

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2010, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pat Maloney, Representative, State of Kansas
Rocky Fund, Representative, State of Kansas
Kassidy Dahl, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Jayme Burger, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Patrick Broxterman, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Brooke Slayton, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Sandra Solis, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
MaRyka Smith, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Jaycee Worrell, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School
Tayler Klobnak, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2555 - Designating parts of K-14, U.S. 160 and K-2 as the SFC David R. Berry/SGT Will Sun M. Mock memorial highway**. Bruce Kinzie, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Pat Maloney, Representative, State of Kansas, appeared in support of **HB 2555**. He stated that these men were born and raised in Harper County. They both died when a makeshift bomb detonated near their vehicles in or near Baghdad, Iraq. The memorializing of this section of Kansas Highway 14, in the middle of Harper County, is a fitting tribute to these local soldiers who died defending America and Americans (Attachment 1).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2555** was closed.

Chairman Umbarger called for action on the bill. Senator Donovan moved, Senator Petersen seconded, to recommend **HB 2555** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2650 - Designating part of U.S. 75 highway as the James Lane Freedom Trail memorial highway**. Bruce Kinzie, staff revisor, reviewed the bill.

Rocky Fund, Representative, State of Kansas, testified as a proponent of **HB 2650**, stating that this bill is brought on behalf of seventh grade history students who wish to designate a portion of Highway 75 as the James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway. He spoke about James Lane's political career and how he was a dominant force in Kansas and to an extent national politics for a decade. The sign's initial cost, and an additional 50% for future maintenance or replacement, will be paid for through gifts and donations (Attachment 2).

Kassidy Dahl, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, appeared in support of **HB 2650**. She indicated that James Lane was a supporter of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which gave Kansans' the right to vote whether Kansas should be a "Free" or "Slave" state. He brought many Free-Staters from the north, through Iowa and Nebraska, to Kansas using the trail he popularized (Attachment 3).

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee at 8:30 a.m. on March 2, 2010, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

Jayne Burger, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, spoke in favor of **HB 2650**, stating that the trail does not just honor James Lane, it also honors the people who fought to make Kansas a free state (Attachment 4).

Patrick Broxterman, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, testified as a proponent of **HB 2650**. He noted that through research, the students found the portion of Highway 75 from north of 46th street and Highway 75 interchange to just south of the Holton city limits, was the closest match to the James Lane Trail. By designating this portion of Highway 75 as the James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway, those people traveling through would know they were on an historic trail (Attachment 5).

Brooke Slayton, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School testified in favor of **HB 2650**, stating that Lane escorted the first group of Free-State settlers to Kansas by using the trail to bypass pro-slavery strong holds in Missouri (Attachment 6).

Sandra Solis, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, appearing in support of **HB 2650**, indicated that as early as 1856, the trail was being used as a route on the Underground Railroad, which was an important route for people to get escaped slaves from southern states to northern states (Attachment 7).

MaRyka Smith, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, spoke as a proponent of the bill. She stated that the students started their work on **HB 2650** by studying Bleeding Kansas, learned about the legislative process, how to research and write their bill and sent letters to the Governor and local legislators (Attachment 8).

Jaycee Worrell, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, testified in support of **HB 2650**, noting that they chose the word "Freedom" for the sign because James Lane helped make Kansas a free state and he used the trail as an underground railroad route (Attachment 9).

Taylor Klobnak, 7th Grade History Student, Royal Valley Middle School, appeared as a proponent, indicating many famous people traveled the "James Lane Trail," such as John Brown, the Sage family, Anne Clark and our first governor, Charles Robinson. She concluded by asking to please remember these famous people who utilized the trail and vote to pass **HB 2650** (Attachment 10).

The Chairman requested comments from the student's teacher, Nathan McAlister. He said that the students worked countless hours, and have integrated this project into their Kansas government class.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2650** was submitted by:
Dennis Pyle, Senator, State of Kansas (Attachment 11)

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2650** was closed.

Chairman Umbarger called for action on **HB 2650 - Designating part of U.S. 75 highway as the James Lane Freedom Trail memorial highway.**

Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Donovan seconded, to recommend **HB 2650** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2010.

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DATE: 3-2-10

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March 2, 2010
Senate Transportation Committee

Testimony on HB2555

Chairman Umbarger and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, I am Pat Maloney and I appreciate this opportunity to present testimony on HB2555.

This bill would name a portion of Highway 14 from Harper to Anthony as the SFC David R. Berry/SGT WillSun M. Mock Memorial Highway. Both these young men were born and raised in Harper County. Their families still reside in Harper County. They both died when a makeshift bomb (IED) detonated near their vehicles in or near Baghdad, Iraq. Berry's death occurred on February 22, 2007, and Mock's on October 22, 2006.

The memorializing of this section of Kansas Highway 14, the middle of Harper County, is a fitting tribute to these local soldiers who died defending America and Americans.

I would like to thank Fred Bogatay, Command Sgt. Major, USAR, for initiating this tribute.

The cost of signs for this memorial highway will be raised locally, with no cost to the state.

I'll be glad to stand for questions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to give testimony.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pat Maloney', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left across the top of the signature.

Pat Maloney
State Representative
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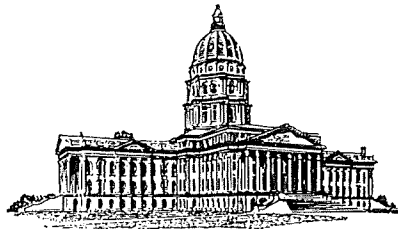
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Attachment 1

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Chairman Umbarger and Members of the Committee, I stand before you today to urge your support for HB 2650.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Involving students so they learn is what this bill is about. It is brought on behalf of 7th grade history students who wish to have a portion of Highway 75 from the southern city limits of Holton then south on United States highway 75 to the junction of United States highway 75 and N.W. 46th street in Shawnee county designated as the James Lane Freedom Trail memorial highway.

Signs noting this designation will not be placed until the Secretary of Transportation has received sufficient money from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs and an additional 50% of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs of such signs. The bill allows the secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

These 7th grade history students from Royal Valley Middle School have asked to have this portion of the highway names for James Henry Lane because of the role he played in Kansas history. James Henry Lane (June 22, 1814 – July 4, 1866) was a United States Senator and a Union general and partisan in the American Civil War. He was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where he practiced law, was Lieutenant Governor and later a Congressman. He moved to the Kansas territory in 1855. He immediately became involved in the abolitionist movement in Kansas and was often called the leader of the "Jayhawkers".

As a United States Congressman from Indiana he voted for the Kansas-Nebraska Act, but he abandoned that stance when he moved to the Kansas Territory in 1855. He was chosen Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Topeka Convention, which instituted the first state government of Kansas. He was subsequently elected President of the Topeka Constitutional Convention, and was elected by the people as Major-General of the Free Troops. He was elected to the Senate in 1856 by the Legislature which met under the Topeka Constitution, but the election was not recognized by Congress. At about the same time he was indicted by the Grand Jury of Douglas County of high treason because of his participation in the Topeka Constitution. He was forced to flee the territory, later returned and as elected to the United States Senate in 1861 by the Legislature which convened in pursuance of the constitution under which Kansas was admitted to the Union and re-elected to the Senate in 1865.

Lane was considered a dynamic speaker whose charismatic leadership abilities won him a substantial group of loyal supporters, and he remained a political force to reckon with. He was instrumental in strengthening the position of the antislavery cause by encouraging more free state supporters to settle in Kansas and assist with the defense of Lawrence against "border ruffians: and pro-slavery sympathizers from Missouri. Lane was a dominant force in Kansas and to an extent national politics for a decade.

As his obituary in the New York Times stated in July 4, 1866, "He was eminently social, kind-hearted and just; faithful ever to his friends, relentless ever to his foes." I hope you will join me in supporting this bill and involving our students so they may learn.

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Attachment 2

Testimony on House Bill 2650
Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Kassidy Dahl

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning Chairman Umbarger and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. My name is Kassidy Dahl and I represent the Royal Valley Middle School, seventh grade Free State Committee. I'm speaking to you on behalf of our proposal to rename a portion of 75 Highway to "James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway". This trail was a major part of our states history. James Lane helped Kansas become a Free State. He was a supporter of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which gave Kansans' the right to vote whether Kansas should be a Free or Slave state. James Lane brought many Free-Staters from the north through Iowa and Nebraska to Kansas using the trail he used and popularized. The Free-Staters were trying to block the expansion of slavery westward. The Free-Staters used the Kansas-Nebraska Act to make Kansas a free state. This proposal is an excellent way to honor James Lane and the Free State Movement he fought for.

Thank you.

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Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Jayme Burger

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning Chairmen Umbarger and Members of the Committee. I am Jayme Burger a member of the Royal Valley Middle School James Lane Committee. I am here to speak on behalf of bill 2650, also known as the "James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway." Lane popularized the trail to get free states to come to Kansas. The trail does not just honor James Lane, it also honors the people who fought to make Kansas a free state. Lane was a senator for Kansas from April 4, 1861 to July 11, 1866. Lane served in the United States Army and Union Army. Lane is buried in Lawrence City Cemetery in Lawrence, KS. Lane's trail was also used as a route for the Underground Railroad. I believe that changing part of Highway 75 would be a great way to honor James Lane and for anyone who made Kansas a free state. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

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Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Patrick Broxterman

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning Chairman Umbarger and Members of the committee, I am Patrick Broxterman speaking on behalf of the 7th grade Royal Valley Middle School Highway Committee and House Bill 2650. This bill would designate a portion of Highway 75 from north of 46th street and highway 75 interchange to just south of the Holton city limits. Through our research we found this part of highway 75 was the closest match to the James Lane trail. By designating this portion of highway 75 as James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway, those people traveling through would know they are on this historic trail. We would appreciate your vote in support of this bill. Thank you for listening to our request.

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Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Brooke Danielle Slayton

Royal Valley Middle School

Good Morning Chairman Umbarger and members of the senate Transportation committee. My name is Brooke Slayton and I am a seventh grader at Royal Valley Middle School in Mayetta, Kansas. I am a member of the James Lane History Committee and I am a proponent of house bill 2650, which calls for designating a part of U.S Highway 75 as the "James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway." James Lane voted in favor of the of the Kansas-Nebraska Act and was a U.S Senator from Kansas. Lane escorted the first group of free staters to Kansas using the trail that he used to by-pass proslavery strong holds in Missouri and provided Free-state settlers a safe route into Kansas. The James Lane Trail was also used as part of the Underground Railroad to help transport slaves north to freedom. Due to his part in helping Kansas become a free state, I feel James Lane deserves this honor of having part of US Highway 75 designated the "James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway."

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Attachment 6

Testimony on House Bill 2650

Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Sandra Solis

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning Chairman Umbarger and members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

I am Sandra Solis, member of the 7th grade Royal Valley Middle School Underground Railroad Committee, and I am here today to support House Bill 2650. I believe a portion of Highway 75 should be renamed the "James Lane Freedom Memorial Highway Trail" because this trail was also used as an Underground Railroad route. As early as 1856 the trail was being used as a route on the Underground Railroad. As you may know, the Underground Railroad was a very important route for people to get escaped slaves from southern states to northern states. In 1859, Charles Smith helped James Lane and about 30-40 slaves escape to freedom using the trail. Another purpose of the trail was to provide protection for free-state settlers. I believe having a portion of the Highway 75 named for James Lane and his trail will honor him and all of those he helped.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

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Attachment 7

Testimony on House Bill 2650
Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

MaRyka Renae Smith

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning Chairman Umbarger and members of the Transportation Committee. I am MaRyka Smith, a member of the Royal Valley Middle School 7th grade Legislative Committee, speaking on behalf of House Bill 2650 also known as the James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway. I would like to share with you what we learned while creating this bill. We started by studying Bleeding Kansas. Bleeding Kansas happened during the territorial period of Kansas. After that we learned about the legislative process and how the Kansas government works. While studying the legislative process we had a mock legislative session. Our teacher, after many questions about the James Lane trail asked if we would be interested in creating a bill about the James Lane trail. We then broke into committees to research and write letters for our bill. My committee researched other bills on changing the name of a highway. We then wrote our bill with similarities to the bills we found. After we wrote the bill we learned how to properly write and send a letter. Then we sent a copy of the letter to the Governor and our local legislators. I think our bill should be passed because this is an important historic moment and James Lane played an important role in our state's history. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Senate Transportation Committee

Presented by

Jaycee Lyn Worrell

Royal Valley Middle School

Good morning, Chairman Umbarger and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. I am Jaycee Worrell a member of the Name Committee for the “James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway,” representing the Royal Valley Middle School. I believe that a portion of Highway 75 should be renamed the James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway. I believe it should be given this name because James Lane helped make Kansas a free state. He used the trail so freestaters could come to make Kansas a free state. Slave also used this trail as an Underground Railroad Route which is why we chose the word “Freedom” for the sign.

This is why I, Jaycee Worrell, and the other members of my committee recommend that we rename Highway 75 the “James Lane Freedom Trail Memorial Highway.” Thank you for your consideration of bill 2650 and taking the time to allow me to express my views.

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Attachment 9

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Presented by
Tayler Marie Klobnak
Royal Valley Middle School

Hello Chairman Umbarger and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee, I am Tayler Marie Klobnak a Member of The Seventh grade Famous People Committee at Royal Valley Middle School. I am honored to be here today speaking to you about the Famous People who traveled The James Lane Trail. John Brown traveled the Trail to get away from proslavery forces during 1859; he also helped The Sage Family get to Topeka. The Sage Family also traveled the trail to immigrate and settle in our great State. Another traveler was Anne Clark and she was a slave and she traveled the trail as an Underground Railroad Route to escape from slavery. Lastly our first governor, Charles Robinson was elected under the Topeka and Wyandotte Constitutions. He traveled the trail looking for abolitionists coming to Kansas. Thank you for the privilege to speak to you today. Please remember these Famous People who utilized the James Lane Trail and vote to pass Bill 2650, recognizing this trail and the man who started it all.

Thank You

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Senator Dennis Pyle

March 1, 2010

Chairman Umbarger and Members of the Committee:

Please support passage of HB 2650 to the full Senate. The bill passed the House with 122 yeas and none opposed.

I will not detail the historical aspects of the legislation due to the fact that Representative Fund has very clearly outlined them.

The students involved with this project have spent time researching and promoting it.

I hope you will support them with passage of HB 2650 to the full Senate.

Thank you,

Senator Dennis Pyle

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Attachment 11