

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on February 12, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Phil Journey- excused

Committee staff present:  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Tom Whitaker

Others attending:  
See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **SB 522 – Fleet registration for motor vehicles.**

Proponent:

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, spoke to the bill. He explained the bill would allow vehicles larger than 26,000 lbs. that do not travel out-of-state to be registered under the fleet registration. (Attachment 1)

Agreement with this bill was also expressed by Carmen Alldritt, Director, Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles and Mike Hoeme and Diane Minear, both from the Kansas Corporation Commission. Seeing no others to speak to this bill, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **SB 522** and opened the hearing on **SB 523 – Designating part of Kansas highway 25 as the Great Plains Indian highway.** Chairman Donovan said he will leave the hearing on **SB 523** open since no proponents or opponents were present.

Chairman Donovan listed the following carry-over bills: **SB 3 – Highway safety memorial markers, SB 5 – Issuance of a hardship license for persons under 21 years of age, SB 6 – Driver's licenses, habitual violators, allowing use motorized bicycle license, SB 7 – Traffic regulation, speeding based on conditions, not moving violation, SB 147 – Disabled veterans license plates, defining disabled veterans, SB 174 – Motor carriers, self-propelled cranes, SB 186 – Enacting the Kansas and Missouri regional mass transit district compact for support of a regional mass transit system, SB 205 Kansas turnpike authority, speed based tolls, and SB 224 – Regulating traffic, right-of-way violations; penalties.** He asked for a motion that these bills not be passed. Sen. Wilson so moved. Sen. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried to recommend SB 3, SB 5, SB 6, SB 7, SB 147, SB 174, SB 186, SB 205, and SB 224 not be passed.

Hank Avila gave each member of the committee a small map showing the portion of Hwy 25 that **SB 523** would designate as the Great Plains Indian highway. It should be kept until committee hears **SB 523.** (Attachment 2)

Chairman Donovan opened discussion on **SB 462 – Motor carriers, base state registration,** as amended. Both Kansas Corporation and Kansas Motor Carriers Association approve this bill. Mike Hoeme, Kansas Corporation Commission gave a brief explanation of the bill. Sen. Palmer asked if the bill had anything to do with trucks that come into Kansas from Mexico. Mike said those trucks would have to pay fees to the border states as they enter the country.

Sen. Petersen moved adoption of the amendments to SB 462. Sen. Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sen. Schmidt moved SB 462 be moved out favorably as amended. Sen. Goodwin seconded the motion. The

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motion carried.

Chairman Donovan asked for action on **SB 522**. Sen. Wilson moved the that **SB 522** be moved to the floor. Sen. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Donovan asked for approval of the minutes of the February 6 meeting. Sen. Wilson moved for approval of the minutes. Sen. Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Donovan announced that he would be meeting this morning with Deb Miller, Director of Kansas Department of Transportation, Congressman Jerry Moran, Kansas First District, and Representative Gary Hayzlett, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee. They will be discussing the relationship between interstate commerce and farmers transporting grain from their fields to local markets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19.







# Kansas Motor Carriers Association

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**LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY  
by the  
Kansas Motor Carriers Association**

**In Support of Senate Bill No. 522**

**Presented to the Senate Transportation Committee  
Senator Les Donovan, Chairman  
Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

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

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. We appear here today representing our 1,200 member companies in support of Senate Bill No. 522.

In 2004, the Kansas legislature approved legislation to allow for the "fleet" registration of 250 or more motor vehicles registered between 12,000 lbs. and 26,000 lbs. Only vehicles that are state assessed for property tax (for-hire motor carriers) are eligible. License plates issued under the provisions of "fleet" registration are permanent, thereby eliminating the annual ritual for tracking down each vehicle and affixing a new decal. In addition, failure to pay the annual fleet registration fees for any vehicle will result in suspension of the entire fleet.

SB 522 would allow vehicles larger than 26,000 lbs. that do not travel out-of-state to be registered under the fleet registration. In order to register larger vehicles, the motor carrier must meet the minimum requirement of 250 vehicles between 12,000 lbs. and 26,000 lbs.

KMCA has conferred with the Division of Vehicles on this issue and they are supportive. The fiscal impact on counties will be minimal, due to the limited number of vehicles that meet the "fleet" registration requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of Senate Bill No. 522. We ask that the Senate Transportation Committee report Senate Bill No. 522 favorable for passage. I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

