 54 as Veterans Memorial highway.**

Proponent:

Representative John Grange appeared in support of **HB 2409**. The bill would designate a portion of highway 54 where it enters the Kansas-Missouri border, then west to the east city limits of Kingman, as the Veterans Memorial highway. The total distance is 205 miles. The designation will honor all veterans of Active, Reserve, and National Guard service, regardless of theater of operation or branch of service. Representative

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Transportation Committee at 8:30 A.M. on March 15, in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Grange said his predecessor, Bill Mason, a 12 year member of the House of Representatives, a champion of Veterans Recognition, and a well-respected member of the community, asked him to carry the bill. The fiscal responsibility of the signage is to be borne by gifts and donations for the signs and an additional 50% of the same costs for maintenance and replacement. There are co-signers of the bill who represent the districts along the route. It passed the House 122 - 0. (Attachment 4)

Senator Wilson said, being a veteran himself, he appreciated the bill and asked for the cost of the signs. Representative Grange said about \$1,000 for the two signs, depending on the size and complexity, and 50 % of that for the maintenance cost. So, they would owe about \$1,500.

Senator Wilson offered an amendment to name the portion of K-10 from the western boundary of Johnson county then east to the junction of K-10 highway and interstate highway 435 the Governor John Anderson, Jr. highway. Senator Wilson said Governor Anderson was a two-term governor and led the state through some pretty difficult times in the early 60's. He's well know, well liked, and well respected. He said the money would be raised privately.

Ken Gudenkauf, KDOT, advised that this highway would have a higher fiscal note because it's on a 3-way section. He would image the signs would run about \$2,500 each. Senator Wilson said they would raise the money.

Senator Wilson moved to amend **HB 2409** per his request. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Wilson moved to pass **HB 2409** as amended. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Wilson will carry the bill.

### Final Action

#### **SB 278 -Division of vehicles records, certain driver's license records.**

Senator O'Connor moved to pass **SB 278** favorably. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Wilson will carry the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2005.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST

DATE: March 15, 2005

NAME	REPRESENTING
Rep John C Cozage	HB 2409, 75 <sup>th</sup> DIST.
Tom Whitaker	KMCA
<del>KAT THOMPSON</del>	SCANLON ENGINEERING
Ken Guderkauf	KDOT



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**LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**  
**before the**  
**Senate Transportation Committee**  
**Senator Les Donovan, Chairman**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2005**

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE**  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear here this morning representing our 1,200 member firms and specifically the Wichita Area Technical College in support of House Bill No. 2315.

HB 2315 makes a technical change to K.S.A. 8-1,134 which allows cities, counties and school districts to permanently register motor vehicles at a reduced cost. In 2003, the Legislature approved HB 2159 which allowed the Wichita Area Vocational School to lease 5 tractor trailers for their truck driver training program. At that time, the Wichita Area Vocational School was part of the Wichita School District.

Due to changes in governance over the school, it is no longer part of the school district and cannot continue to permanently register the tractor trailers used in their truck driving training program. HB 2315 would allow the Wichita Area Technical College to continue permanently registering their vehicles as they have been for the last two years.

KMCA supports HB 2315 and asks for your favorable consideration of the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE  
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 15, 2005

Presented on behalf of the Wichita Area Technical College  
By Mary Ellen Conlee

Chairman Donovan, members of the committee, I am Mary Ellen Conlee representing the Wichita Area Technical College testifying in favor of HB 2315.

On July 1, 2004 the Wichita Area Technical College separated from USD 259 governance to an independent Board of Trustees. This change resulted from the Kansas Board of Regents and 2003 Kansas Legislative direction requiring that schools providing post-secondary technical education needed to move from K-12 to independent governance if they wanted to grant Associate degrees.

Under school district governance, the college was able to permanently register both owned and leased vehicles at reduced cost for vehicles exclusively used for our Truck Drivers Training Center. The technical change in K.S.A. 8-1, 134 would allow the college to continue the existing practice. Leasing vehicles for the truck driving program has allowed the college to train its students on the most advanced equipment available.

We support HB 2315, requested by Kansas Motor Carriers Association on behalf of their members and the Wichita Area Technical College. I would be happy to respond to any questions that you may have.



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Memorandum

To: Senate Transportation Committee  
From: Jennie Rose, representing the Kansas Association of  
Community College Trustees  
Date: March 15, 2005  
RE: HB 2315

Chairman Donovan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee concerning House Bill 2315. We have one community college among our 19, Fort Scott, which does offer a truck driving school. While they currently do not lease their trucks, by adding “and community colleges” to the bill, they could have that option in the future.

We support HB 2315 and respectfully request that community colleges be included in the language. Thank you.



JOHN C. GRANGE  
 REPRESENTATIVE, 75TH DISTRICT  
 BUTLER COUNTY



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 WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Senator Donovan and members of the committee, thank-you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of HB 2409. This process will designate a portion of US Highway 54 where it enters the Kansas-Missouri border, then west to the east city limits of Kingman, as the Veterans Memorial Highway. The total distance is 205 miles.


This designation will honor all veterans of Active, Reserve, and National Guard service regardless of theater of operation or branch of service. My predecessor, Bill Mason, a 12-year member of this House of Representatives asked me to carry this bill. Mr. Mason is a champion of Veterans Recognition and a well-respected member of the community.

Kansas has 10,739 miles of paved roads that include, 9,565 miles of roads of the Rural State System and 814 miles of City Connecting Links. According to the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) 2005 Annual report, KTA has 238 miles of paved roads. To date there are currently 4,785.60 miles of special designated highways. I have enclosed an attachment of these existing designated roads for your review.

The average traffic count on this stretch of road from the Missouri border through, Ft Scott, Iola, Yates Center, Eureka, El Dorado, Augusta, Andover, Wichita, Goddard, Garden Plain, Cheney, and on to Kingman, is 10,449 vehicles per day with 1,154 trucks per day. As you can see there is a significant number of travelers along this route.

The fiscal responsibility for the signage is to be borne by gifts and donations for the signs and an additional 50% of the same costs for maintenance and replacement. We currently have the commitment for funds from private sources to install the signs. This cost will be \$1,000 for the required two signs, one at each beginning of the designated road. It is my hope others along the route will want to participate and they will be responsible for the additional signage within their community area.

As you know I had co-signers of this bill who represent the districts along the route. I think this is an indication of the interest to accomplish this small tribute to our fighting forces and I would ask you to favorably pass this bill out of the committee.

  
 Respectively Submitted:  
 John C. Grange  
 Representative 75<sup>th</sup> District.

Special Designations

<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
68-1009	BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1951	US 40	427
68-1010	BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY *(combined with Robert Docking Memorial Highway)	1951(repealed 2004)	US 75 & US 77	71
68-1010	ROBERT B. DOCKING MEMORIAL HIGHWAY *(Combined with Blue Star Memorial Highway)	1951	US 75 & US 77	35
→ 68-1011	AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1955	US 281	244
68-1012	SANTA FE TRAIL	1961	US 56, US 50	471
68-1013	35TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1963	I 35	235
68-1015	35TH INFANTRY DIVISION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (Signage)	1963;1975	I 35	
68-1017	SMOKY HILL TRAIL	1963		220
68-1018	SMOKY HILL TRAIL (Signage)	1963;1975		
68-1019	PONY EXPRESS HIGHWAY	1964;1988	US 36	120
68-1020	LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION ROUTE	1967;1975;1987	US 24, 40, 59, 73; K 7	39
68-1021	CHISHOLM TRAIL	1967;1975	US 81; K 15	153
68-1022	PRAIRIE PARKWAY	1967;1975	US 24, 36, 54; K 13, 15, 16, 96, 99, 177	270
→ 68-1024	EISENHOWER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1967;1975	K 15	257
68-1026	KAW VALLEY SCENIC HIGHWAY	1971;1975	K 32	32
68-1027	TURKEY WHEAT TRAIL HIGHWAY	1974;1975	US 50	222
68-1028	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (I-470)	1982	I 470	13
68-1029	YELLOW BRICK ROAD	1982;1985	US 54	374
68-1030	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (US-24)	1984	US 24	
68-1031	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (I-135)	1985	I 135	11
68-1032	OREGON TRAIL (Markers)	1985		
68-1033	SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY	1985	US 56	13
68-1034	AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1987	US 73; K 7	69
68-1035	DILLINGHAM FREEWAY	1988	I 670	1.6
68-1036	FRANK CARLSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1988	US 81;	79
68-1037	HARRY DARBY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1990	I 635	8
→ 68-1038	FRONTIER MILITARY SCENIC BYWAY	1990	K 5, 7; US 69, 73; I 435;	158
68-1039	US-66 HISTORIC HIGHWAY	1991	US 66	5
68-1040	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY (US-166)	1991	US 166	5
→ 68-1041	CESSNA BOULEVARD	1991	K 2, 42	1
68-1042	WILLIAM H. AVERY HIGHWAY <i>shorted</i>	1993	K 82	10
68-1043	DANNY J. PETERSEN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1994	US 75	10
68-1044	STATE FAIR FREEWAY	1995	K 96	43
68-1045	CANNONBALL STAGELINE	1996	US 54	70
68-1046	AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL BRIDGE (Bridge no. 13)	1997	US 59 (AT county)	
68-1047	WALNUT VALLEY GREENWAY	1998	US 77	2
68-1048	SENATOR BILL MORRIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	1999	K 254	24
68-1049	MIKE HAYDEN OVERPASS BRIDGE (Bridge no. 008 US 83 Seward county)	1999	US 83	
68-1050	HERMAN G. DILLION BRIDGES (no. 72 & 287)	1999	US 169 (WY county)	
→ 68-1051	PURPLE HEART/COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS HIGHWAY	2001	K9, 62; US 75	258
68-1052	CHARLES SHELDON TRAFFICWAY	2001	US 24	5



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68-1053	ROBERT V. TALKINGTON HIGHWAY	2002	US 169	23
68-1054	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	2002	US 83	227
68-1055	CLAYTON J. CONNELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	2002	US 400	19
68-1056	BEN E. VIDRICKSEN HIGHWAY	2002	I 135	19
	GLACIAL HILLS SCENIC BYWAY	2003	K 7	59
68-1057	THE ROAD TO OZ	2003	K 99	56
	SMOKY VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY	2003	US283, K147, K4	60
	WETLANDS & WILDLIFE SCENIC BYWAY	2004	K4, US281, RS ROUTES	75
HB 2833	75TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY	2004	US24, K177, K18,	63
HB 2833	89TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY	2004	US77	117
HB 2833	95TH DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY HIGHWAY	2004	US24, US59, K92	53
HB 2833	930TH ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY BY-PASS	2004	US 400	5
HB 2833	KICKAPOO VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY	2004	K20	10
HB 2833	MAISIE DEVORE HIGHWAY	2004	K4	39
HB 2833	SENATOR BOB DOLE BY-PASS	2004	K96	5

**\*Total Miles of Special Designations 4,785.6**

\*It bears noting that some miles carry more than one designation.