

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

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

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Representative Gary Hayzlett
John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending: See attached list.

HB 2143: Re traffic: auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps

Representative Gary Hayzlett, who had requested the bill, explained the rationale behind the request as well as what this bill will do (Attachment 1). Several personal experiences were reported regarding issues addressed by this bill.

Second Lieutenant John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol, advised that under current law drivers may use auxiliary driving lamps and/or fog lamps at any time, even in the presence of other vehicles. This bill would limit use in the same way as the current limit of high beam headlights. Lt. Eichkorn also mentioned concerns the Patrol has about the bill (Attachment 2).

Discussed after market auxiliary lamps installation, accessibility of switches and possible safety hazards connected with switching lights on and off. The Division of Motor Vehicles would want to put information in their driving handbook on this requirement. Current statute limits the number of lights one can have on a vehicle and also the height of the lights.

Hearing closed on **HB 2143**. The bill will be considered for possible final action at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2001.