

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused  
Representative Pat George- excused  
Representative Jerry Henry- excused  
Representative Jeff King- excused  
Representative Terry McLachlan- excused  
Representative Julie Menghini- excused  
Representative Virgil Peck- excused  
Representative Gene Rardin- excused  
Representative Tom Sloan- excused  
Representative Vern Swanson- excused  
Representative Mark Treaster- excused  
Representative Jene Vickrey- excused

Committee staff present:

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

The Committee met at 12:30 p.m., March 12, 2008 to start the tour of Old Castle Precast, Inc., at 5230 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, KS. It was a very informative tour - the members learned the concrete pipe industry is a significant economic sector in the State of Kansas in terms of output, employment, income, and taxes paid. According to Mark Chinery, President, Concrete Pipe Resources, Inc., the total impact of the concrete pipe industry is approximately \$79.1 million to the state's economy and 446 jobs.

Committee members toured the plant, wearing safety hats, and vests. They observed the concrete from the sand and gravel stage to formed pipes and prison cells. Members learned that only concrete pipe has a proven service life of over 100 years and that throughout the country, there are concrete pipe sanitary and combined sewers that were installed in the 1860's and are still in use today.

The next Committee meeting will be on March 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 519-S.