

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 26, 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:

Mike Hoeme, Kansas Corporation Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for final action on **SB 153 - Regulation of certain motor vehicles and motor carriers by the corporation commission.**

Mike Hoeme, representing the Kansas Corporation Commission, reviewed the bill. Discussion followed in regard to the previous concerns of Motor Carrier definitions matching Federal definitions. The Kansas Corporation Commission is currently in the process of adopting the amended Federal definitions which now reads "Commercial Motor Vehicle" instead of "Motor Vehicle" (Attachment 1). Senator Petersen noted that the previously requested amendment for language change would not be needed.

Senator Petersen moved, Senator Donovan seconded, to recommend SB 153 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger turned the committee's attention to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as it pertains to transportation (Attachment 2). The committee discussed how the stimulus package will help our state this year. Senator Umbarger indicated his desire for the committee to develop a Ten-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Funding has to be part of this program. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2009.