

SESSION OF 2011

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2172**

As Agreed to March 28, 2011

Brief*

HB 2172 would designate the junction of U.S. 24 and K-7 highways in Wyandotte County as the Representative Margaret Long Interchange.

The bill also would designate a portion of I-70 as the Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway: from the Missouri state line west to the junction with K-15, at Abilene. (The bill would allow the name of the highway to be modified from, but be substantially similar to, the name given above.) The designation would be contingent on the State of Missouri designating a portion of I-70 similarly.

The bill would modify the designation of the Blue Star Memorial Highway, currently US-40 from the Missouri state line to the Colorado state line, to exclude the portion from the west city limits of Topeka (where US-40 joins with I-70) to the junction of I-70/US-40 and K-15. This modification also would be contingent on the State of Missouri designating the Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway.

The bill would establish these provisions related to signage for each of the designations:

- Require the Secretary of Transportation to place suitable signs to indicate the designation;

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- Preclude the signs from being erected until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs and an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement of the signs; and
- Allow the Secretary to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee replaced the contents of HB 2172 with the contents of HB 2169/SB 58 (bills with identical contents, designating an intersection for former Representative Long) and the contents of SB 225 (Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway).

Background

Representative Margaret Long Interchange

Representatives Kathy Wolfe Moore and Vince Wetta testified in support of HB 2169. Senator Kelly Kultala had requested introduction of SB 58 and testified in support of it. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered on either bill.

Representative Long represented the 38th District from 1998 through the 2002 session and the 36th District (both districts in western Wyandotte County) from 2003 until her retirement at the end of the 2009-2010 biennium. Her service included ten years as the ranking minority member of the House Transportation Committee.

Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway

Senator Pete Brungardt, Representative Tom Moxley, the deputy director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and the mayor of Abilene presented testimony in favor of SB 225 before the Senate Committee on Transportation. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered.

The fiscal notes prepared by the Division of the Budget said the Kansas Department of Transportation would have to receive these amounts from donations before installing the signs:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Cost of Signs and Installation</u>	<u>50 percent for Future Maintenance</u>	<u>Total</u>
Representative Margaret Long Interchange	\$ 7,600	\$ 3,800	\$ 11,400
Truman/Eisenhower Presidential Highway	\$ 6,520	\$ 3,260	\$ 9,780

As it passed the Senate, HB 2172 would have removed a requirement that an applicant for renewal of a vehicle's registration sign a certification that the applicant has and will maintain financial security (insurance) on the vehicle. A signature on such a certification statement would continue to be required at a vehicle's initial registration. To those original contents, the Senate Committee on Transportation added the contents of SB 218, to raise vehicle inspection fees from \$10 to \$15 in FY 2012 and to \$20 in FY 2013, with an amendment requested by a representative of the Kansas Automobile Dealers Association.

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