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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2603**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2603 would designate the portion of US Highway 169 from the northern boundary of Allen County, south to the southern boundary of Allen County, as the Robert V. Talkington Highway. It also would designate US Highway 83 from the Kansas-Nebraska border on the north to the Kansas-Oklahoma border on the south as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway. The Secretary of Transportation would be required to place signs along the highways rights-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designations. Also, the signs will not be placed until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing such signs. The Secretary may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

**Background**

The sponsor of the bill, as introduced, noted that Senator Talkington's service in the Kansas Legislature spanned 20 years. He served as Vice-President, Majority Leader, and Senate President, and was a member of the Kansas Turnpike Authority from 1977 to 1993. He also was a member of the Kansas Board of Regents from 1995 to 1999 and served as Chairman in 1997-1998.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) notes that this bill would have a fiscal effect in FY 2003 of approximately \$350. The costs would include sign construction and installation. To the extent that donations are received, the net cost would be reduced accordingly. The cost estimate includes plan preparation and review

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>

for three hours, sign manufacture, and sign installation. KDOT states that this bill's fiscal effect could be absorbed within current resources.

The House Committee of the Whole added the provisions concerning the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway. No fiscal note was available when this change was made.

The Senate Committee added the requirement that signs not be placed until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs.

An updated fiscal note is pending.