

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION &amp; TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 22, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep. Bob Grant  
Rep. Doug Gatewood  
Barbara Pringle, Exec. Sec'y. Ks. Pupil Transp. Assn.  
Chad Luce, Ks. Dept. of Wildlife & Parks

Others attending: See attached list

**HB 2582: Re school buses - head lamps**

Representative Bob Grant presented background data on need for this bill (Attachment 1). Representative Doug Gatewood discussed the statistical data distributed to committee members (Attachment 2).

Barbara Pringle, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association, expressed appreciation for the concern and support of school bus safety. She added that they have been seeking assistance for several years to address the dangers involved in loading and unloading students. They do feel that HB 2582 may increase rather than decrease the dangers involved (Attachment 3).

Members questioned and discussed this bill at length. Representative Grant reminded members that the bill does not mandate use of this procedure, but offers it as an option to each school district. No action was taken on the bill. It will be reconsidered following "turn around" time. Conferees will be notified.

**SB 536: Boating safety education certificate**

The Committee returned to consideration of the boating safety education certificate bill. Chad Luce, Public Information Officer, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks distributed his Department's response to questions raised at the February 14<sup>th</sup> hearing (Attachment 4). Following discussion of these point, Senator Huelskamp moved to strike Section 5 and related technical amendments of SB 536; and make new sections part of Art. 11, Chap. 32. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. Motion carried . Senator Goodwin voted "No."

There was additional discussion of the amended bill. Senator Goodwin moved to recommend SB 536 as amended favorable for passage. Senator Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Vidricksen will carry the bill

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2000.