

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on January 30, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Maggie Breen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Jean Schodorf
Ken Gudenkauf, KDOT

Others attending:
See attached list.

Chairman Donovan asked for introduction of bills.

Senator Jean Schodorf had a request brought to her by a constituent. He has done a lot of research on vehicle right-of-way violations and wants the fines to be raised. She requested the bill be introduced.

Senator Wilson made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Gudenkauf, KDOT, two bill introduction requests. He said they have been introduced in the House and they would like them introduced in the Senate as well. A citizen task group, called the Driving Force, went around the state gathering lots of information. They came back with numerous recommendations and the department has a 3 year plan to implement some of them. The first year, they're trying to get two pieces of legislation introduced and passed. The first one is a primary seat belt law.

Chairman Donovan clarified that this would make it a primary violation for anyone in a vehicle not wearing a seat belt.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken said the second request is for a graduated driver's license.

Senator Wilson made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Apple brought up a situation where a retired National Guard member was told he was not eligible for a veteran's license plate because he had not served 100 hours in active duty. He said being new to the committee, he wonders what the criteria is.

A discussion took place with several members thinking that proof of an honorable discharge was the only requirement. It was decided that Carmen Aldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, would be contacted to verify the criteria to qualify for a veteran's license plate.

Chairman Donovan said the committee had previously heard **SB 8--Doubling speeding fines in school zones.** He asked for if there was a motion regarding the bill.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to move **SB 8** out favorably for passage. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Journey will carry the bill.

Chairman Donovan asked if there was a motion regarding **SB 108--Designating part of U.S. highway 73 as the Deputy Todd Widman memorial highway.**

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass **SB 108** out favorably and place it on the consent calendar. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1.