

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on March 18, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Peggy Palmer- 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:

Rep. Jason Watkins

Anita Foster, member Gold Star Mothers

Carmen Alldritt, Director, Department of revenue, Division of Vehicles

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2691 – Gold star family license plates.**

Proponents:

Rep. Jason Watkins explained the bill, then introduced Mrs. Anita Foster, a member of the Gold Star Mothers, from Wichita. Mrs. Foster explained the need for this bill. There are many license plates available in Kansas for military veterans but none available mothers of veterans who gave their lives for our country. Thirteen other states recognize the National Gold Star License Plate. This bill would make the plate available in Kansas. (Attachment 1)

Carmen Alldritt came forward to say her department has no objection to working with Mrs. Foster to design this tag for Kansas.

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2691.**

The Chairman introduced Tim Sowton, with R. L. Polk who spoke briefly about his company before introducing Paul Kanitra who gave a presentation on Carfax. Carfax compiles reports on previously owned vehicles. It is a vehicle history date company. The presentation informed the committee regarding the information available through their company such as: records of damage from accidents, routine care of the vehicle, flood damage to the vehicle, "lemon" cars, and more.

Sen. Journey spoke regarding **SB 294 – Drivers' licenses, age requirements.** This bill died in the House Committee. He asked if that bill could be put in another bill. Sen. Journey moved to amend Sub for HB 2559 – Work-site utility vehicles, all-terrain vehicle; regulation of by removing original contents and inserting contents of SB 294. Sen. Schmidt seconded; the motion passed. Sen. Journey moved Sub for HB 2559 be moved out of committee favorably as amended. Sen. Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Donovan asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 13 meeting. Sen. Wilson moved approval of the minutes. Sen. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Chairman Donovan adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Next meeting is Thursday, March 20.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 3/18/08

NAME	REPRESENTING
Whitney Jamron	KS Automobile Dealers Assn.
KEVIN GREGG	KMCA
Paul Kanitra	Carfax
CARMEN ALDRITT	KDOR

March 17, 2008

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear me today. I am petitioning the State of Kansas for the Gold Star License Plate. At this present time 13 states recognize the National Gold Star License Plate. The Gold Star represents the soldier's ultimate sacrifice for his country. My son, Sgt. Evan S. Parker, did just that on October 26, 2005. These license plates would recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of our loved ones. I believe this recognition is the least our state can offer in remembrance of our fallen soldiers and their families.

As you may be aware, this bill passed the Kansas House of Representatives with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita F. Foster
Wichita, Ks.

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Attachment 1