

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on March 11, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Diane Minear, Litigation Counsel for the Transportation Division, KCC

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting. He opened hearings on **SB 462**.

SB 462 - Motor carriers, base state registration

The Chairman recognized Diane Minear, Litigation Counsel for the Transportation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, as the first proponent for **SB 462**. (Attachment #1) Ms. Minear explained how the repeal of a Federal Statute and Regulation affected Kansas Statutes and Regulations which govern the registration of motor carriers. According to Ms. Minear, **SB 462** is a clean-up bill that will amend seven KCC Transportation statutes that specifically reference or cite 49 U.S.C. 14504. The new federal statute gives participating states the authority to collect motor carrier registration fees under the new Uniform Carrier Registration System. Ms. Minear said there were no substantive changes in this proposed bill.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Tom Whitaker as the next proponent for **SB 462**. (Attachment #2) According to Mr. Whitaker, **SB 462** would amend current law regarding fees paid by motor carriers by replacing references to repealed federal statute 49 U.S.C. 14504 (the Single State Registration System.) He said current state law requires that motor carriers operating in Kansas, whether their activities are intrastate or interstate, register with the Kansas Corporation Commission. Federal law requires motor carriers operating in interstate or international commerce to register in their home states and pay fees that are divided among the states. The current federal statute gives states the authority to collect motor carrier registration fees under the Unified Carrier Registration System, which replaced the federal Single State Registration System in 2007.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After all questions were answered Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearings on **SB 462**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **SB 509**.

SB 509 - Authorizing the state corporation commission to sell certain impounded vehicles

The Chairman recognized Diane Minear as the first proponent. According to Ms. Minear, the KCC was given the authority to impound motor carrier's vehicles and this bill is a cleanup with minor changes and will seldom need to be used. The changes in this bill will help the KCC and other entities address how to dispose of a vehicle that is impounded and then abandoned. (Attachment #3). She concluded by saying that any money received from the sale of the vehicle would be used to pay the cost of the impoundment and sale, with the remainder transferred to the State General Fund.

Tom Whitaker with the KS Motor Carriers Association came forward to support passage of **SB 509**.

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There were no other proponents to this bill and no opponents. After questions from the Committee were answered, the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 509**.

Vice-Chairman Peck gave a brief report on the progress of the Sub-Committee appointed to review and make recommendations on **SB 294** concerning graduated drivers' licenses.

The next meeting will be the tour of Old Castle Precast, Inc., at 12:30 p.m., on March 12, 2008.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.