

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on February 3, 2000 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Vaughn Flora, excused
Representative Andrew Howell, excused
Representative Phill Kline, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Trooper John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending:

See attached sheet

HB 2258 - auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps, restrictions

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2258** and called on Sergeant John Eichkorn of the Kansas Highway Patrol. He stated that under current law, drivers may utilize driving lamps and fog lamps at any time, even in the presence of other motor vehicles. He said the Highway Patrol was aware of the concern of some drivers about the intensity of these lights. He concluded the Patrol had two concerns about the bill 1) the accessibility of switches to turn the lights on and off and 2) date of enforcement, suggesting a graduated enforcement clause. (Attachment 1)

Hank Avila, Research Department, told the committee other states are studying the problem but as yet no other state has enacted legislation similar to this bill.

Following questions from the committee the Chair closed hearings on **HB 2258**.

HB 2582 - allowing alternately flashing head lamps on school buses

Chairman Hayzlett opened the floor for discussion and final action on **HB 2582**.

Representative Grant made a motion to amend the bill, changing Section 4 to read "it would take effect after publication in the Register rather than the statute book" and to pass the bill our favorably as amended. Representative Ballou seconded the motion and the motion carried.

HB 2641 - passing stopped authorized emergency vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett opened the floor for discussion and final action on **HB 2641**. Representative Johnston made a conceptual motion to add to subsection (b) the use of amber window lights by police and in subsection (c) of Section 1 delete "operate the vehicle" and reinsert "drive". Representative Larkin seconded the motion.

Representative Johnston made a motion to pass **HB 2641** as amended, seconded by Representative Ray and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Tuesday, February 8th, 2000 in Room 519-S.