

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 9:50 a.m. on April 1, 2009, at the Rail of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Senator Brownlee - excused
- Senator Les Donovan- excused
- Senator Mike Petersen- excused

Committee staff present:

- Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
- Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Chairman Umbarger opened the meeting to discuss action on **SCR 1617 - Expanded rail service; Kansas City to Fort Worth, Texas; congratulating Kansas Department of Transportation and others; urging action.**

Chairman Umbarger reviewed the resolution that was sponsored by 38 of 40 Senators, and seeing that it has overwhelming support in the Senate he would entertain a motion to move this out favorably.

Senator Hensley moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to recommend SCR 1617 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2130**, an empty bill, which had been re-referred to the Transportation Committee. The original bill contents, support Kansas arts license plate, was amended into **HB 2134 - Distinctive license plates; exempting In God We Trust plates from startup fee** in conference committee. The proposed amendment would insert the original amended language from **SB 59 - Primary seat belt law, penalty** into **HB 2130**. Following discussion, the committee indicated a desire to lower the fine from \$100 to \$60 in hopes the bill might be more favorable for passage.

Senator Vicki Schmidt moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to amend the bill as indicated. Motion carried.

Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to recommend the HB 2130 as amended favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. No other meetings are scheduled.