

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 23, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sloan- excused
Representative Ron Worley- 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:

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and asked for bill introductions.

Representative Vickrey made a motion to introduce a bill concerning inattentive driving, seconded by Representative Ballard, the bill carried.

There being no other bill introductions the Chairman reopened discussions on **SB 294**. Chairman Hayzlett introduced Jim Hanni, representing AAA Kansas, who gave a power-point presentation on "Kansas Teen Driver Research and Education Project." Following the presentation the Committee asked questions of Jim Hanni, Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, Deb Miller, Secretary of Transportation, Mark Bruce of the KS Highway Patrol and Ed Klumpp.

A presentation was also made by Ed Klumpp, chairperson of the Legislative Committee of both the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and of the Kansas Peace Officers Association, on the "Enforcement of GDL Laws." Mr. Klumpp was responding to the concern raised in the January 22 committee meeting concerning the ability of law enforcement officials to enforce the GDL laws. According to Mr. Klumpp. "Experience in traffic laws such as seat belts, child restraints, and other laws show that 15 - 20% of the people will obey a law because it is a law and the right thing to do. With public education, compliance commonly increases to over 50%. But when those things are combined with an active primary enforcement factor, compliance generally goes into the 80 - 90% range. There is no question many agencies are prepared to actively engage education tactics to increase compliance of a new GDL law. And unquestionably law enforcement is capable of adding the enforcement factor to maximize compliance."

At the conclusion of the discussion, after all parties had had an opportunity to participate, Chairman Hayzlett decided to appoint a sub-committee to further review this matter and bring recommendations back to the Committee. The Chairman appointed Representative Virgil Peck to Chair the sub-committee. The other members are: Representative Margaret Long, Representative Julie Menghini, Representative Tom Sloan and Representative Jeff King.

Chairman Hayzlett advised the Committee there would be a Joint Meeting with Taxation Committee on Monday, January 28, in Room 313-S at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.