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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m., on February 14, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Grant  
Representative Ron Worley

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department  
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Kathy Moore  
Representative Vince Wetta  
Representative Connie O'Brien  
Gayla Shields, Representing County Treasurers Ass'n.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **HB 2169**.

**HB 2169 – Designating the junction of United States highway 24 and K-7 highway as the Representative Margaret Long interchange.**

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Kathy Moore. According to Representative Moore (Attachment #1) Margaret Long was born in Kansas City, Kansas, went to school there, married and raised two sons there. During her husband's third term as a legislator in the House of Representatives he passed away and Margaret was appointed to the 38<sup>th</sup> District seat to fill the vacancy left by Jim Long. Margaret was an active member of several committees including being the ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation for ten years. During the 2010 Legislative Session she carried the T-Works Comprehensive Transportation Plan on the floor of the House. Representative Moore concluded by saying that naming the Highway 24-K-7 Interchange after Margaret is a fitting tribute because of her ten years on the House Transportation Committee and her commitment and dedication to crafting and passing comprehensive transportation legislation.

The Chairman recognized Representative Vince Wetta as the next conferee. (Attachment #2) Representative Wetta said he fully supported designating the junction of U.S. Highway 24 and K-7 as the Representative Margaret Long interchange. He said he felt it would be appropriate to recognize her long and distinguished career in this way.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to **HB 2169**.

There were no questions from the committee members so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2169** and opened the hearing on **HB 2171**.

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### **HB 2171 – United States postal service vehicles; yielding right-of-way.**

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Connie O'Brien. Representative O'Brien said she had been approached by constituents in her district who were concerned about their safety as mail carriers. (Attachment #3) She said due to the speed along the highway the postal workers are put in danger upon re-entering the traffic lane. **HB 2171** would require drivers to yield the right-of-way to a US Postal Service vehicle that is obviously and actually engaged in the delivery or collection of mail along a highway. She said by extending the “move over” law to postal workers, as is the case with law enforcement officers who utilize shoulders along the highways, it will provide a safer work environment for postal workers.

There were no other proponents present and no opponents.

The Chairman drew the committee's attention to Written Testimony submitted by Theresa Gergick, USPS Rural Mail Carrier, in support of **HB 2171**.

Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2171** and opened the hearing on **HB 2172**.

### **HB 2172 Registration of vehicles; renewal; certification of financial security.**

The Chairman recognized Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer, representing the Kansas County Treasurers Association. (Attachment #4) According to Ms. Shields they have been working with the Department of Revenue for more than a year on the development and implementation of new software for motor vehicle registration and title issuance. **HB 2172** would remove a requirement that an applicant for renewal of a vehicle's registration sign a certification that the applicant has and will maintain insurance on the vehicle. She said this change will allow the full use of the new software application which will accommodate an original signature when a vehicle is registered and will not require a signature for renewal transactions thereby speeding up the renewal process.

There were no other proponents present and no opponents. The Chairman asked Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, if she had anything she wanted to add to this discussion. Director Alldritt stepped forward and spoke in support of **HB 2172**. After all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2172**.

It was Chairman Hayzlett's desire for discussion and action on **HB 2003**.

Representative Grange moved **HB 2003** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Proehl and the motion carried.

The Chairman opened **HB 2058** for discussion and action.

Representative Grange moved **HB 2058** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Wolf.

Representative Pottorff moved an amendment to **HB 2058** which would add “bicycles” in addition to motorcycles, seconded by Representative Swanson. After discussion the motion carried.

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Representative Grange moved an amendment to **HB 2058** which would add the wording any vehicle legally allowed on the road could have the right to proceed after stopping at a red light which fails to change to a green light within a reasonable period of time. The motion was seconded by Representative Hill. After discussion the motion failed.

Staff brought up the need for a technical change (typo) on page 2. Representative Prescott moved an amendment to make the technical change as described by staff, seconded by Representative Grange and the motion carried.

Representative Grange moved an amendment to add clarifying language on when a motorcycle or bicycle can safely enter an intersection. The motion was seconded by Representative Spalding, and the motion carried.

Representative Grange moved **HB 2058, as amended**, favorable for passage, seconded by Representative Spalding, the motion carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.