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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The meeting was called to order by Representative Connie O'Brien, Vice-Chair, at 9:00 a.m. on March 8, 2011 in the Secretary of Revenue's Committee Room in the Docking Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Goico – excused Representative Fawcett – excused Representative Meier – excused Representative Montgomery – excused Representative Teitze - excused

Committee staff present:

Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan was present. Addressing the Committee briefly, he then introduced Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicular Fraud for the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Ms Alldritt explained the workings of the Vehicular Fraud section, telling how their data was not on the National Data Base but was strictly data from only Kansas.

Terry Mitchell, Chief Driver's License Examiner said up until 2005, fake licenses and fake birth certificates were not uncommon. You would see bus loads of people coming into the state with real ID. With them were their "translators" who in fact were not translators but document vendors – providing them with documentation that would cost sometimes as much as \$1,800.00 apiece.

Since applications for concealed carry permits are acquired through the Department of Motor Vehicles, it has been mistakenly believed that those licenses took the place of the state drivers' license and could be used as such. Mr. Mitchell assured the Committee that this was not the case.

Ms Alldritt spoke of the change in which more and more Kansas agencies are sharing information among themselves and how helpful it has been in eliminating some of the fraud. She also pointed out that even though Missouri has face recognition in its licensing, they only run it every 6 months where Kansas keeps theirs current thus enabling them to stay more on top of things. Another thing pointed out was the thoroughness of the Kansas drivers license to provide complete identification. With them, passage on planes as well as entrance into government facilities is allowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting has not been scheduled.