

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 20, 2001 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: Sheila Walker, Dir. Of Vehicles, KDOR
Tom Roskop, Johnson Co. Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Jan Kennedy, CPA, Sedgwick County

Others attending: See attached list.

SB 83: Verification of auto insurance; on-line or electronically

Members received copies of e-mail messages in support of **SB 83** (Attachment 1). Other proponents providing written testimony only included: Don McNeely, President Kansas Automobile Dealers Association (Attachment 2); Chick Henry, Wyandotte Co/Kansas City, Ks. (Attachment 3); Mike Billinger, Ellis Co. (Attachment 4).

Sheila Walker, Director Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue who had requested introduction of this bill, detailed the reasons for requesting authorization to verify proof of insurance electronically or on-line (Attachment 5). Ms. Walker set forth numerous benefits to be derived from implementation of **SB 83**. This is the first step in development of a statewide on-line registration renewal system. Tom Roskop, Johnson County Motor Vehicle Bureau Manager explained the need for a system to lessen the waiting time for vehicle registrations and how this legislation would help meet that need (Attachment 6). Jan Kennedy, CPA Sedgwick County Treasurer, representing Kansas County Treasurers Association addressed treasurers problems with the "proof of insurance" requirement and how adding electronic examination to current legislation would assist them (Attachment 7).

Senator Schodorf moved to recommend SB 83 favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Call for discussion resulted in a substitute motion. Senator Salmans moved a substitute conceptual motion amending SB 83 to remove the requirement to verify insurance upon registration of vehicles, but retain certification requirements. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Gooch moved to recommend SB 83 as amended favorable for passage. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 72: Re motor vehicles; defining farm custom harvesters

Discussed the availability of tags specifically for "custom harvesters" and their cost compared to other tags. There is a permanent tag available and there is a break on the cost of the tag in Kansas. Current information seemed to affirm that the insurance question is not a significant issue. In the event that new information on this issue may become available members did not wish to kill the bill. Senator Gooch moved to take no action on SB 72. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 55: Re drivers' licenses; medical/vision requirements

Members were provided copies of materials on recent case law from other states regarding this issue (Attachment 8). Hearings on **SB 55** were held on 2-7-01. At that time Ms. Walker had requested a balloon amendment to **SB 55** which would further clarify exceptions in cases where seizure disorders are not controlled.

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Senator Harrington moved to so amend the bill. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding need for driving tests every time physically and/or medically handicapped drivers renew their licenses. Landmark decisions in cases in other states indicate states are correct in balancing needs of the disabled versus public safety and are not violating ADA requirements. It was suggested that anyone who feels they have been discriminated against should contact Ms. Walker and/or members of this Committee.

Senator Schodorf moved to recommend SB 55 as amended favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the February 15, 2001 meeting. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2001.