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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on March 13, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Ted Powers
Charles Yunker, American Legion
Duane Simpson, Chief Operating officer and Vice President of Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Cooperative Council

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2708--Designating K-53 highway as the patriot guard highway.**

Proponents:

Rep. Ted Powers presented a map showing this highway would run from Highway 81, east through Mulvane, to a point about two blocks from the founding point of the Patriot Guard. ([Attachment 1](#)) He presented a poem explaining what the Guard does. ([Attachment 2](#))

Charles Yunker, American Legion, explained the Patriot Guard is a group independent from the American Legion. Their primary purpose is to honor those who have served this nation. ([Attachment 3](#))

Seeing no others who wanted to speak to the bill, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2708** and opened the hearing on **HB 2659--Designating a portion of U.S. 400 highway as the atomic veteran's memorial highway.**

Proponent:

Rep. Kenneth Trimmer sent written testimony explaining who the atomic veterans are and why they deserve to be honored by having part of US Highway 400 named for them. ([Attachment 4](#))

Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2659** and opened the hearing on **HB 2824--Railroad leasing act, track leases.**

Proponents:

Duane Simpson, Chief Operating officer and Vice President of Kansas Grain and Feed Association explained recent events that have brought about the need for this bill. ([Attachment 5](#))

Kansas Department of Transportation sent written testimony in favor of adoption of this bill. ([Attachment 6](#))

Chairman Donovan asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the bill. Leslie Kaufman, executive Director for the Kansas Cooperative Council, came forward to give the Council's support to this bill. ([Attachment 7](#))

Seeing no others to speak to **HB 2824**, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing, and reopened hearing on **SB 4-- Driver improvement clinics, fees, disposition thereof.**

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Transportation Committee at 8:30 A.M. on March 13, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Proponent:

Sen. Phil Journey recapped the previous two hearings on this bill and the amendments that have been made to it. (Attachment 8)

Sen. Palmer said her notes said this bill would be effective January, 2009. She did not see that in the amendment. Sen. Journey explained the wording was “may”, which would make it possible for the bill to not go into effect until January, 2009.

Sen. Schmidt said she thought we should have a specific date and requested an amendment to state that.

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes, said he would add the effective date change to the present balloon amendment. Sen. Journey moved the effective date be included in the amendment. Sen. Palmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Donovan asked if all were comfortable with the changes in the bill and the amendment. There were no questions. Sen. Journey moved adoption of the balloon amendment. Sen. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sen. Journey moved that the bill be moved out of committee favorably as amended. Sen. Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sen. Journey will carry the bill.

What are your wishes on the other three bills. Sen. Wilson moved pass **HB2659** favorably and put on Consent Calendar since it is not a bill of any controversy. The motion was seconded by Sen. Petersen. Motion passed.

Sen. Schmidt moved we pass **HB 2708** out of committee favorably. Seconded by Sen. Petersen. Motion carried.

HB 2824 came to committee from the Consent Calendar in the House. Sen. Wilson moved **HB 2824** be moved out of committee favorably and be put on the Consent Calendar. Sen. Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Donovan asked for motion to approve the minutes of the March 6 meeting. Sen. Schmidt moved adoption of the minutes. Sen. Apple seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Donovan reminded members of the tour of Oldcastle Precast facility at 11:30 today. Anybody who wants to attend is to meet at the east door of the Capitol.

Having no further business to be heard, Chairman Donovan adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 18.