

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on February 1 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisors of Statutes
Maggie Breen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don McNeeley, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association
Senator Phil Journey
Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, DOR
Willie Jones, US Major, Retired

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan asked for introduction of bills.

Don McNeely, Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, requested the introduction of two bills amending K.S.A. 8-135. The first deals with an expedited lien release time frame for when a lien must be released upon the satisfaction of a security interest in a motor vehicle. The second request extends the time period within which a creditor can perfect a security interest. (Attachment 1 and 2)

Senator Wilson made a motion to introduce both bills. Senator O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Petersen said he had a conceptional bill. The bill deals with an additional exceptions to "tools of the trade" legislation which was enacted several years ago. He wants to add yard maintenance.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to introduce the legislation. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on SB 346 - Regulating traffic, television-type equipment, operation thereof.

Senator Journey said SB 346 reflects a case where technology has outpaced current law. Current law says no vehicle can be equipped with a television-type receiving equipment located where the screen is visible from the driver's seat. SB 346 amends the statute to make the operation of the screen, rather than the possession of it, a violation of the statute. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on SB 346 and opened the hearing on SB 396- Military veteran license plates, travel trailers.

Carmen Alldritt, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, said she didn't have any problem with SB 396. They will have to shrink down the veteran's emblem in order to make room for a sixth digit as they are running out of numbers. She said they sell them for 50 cents at the county treasurers's office and they cost \$3.50 to make. It's a little benefit they receive. (No handout)

Willie Jones, US Major, Retired, said it was an honor to be before the committee. He is a veteran of 22 years. He served in Korea for 14 months and did 3 tours in Viet Nam. He thinks that something that has disappeared in our country is the thought of and the care for veterans. He had a motor home and he bought a veteran's tag for it. He traded his motor home for a fifth wheel. He went in to get his new tag and the lady said "you can't have it." He told her it didn't make sense. He was told "That's just the law." He told her he doesn't know

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who wrote that law, and if there is anyone on the committee was involved in writing he apologized, but he doesn't think it is realistic. He told Senator Derek Schmidt, a good friend of his, and the Senator wrote **SB 396**. Mr. Smith thinks it is a very good bill. He said veterans are proud to be veterans and thinks they should be given this opportunity to show it. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **SB 396** and asked what the committee's pleasure was on the two bills.

Senator Journey made a motion to pass SB 396 favorably and place it on the consent calendar. Senator Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass SB 346 favorably. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Journey will carry the bill.

Chairman Donovan said the committee would look at **SB 344- Traffic regulation, school crossing zones, school crossing guards.**

Senator Schmidt recalled that Mr. Church had suggested an amendment to change the word "may" on line 28 to "should." However, she doesn't think should is strong enough. She would like for it to be changed to "shall."

Senator Schmidt made a motion to amend the word "may" on line 28 to "shall." Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator O'Connor made a motion to amend ln 20 and 21 to "or any person under 18 years of age who is being directly supervised by a person at least 18 years of age." The motion died for lack of a second.

Senator Journey made a motion to pass SB 344 out favorably as amended. Senator Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Journey will carry the bill.

Chairman Donovan asked if there was a motion on **SB 347 - Doubling speeding fines in school zones.**

Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass SB 347 favorably. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Journey will carry the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 7.