

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Deann Williams, Bureau Chief, Motor Carrier Services, Div. of Vehicles, Dept. of Revenue  
Kevin Gregg, Director of Industry Relations, KS Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the meeting by calling for bill introductions.

Mike Hutfles requested the Committee introduce a bill concerning dealer-hauler full-privilege trailer license plates. A motion to accept the bill was made by Representative Ballard, seconded by Representative Wetta and the motion carried.

There were no other bill introductions.

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2023**

**HB 2023 - Motor carriers, enforcement of state corporation commission orders.**

The Chairman recognized Deann Williams, Motor Carrier Services, Department of Revenue. According to Ms. Williams this bill addresses a loophole that allows carriers to request that the local county treasurer issue registration to vehicles that have been placed out of service by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for serious safety violations. (Attachment #1) Ms. Williams said once the carrier comes into compliance they will receive reinstatement papers and tags can be reissued. She said they had worked with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Motor Carriers Association to develop language of this bill. Ms. Williams asked the Committee to favorably pass this bill as it would help keep unsafe motor carriers off the road. She stood for questions.

Chairman Hayzlett then recognized Kevin Gregg, with the Motor Carriers Association. According to Mr. Gregg, the Motor Carriers Association fully supports this bill and feel it is one more tool to help keep unsafe vehicles off the roadways. (Attachment #2) He said **HB 2023** would permit the Dept. of Revenue to notify the county office of the tag revocation to prevent the re-registration of a vehicle that has been placed out of service, until such time as the carrier can prove that the vehicle has been brought back into compliance.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to **HB 2023**. After all the Committee Members' questions had been answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2023**.

Staff from Legislative Research had prepared and presented a “Report of the Special Committee on A New Comprehensive Transportation Plan to the 2009 Kansas Legislature.” (Attachment #3) Staff provided a summary of oral and written testimony on policy considerations for a new plan and summarized specific improvements for which conferees sought funding.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.