

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 10, 2003 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Dept.
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Dept.
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Jene Vickrey
Larry Pence, Past President of Kansas State Pupil Transportation Ass'n.
Barbara Pringle, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Pupil Transportation Ass'n.
Representative Bob Bethell
Carl Quanstrom

Others attending:

See attached list

HB 2113 - Maximum speed limits for school buses

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2113** and called on Representative Vickrey as the first proponent. Representative Vickrey told the committee this was a common sense bill that would allow buses to drive with the flow of traffic. He then introduced Larry Pence, Past President of the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association who deferred formal testimony to Barbara Pringle, Executive Secretary of the KSPTA and Transportation Director of USD 243 - Emporia for four years.

According to Ms. Pringle, the KSPTA's main concern is the safety of the students transported each day to and from school and activities. Currently the maximum speed limit for a school bus is 55 miles per hour on separated and multilane highways and the maximum speed for all other vehicles is 70 miles per hour. They believe this difference in allowable speed between the two results in the school bus traveling slow enough to become a hazard. According to KSPTA if the speed of school buses remains at 55 miles per hour, they believe there is an increased probability of accidents when other vehicles try desperately not to get behind a school bus. Ms. Pringle asked for support for this bill. (Attachment 1)

There were no other proponents and no opponents.

Following questions from the Committee Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearings on **HB 2113**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB 2118 - Model year license plates for antique vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2118** and called on Representative Bob Bethell as the first proponent. He explained that Kansas law states that an owner of an antique automobile may, by paying a fee of \$40, display a license plate of the same year as the manufacture of the automobile as the official Kansas license plate as long as the plate is embossed with the year of issuance. This is appropriate for antique vehicles that were manufactured beginning in 1921, but excludes vehicles manufactured from 1913 to 1920, because the plates were not embossed with the year until 1921. Representative Bethell asked for support for **HB 2118** which would amend the statute to allow for plates issued in years 1913 to 1920 to be used in such a manner. (Attachment 2)

Carl Quanstrom was the next conferee. Mr. Quanstrom is an owner of a 1915 Model-T Ford. He brought pictures of his car and tag to show the committee. He urged passage of **HB 2118**.

Chairman Hayzlett called on Sheila Walker, Director of Motor Vehicles for any comments on this bill. She added that this bill would also have technical cleanup and remove the notary requirements.

There were no other conferees. Following questions by the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2118**.

After some discussion Representative Ballou moved, with a second by Representative Ballard, to recommend **HB 2118** favorable for passage and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2003.