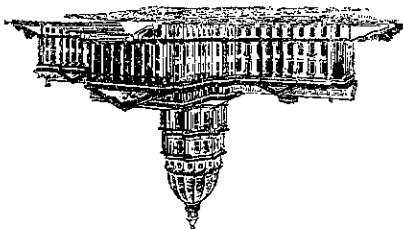


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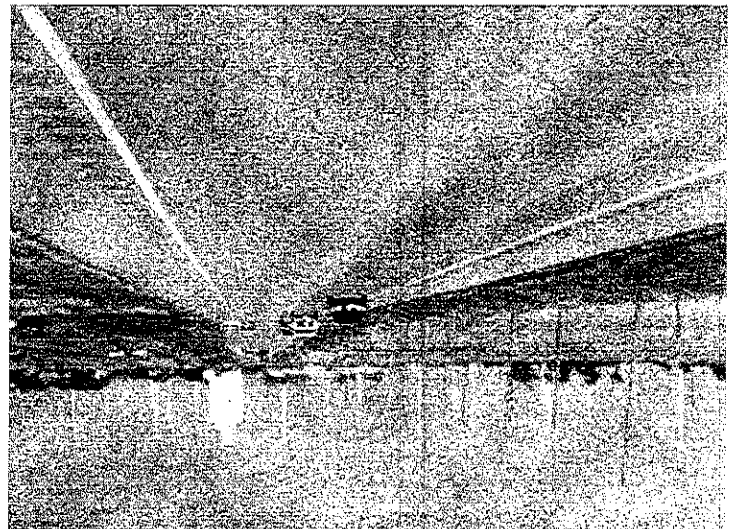
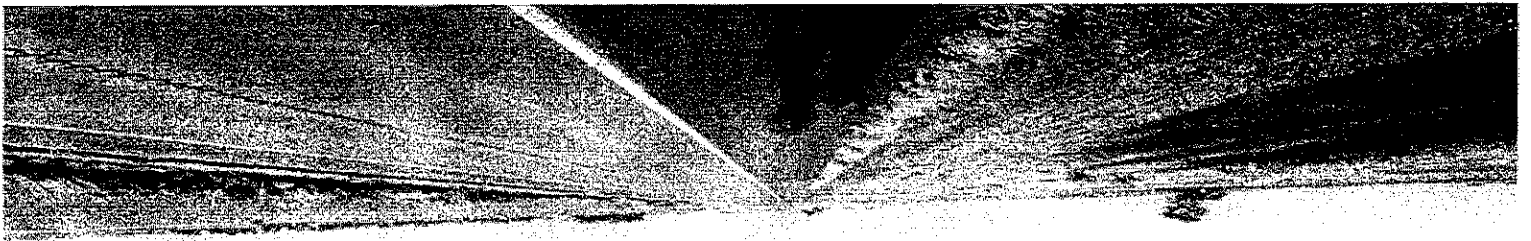
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Testimony before the House Transportation Committee

- ❖ Kansas ranks 5th in the nation for overall Highway Performance. The rankings include highway expenditures, Interstate and rural primary road pavement conditions, bridge conditions, urban Interstate/freeway congestion, fatality rates and narrow rural arterial lanes (Reason Foundation 2012)
 - In the 2012 report, Kansas had no rural pavement roads rated in poor condition and less than 1% [0.66% of Urban Interstate rated in poor condition, 0.02% of rural arterial roadways] of overall roads rated in poor condition.

❖ HB 2643

- What this Bill does:
 - Allows the Secretary of Transportation to *raise* speed limits on rural highways to 5-mph above the limit in K.S.A. 8-1558(a)⁴, for a maximum allowable speed of 70-mph
 - Requires Engineering and Traffic Investigation to be requested and completed before any change is made
 - An engineering study must be run by or under the supervision of an engineer in accordance with the appropriate principles, provisions, and practices taken from their uniform manuals and methods.
- What this Bill does not do:
 - Require any change to current speed limits
 - Allow *unilateral* changes to speed limits
 - All changes must be accompanied by a written note and notice to the public and law enforcement. Any change *raising* the current limit must also be backed by a comprehensive engineering and traffic investigation.
- ❖ Five other states have similar laws: Utah, Idaho, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Wyoming [all five have the same engineering and traffic investigation clause]

Pictured (clockwise from upper left):
Unknown Ks Highway, KS-16, US-56



	Rural	Urban	Limited	Other Roads
Colorado	75	65	65	65
Idaho	75/80/65*	75/80/65*	70	70
Kansas	75	75	75	65
Montana	80/65*	65	70/65****	70/65****
Nebraska	75	65	65	60
North Dakota	75	75	70	65
Oklahoma	75	70	70	70
South Dakota	80	80	70	70
Texas	75/80-85**	75	75	75
Wyoming	75/80***	75/80***	70	70

* Cars/Specified Segments/Trucks
 ** Statewide/Specified Segments
 ***Statewide/Specified Segments
 **** Day/Night

Data in this graph was taken from a report by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety
 All States available on their website <https://www.iihs.org>

Table 1: Overall Highway Performance Rankings 2012

State	Overall
Wyoming	1
Nebraska	2
South Dakota	3
South Carolina	4
Kansas	5
North Dakota	6
New Mexico	7
Mississippi	8
Montana	9
Kentucky	10
Texas	11
Missouri	12
Georgia	13
Ohio	14
Wisconsin	15
Maine	16
Tennessee	17
Iowa	18
Arizona	19
North Carolina	20
Alabama	21
Oklahoma	22
New Hampshire	23
Nevada	24
Virginia	25
Oregon	26
Illinois	27
Minnesota	28
Utah	29
Idaho	30
Florida	31
Michigan	32
Colorado	33
West Virginia	34
Arkansas	35
Indiana	36
Delaware	37
Vermont	38
Maryland	39
Louisiana	40
Pennsylvania	41
Washington	42
New York	43
Connecticut	44
California	45
Massachusetts	46
Rhode Island	47
New Jersey	48
Alaska	49
Hawaii	50