

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 25, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Dept.  
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Dept.  
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Barbara Craft  
Jeremy Leithoff, Junction City Young Commission  
Bob Story, Chief of Police, Junction City

Others attending:

See attached list

**HB 2221 - Regulating traffic; concerning certain lighting equipment**

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **HB 2221** by introducing Representative Barbara Craft who introduced Jeremy Leithoff. He said many of the youth in Junction City have been ticketed for having neon lights under their vehicles. He feels the tickets are because of the lack of understanding of the lighting equipment. (Attachment 1) "Neon ground effect lighting" means neon tubes placed underneath the motor vehicle for the purpose of illuminating the ground below, creating a halo light effect. The new section (F) of this bill clears up the interpretation for all involved. He concluded that adding decorative lighting under the vehicles is a way for youth to personalize their vehicles and have a little fun and the Youth Commission encouraged support for the new section of **HB 2221**. He stood for questions from the Committee.

The next proponent was the Junction City Chief of Police Bob Story. Chief Story said in Junction City they do not have any problems with this lighting. He said the problem is as Jeremy stated, the lighting issue is seen differently by different officials and in some areas the kids have been getting \$120 tickets and in other areas nothing. Chief Story said they don't see any safety problems, in fact, they even put the neon tubes on their DARE car in Junction City.

There were no additional proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearings on **HB 2221**.

The Chairman then called for final action on **HB 2221**. Representative Jack made a motion to amend the new section to say the lights are not allowed to flash. Representative Ballard seconded the motion and the

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motion carried.

Representative Ballou made a motion to pass **HB 2221**, as amended, seconded by Representative Yonally and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett called for final action on **HB 2244**. Representative Jack made a motion to amend this bill as follows: On page 1, in line 36, following "authorized" by inserting ", in cooperation with the secretary of transportation,"; in line 37, by striking "for"; by striking all in line 38; in line 39, by striking all preceding the period and inserting "to regulate the safety of railroad grade crossings on Kansas city, county, township and state roads";

On page 24, in line 27, following "mail" by inserting ", and the operation of motor vehicles used exclusively by organizations operating public transportation systems pursuant to 49 U.S.C. sections 5307, 5310 and 5311";

On page 33, in line 16, by striking "Motor" and inserting "(A) Except for motor vehicles under subparagraph (B), motor"; also in line 16, by striking ", as defined in"; in line 17, by striking all before "of 26,000"; The motion was seconded by Representative Vickrey and the motion carried.

Representative Ballou made a motion to add another amendment to **HB 2244**, as amended, adding an exception for vehicles transporting hazardous materials which require placards, motor vehicles, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less, carrying tools, property or material belonging to the owner of the vehicle and used in repair, building or construction work and such tools, property or material are being transported to or from an active construction site located within a radius of 25 miles of the principal place of business of the motor carrier. Representative Jack seconded this motion and the motion carried to pass this bill out favorably.

The Committee heard a Sub-Committee Report on **HB 2143** and copies of a balloon amendment were distributed to members (Attachment 2). No action was taken at this time.

Chairman Hayzlett announced that **HB 2222** will not be heard. There will be no action taken.

The Chairman announced that **HB 2190** will not be heard today as there are still too many issues unresolved. This bill will remain in committee.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2003.