

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on February 1, 2000 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Phill Kline, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes

Hank Avila, Research Department

Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Doug Gatewood

Representative Bob Grant

Marlena Bolt, Weir, Kansas

Larry Deardon, Scott County

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Steve Kearney, Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Assn. Of Kansas

Ken Gudenkauf, Assistant Bureau Chief, Traffic Engineering Department, Department of Transportation

Others attending:

See attached sheet

Chairman Hayzlett opened the floor for bill introductions. Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, requested introduction of a bill concerning wreckers and towing services. Representative Myers made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Larkin and the motion carried.

Steve Kearney, Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas, requested introduction of a bill concerning gasoline drive offs and the penalty for such. Representative Long made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Ballou and the motion carried.

Representative Ballou made a motion to introduce a bill regarding a 1/4 c sales tax to be used for mass transit, seconded by Representative Huff and the motion carried.

HB 2582 - allowing alternately flashing head lamps on school buses

The Chair opened hearings on **HB 2582** and called on Representative Gatewood. He presented statistics on fatality accidents involving school children in or around the loading or unloading areas of a school bus or transit bus. He stated that 7 of the 18 fatalities that occurred in the 1998-1999 school year would have been affected by this bill. (Attachment 1)

Representative Grant also spoke as a proponent of this bill. He stated a five year old child in his county was one of the fatalities last year. He concluded that having flashing head lamps on school buses would make them more visible.

Marlene Bolt represented testimony in support of **HB 2582**. She told the committee her grandson was killed in March, 1999 while attempting to board the school bus and the driver of the car stated she didn't see the school bus because of the sun. She concluded that allowing school districts to equip their buses with these lights can only increase the safety of our children. (Attachment 2)

Tony Stewart, Highway Patrol, stated he felt personally that equipping the buses with alternately flashing head lamps would add to the safety of the children loading or unloading the buses.

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Written testimony was presented by Barbara Pringle, Executive Secretary, Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association, in opposition to **HB 2582**. (Attachment 3)

Representative McClure called attention to Section 4 of **HB 2582** and asked Representative Gatewood if this should be changed to read “upon publication in the Register” rather than the statute book. Representative Gatewood concurred. Following other questions from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2582**.

HB 2643 - concerning width of certain loads on vehicles

The Chair called on Bruce Kinzie to give an overview of this bill.

Ken Gudenkauf, Assistant Bureau Chief of Traffic Engineering, Department of Transportation, stated **HB 2643** corrects an oversight in the 1998 amendment and KDOT supports this bill which clarifies the language and fulfills the intent of the 1998 amendment. (Attachment 4)

Written testimony was presented by Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association, and Leslie Kaufman, Kansas Farm Bureau in support of **HB 2643**. (Attachment 5 and 6)

There being no opponents, Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2643**.

Minutes of the House Transportation Committee for January 26th and 27th were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Pauls made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Howell and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Wednesday, February 2nd in Room 519-S.