

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on February 16, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused

Representative Louis Ruiz- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Association

Pat Haffner, Citizen of Hoxie, KS

Randy L. Rogers, representing the Kansas Sheriffs Association

Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel for League of KS Municipalities

Representative Ed O'Malley

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting with **SB 373**.

SB 373 - Apportioned registration of fleet vehicles, enforcement

The Chairman recognized Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. According to Mr. Whitaker (Attachment #1) this bill will implement the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) program in Kansas. This program allows the state to tie interstate commercial motor vehicle identification numbers to a motor carrier's identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 373** and opened the hearing on **HB 2697**.

HB 2697 - Railroad leasing act, application of act

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Pat Haffner and his wife Jackie. According to Mr. Haffner (Attachment #2) the proposed amendment would clarify that the compensation provisions of the act are not affected by the July 1, 1998, effective date that applies to lease terms. He said the amendment would insure that he was able to negotiate under all the terms of the act to insure fair and just compensation for his improvements.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After questions were answered, Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2697** and opened the hearings on **HB 2740**.

HB 2740 - Traffic regulations, restricting all terrain vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Randy Rogers, Legislative Chair for the Kansas Sheriffs Association. Mr. Rogers said (Attachment #3) the Kansas Sheriffs Association would support legislation that would make the operation of ATV's on any public roadway illegal while recognizing some exemptions.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. The Chairman recognized Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel for the League of Kansas Municipalities who wanted to present neutral testimony on **HB 2740**. Mr. Baer said The League had long maintained that an ATV is a motor vehicle and as such it should meet the same registration and insurance requirements, have statutorily required safety devises and be operated by an individual with a valid driver's license. (Attachment #4) According to Mr. Baer the proposed legislation should go further and clarify the status of other motorized vehicles of a similar nature, i.e. golf carts,

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motorized skateboards, mini-scooters, "pocket rockets" and so on. He said the clarification should include their classification, safety equipment required, what registration, licensing and age requirements would be required.

After questions were answered, the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2740** and opened hearings on **HB 2758**.

HB 2758 - Designating a part of K-177 and US 24 Highways as Coach Bill Snyder Highway

Chairman Hayzlett introduced Representative Ed O'Malley. According to Representative O'Malley this bill would designate K-177 highway, from its junction with Interstate 70 northward to its junction with Highway 24, and Highway 24 northward to its junction with K-13 as the Coach Bill Snyder Highway. (Attachment #5) Representative O'Malley said Coach Snyder brought more positive attention and recognition to Kansas State University than any attempt at a public relations campaign could have ever done.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2758**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2758** so he opened it up to the Committee for discussion or motions. Representative O'Malley made a motion to favorably pass this bill out of Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Burgess and the motion carried.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to Minutes of the February 1, 2006, Committee meeting. Representative Olson made a motion to approve the Committee Minutes and Representative Beamer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Faber announced there would be a meeting of the sub-committee on HB 2218 upon adjournment of the Committee meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be on February 20, 2006, in Room 519-S at 1:30 p.m.