

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 3, 2009, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused

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:

Representative Richard Proehl
Representative Pat Maloney
Kevin Gregg, Director of Relations, KS Motor Carriers Ass'n.

Others attending:

See attached list.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009.

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

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on HB 2045.

HB 2045 - Designating bridge no.85 on U.S. highway 166 in Labette county as the veterans memorial bridge.

The Chairman recognized Representative Richard Proehl who spoke in support of HB 2045 relating to bridge No. 85 located on US Highway 166 in Labette County. He asked that the bridge be named the Veterans Memorial Bridge. (Attachment #1) According to Representative Proehl the Chetopa Memorial VFW Post #10508 requested the naming of bridge No. 85 be the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on HB 2045.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on HB 2129.

HB 2129 - Driver's licenses, classes thereof; farm registered vehicles.

The Chairman asked staff to explain HB 2129 to the Committee. In brief the bill says that if the vehicle is registered as a farm vehicle it can be operated with a class C license. This bill also cleans up some previous language concerning fire trucks.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Maloney. According to Representative Maloney one of the major reasons for HB 2129 is the differing interpretations of the driver's licensing requirements for farm tagged vehicles from local enforcement agencies. (Attachment #2) He said the current statute pertaining to drivers licensing requirements for farm tagged vehicles is not clear. Representative Maloney concluded by saying HB 2129 makes the necessary changes to the current statute to clarify the drivers licensing requirements for farm tagged vehicles.

There were no other proponents.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted in support of HB 2129 by Kirk and Kathy Larson.

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Chairman Hayzlett recognized Kevin Gregg with the Motors Carrier Association as an opponent of HB 2129. According to Mr. Gregg the Motor Carriers Association does not believe that allowing an 18 year old to drive a farm truck tractor semitrailer combination vehicle with only a Class C driver's license is reasonable. (Attachment #3) The KMCA strongly believes that anyone wishing to operate an 18-wheeler should be required to take a driving test in a truck tractor semitrailer combination to show that they have the appropriate knowledge and ability to do so. He concluded by asked the Committee to not pass out HB 2129.

There were no other opponents so the Chairman closed the hearings on HB 2129.

There was a brief discussion about the graduated drivers licenses and the proposal the sub-committee is working on.

There being no further business before the Committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting.