

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on March 6, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Susan Duffy, Executive Director, Kansas Corporation Commission

Mark Schemm, Smith County Treasurer, representing the Kansas County Treasurers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting with a hearing on **HB 2491**.

HB 2491 - Increasing transfer of certain balances in the motor carrier license fees fund to the state highway fund.

The only proponent was Susan Duffy, Executive Director, Kansas Corporation Commission. According to Ms. Duffy (Attachment #1) the July 2 transfer affects the KCC cash balance as year-end close activities are not finished processing until the second week of July. This bill would change the dates for the transfer of excess monies from the Motor Carrier License Fee Fund to the State Highway Fund from July 2nd to July 30th and January 2nd to January 30th. She also said the current \$400,000 balance needs to be increased to \$700,000 in order for the KCC to retain sufficient revenue to cover program expenditures.

There were no other proponents.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to a letter of support for **HB 2491** from Secretary Deb Miller, Kansas Department of Transportation.

There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2491** and opened the hearing on **SB 210**.

SB 210 - County treasurers shall be deemed agents of the state for certain purposes.

The Chairman recognized Mark Schemm, Smith County Treasurer, representing the Kansas County Treasurers Association. Mr. Schemm gave a brief background on this issue. (Attachment #2) According to Mr. Schemm the Real ID Act states that agencies issuing drivers licenses must require from applicants a photo ID, birth certificate and "proof of the person's social security number" as evidence of lawful status. He said passage of **SB 210** will assist the Department of Revenue in achieving the minimum standards for drivers licenses and identification cards acceptable by federal agencies for official purposes. Mr. Schemm concluded by saying **SB 210** will keep drivers license and commercial drivers license renewal services locally for the state's older and working drivers and will keep a part of homeland security at home.

The Chairman asked if there were any other proponents on this bill and Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles rose to say they support passage of **SB 210**.

There were no opponents to this bill. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **SB 210**.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to Minutes of the March 1, 2007, Committee Meeting. Representative Swanson made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Representative Menghini and the motion carried.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Transportation Committee at 1:30 P.M. on March 6, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

will be March 7, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.