

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 16, 2000, in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Huelskamp

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Assn.
James Franklin
Sheila Walker, Div. Of Vehicles, KDOR
Charles M. Yunker, American Legion

Others attending: See attached list

SB 540: Re purchasing multiple demonstration permits for trucks & truck tractors by dealers

Tom Whitaker, director of governmental relations and membership services for Kansas Motor Carriers Association, as a representative of the truck dealers appeared in support of **SB 540** (Attachment 1). When questioned, Sheila Walker, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, stated she believes it would be a positive move for dealers. This bill does not create any apparent fiscal impact.

Senator Harrington moved to recommend SB 540 favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Harry Stephens will carry the bill.

SB 611: Re US military veterans license plates, motorcycles

Mr. James Franklin, requesting recognition of the state's veterans, appeared in support of **SB 611** (Attachment 2).

Sheila Walker, Director Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue presented their facts related to **SB 611** (Attachment 3).

Charles M. Yunker, Adjutant, American Legion Department of Kansas testified in support of **SB 611**, requesting passage to eliminate what many veterans see as a discrepancy in current law (Attachment 4).

Members discussed the bill and questioned conferees regarding costs of licenses; whether or not it would be desirable to expand this coverage to other types of veterans' vehicles, etc.

Senator Huelskamp requested this bill. Due to a family emergency he was unable to be present today. The Chair wished to delay action on the bill until such time as he is present. Therefore, either tomorrow or as soon as possible thereafter the Committee will consider **SB 611**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2000.