

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 21, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Forrest Knox

Bill Orth, Superintendent, USD 387 Altoona-Midway Public Schools, Wilson County

Mike Sanders, Superintendent, USD 128 Skyline Public Schools, Pratt County

Ken Gudenkauf, Legislative Liaison, KDOT

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Duane Simpson,

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting with the first hearing **HB 2687**

HB 2687 - Maximum speed limit for rural school zones

Chairman Hayzlett introduced Representative Forrest Knox as the first proponent. According to Representative Knox **HB 2687** creates a "rural school zone" which is the portion of a highway located outside of any city which provides direct entrances and exits to any school located adjacent to such a highway. (Attachment #1)

The next proponent was Bill Orth, Superintendent, USD 387, Wilson County. (Attachment #2) According to Mr. Orth, this legislation pertains to safety factors that affect the students and employees of Altoona-Midway Schools that must travel US Highway 75 to access the high school facilities and all other schools on major highways. He said there has been at least one accident per year for the last seven years involving students, employees or patrons accessing US Highway 75 from the high school parking lot.

The third proponent for **HB 2687** was Mike Sanders, Superintendent of USD 438, Pratt County. (Attachment #3) According to Mr. Sanders, he had had conversations with Richard Henning, KDOT's District Engineer and Mr. Henning felt there was adequate sight distance for traffic movement for the average driver to make a correct action. However, the majority of traffic flowing into these junctions is inexperienced young drivers and other traffic such as buses loaded with children and are predominantly slower moving vehicles, which need more space to make their movements along with a longer period of braking distance.

There were no other proponents and after questions were answered the Chairman called for opponents of this bill.

The Chairman recognized Ken Gudenkauf, Legislative Liaison for the KS Department of Transportation as the first opponent. (Attachment #4) According to Mr. Gudenkauf, **HB 2687** would establish a maximum speed limit of 45 mph within rural school zones in Kansas. He said KDOT is opposed to establishing a maximum speed limit of 45 mph within all rural school zones. He said each school zone is unique and needs to be reviewed individually to determine the most appropriate speed limit, signing and pavement markings.

There were no other opponents on this bill and after all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2687**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2878**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB 2878 - Motor fuel trip permits, issuance of

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Association, who explained the purpose of this bill. (No written testimony). According to Mr. Whitaker **HB 2878** would allow any interstate motor fuel user to obtain a trip permit which will authorize one commercial motor vehicle to be operated for a period of 72 hours within the state without complying with the other provisions of the Interstate Motor Fuel Use Act and in lieu of the tax on motor fuel. The bill also would allow the permits to be purchased in multiples of three.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Duane Simpson, representing the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. (No written testimony) This change would provide uniformity among the states.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to this bill, after questions were answered Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2878**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2707**. Bruze Kinzie refreshed the Committee on this bill. Representative Menghini made a motion to amend this bill to the licensee being seizure free for 12 months instead of 18 months and leave the doctor's examination period at three months instead of 30 days. The motion to amend was seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

Representative Olson made a motion to pass **HB 2707, as amended** out of Committee, seconded by Representative Treaster and the motion carried.

It was Chairman Hayzlett's desire to work **HB 2645** and he opened it up to the Committee. Bruce explained the amendments to the Committee. Representative George made a motion to amend **HB 2645**, Representative Olson seconded the motion to amend and the motion carried.

Representative George made a motion to pass **HB 2645, as amended**. The motion was seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2878** to the Committee. Representative Yonally made a motion to pass this bill favorably out of Committee, Representative Olson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Chairman opened **HB 2687** to the Committee. Representative Olson made a motion to not pass this bill out of Committee, Representative Wolf seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Representative Faber gave a status report on the sub-committee's findings on **HB 2218**. He said they did not intend to work the bill. He said because of its importance they would like to have a summer interim study done.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the Minutes of the February 7th Committee Meeting. Representative Ruiz made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 2, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.