

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Sen. Harrington

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dean Carlson, Secretary KDOT

Others attending: See attached list

Overview of Kansas Department of Transportation

Chairman Donovan welcomed Dean Carlson, Secretary Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Secretary Carlson provided members a comprehensive overview of KDOT (Attachment 1). It's an interesting fact that Kansas ranks 4th in the number of public road miles in the nation behind, Texas, California and Illinois where there are from 67 to 200 persons per mile of highway which essentially is how money is generated to pay for the program. Kansas has 20 persons per mile to support all these miles of public roads and that's why they must come to the Legislature for funding. KDOT has a presentation with financial details which they would be pleased to present at another time. A report on the aviation component of the Comprehensive Transportation Program is scheduled for next week. Members expressed appreciation for Secretary Carlson's comprehensive presentation and had few additional questions. They were advised the rail loan program is being used and they believe short line railroads will be in much better shape than they have been. In regard to the aviation component of the program, Secretary Carlson advised the FAA has been very cooperative regarding federal requirements. This should speed the process of updating general purpose airports.

Chairman Donovan commended Secretary Carlson for a job well done. This has been and continues to be a very important program for the entire state.

Introduction of bill

The committee has been requested to introduce a bill related to removal of statutory requirement to repaint used school buses that have been purchased by child care centers and/or churches. Senator Jackson moved to introduce the bill. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Senator Gooch moved to approve minutes of the January 23, 2001 meeting. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2001.

Approval of minutes

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for, 2001.

CONTINUATION SHEET