

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Les Donovan-excused  
Senator Anthony Hensley-excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Toni Beck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Jerry Younger, State Transportation Engineer, Kansas Department of Transportation  
Julie Steiner, board member, Frontier Military Scenic Byway  
Representative Elaine Bowers, District 107, Kansas Senate

Others attending:

See attached list.

Approval of Senate Transportation Committee minutes as written for February 22, 2011, were made with a motion by Senator Reitz. Seconded by Senator Marshall. Motion passed.

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **HB 2175-Abolishing the Highway Advisory Commission.**

Jerry Younger provided additional testimony as a proponent for the bill. (Attachment 1) He commented the advisory commissions role and focus has changed a lot over the years and the members now find that their role is outdated and the need to have such a committee is unnecessary. There were no further conferees.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **HB 2175** with no further action taken.

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **HB 2230-Repealing KSA 68-1038.**

Jerry Younger provided testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 2) The repeal of KSA 68-1038 would allow the byway to be re-designated in the Kansas Byway program as the Frontier Military Historic Byway. The byway runs from Leavenworth south to the Kansas/Oklahoma border. Chairman asked if signage would be available; which it would be. Julie Steiner provided testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 3) The change to an historic byway would allow for additional grant funding for byway projects. Senator Huntington commented on the opportunity of a possible name change to the byway.

There being no further conferees, Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **HB 2230.**

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **HB 2003-Designating part of K-18 highway as the Medal of Honor recipient Donald K Ross memorial highway**

Representative Elaine Bowers testified in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) Her testimony was on behalf of Joe Cassell, USN retired, and Jack Meili, Lincoln County. The legislation would be on behalf of Medal of Honor recipient, Donald K. Ross for his contribution on the USS Nevada during the Pearl Harbor attack, December 7, 1941, during WWII. Captain Ross was born in Beverly, Kansas.

There being no further conferees Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **HB 2003.**

Senator Schmidt made a motion to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Senator Kultala. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

The minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee at 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

Senator Huntington moved to amend **HB 2175** by adding the contents of **HB 2230**; seconded by Senator Kultala. Motion carried.

Senator Huntington moved to recommend **HB 2175** as amended favorably for passage; seconded by Senator Reitz. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.