

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bob Bethell, Representative, State of Kansas
Jeannine Bateman, Treasurer, Marion County
Joe Grisolano, Treasurer, Crawford County
Mark Bruce, Major, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB 122 - Rebuilt salvage vehicles, reduction of classification, taxation.**

Representative Bethell, appeared as a proponent of **SB 122**. He stated that classification reduction of rebuilt salvage vehicles, makes the vehicle taxed at a rate that reflects the actual market value of the vehicle. Current law states that if a salvage vehicle is rebuilt and put back on the street, it is taxed at the same rate as if it is not a salvage vehicle (Attachment 1).

Jeannine Bateman, Treasurer of Marion County, testified in support of the proposed action of **SB 122**. According to Ms. Bateman, a salvage auto does not have the monetary worth that it had prior to being wrecked and rebuilt, therefore the class code should be lowered and the title branded rebuilt salvage at time it is registered (Attachment 2).

Joe Grisolano, on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, spoke in favor of **SB 122**. A rebuilt salvage vehicle is usually worth between 15% and 30% less than the same vehicle with a good title. When a new title with "Rebuilt Salvage" on the heading is issued, a onetime two-class reduction will stay with the vehicle as long as it is in operation. The difference in the property tax amount the vehicle owner would pay, is approximately 17% to 19% less with the reduction in classification (Attachment 3).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 122** was closed.

The hearing on **SB 123 - Antique vehicles; city issued license plates** was opened.

Representative Bethell presented testimony on behalf of Ken Hand from Wichita and the antique automobile hobbyist. He indicated that **SB 123** would allow owners of automobiles manufactured prior to 1913 to revert to the original method of registering cars, apply for an antique car plate, and if he chooses not to display that plate, could put the numbers of his State issued antique plate onto a reproduction plate (Attachment 4).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 123** was closed.

The Chairman indicated his desire that the committee work the bill today.

Senator Petersen moved, Senator Schmidt seconded, to recommend SB 123 favorably for passage and be placed on the consent calendar. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger turned the committee's attention back to **SB 122** for final action.

Senator Brownlee moved, Senator Kultala seconded, to recommend SB 122 favorably for passage. Motion

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carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB 145 - Regulating traffic, driving in right lane, required, exceptions.**

Major Mark Bruce, representing the Kansas Highway Patrol as proponents of **SB 145**, provided written testimony and answered the committee's questions. The Patrol supports the intent of this bill to facilitate and enhance the orderly flow of traffic (Attachment 5).

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **SB 145** was closed.

The Chairman noted that since this is a straightforward bill with no opposition, the committee would work the bill today.

Senator Schmidt moved, Senator Brownlee seconded, to recommend **SB 145** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009.