

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION &amp; TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 10, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Mark Gilstrap  
Representative Dennis McKinney  
Dean Carlson, Secretary, KDOT  
Pat Hurley, Economic Lifelines

Others attending: See attached list

**SB 496: Relating to Highways - systems enhancements projects****SB 497: Relating to Highways - systems enhancements**

Senator Gilstrap who requested introduction of these two bills provided information on the background and reasons for the request. Basically, the bills present two policy options (No written testimony). He then introduced Representative Dennis McKinney who further explained the proposed options, advising that of the two bills he personally preferred **SB 497 (Attachment 1)**. Members had several questions regarding the intent of these two bills.

Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary, Dean Carlson presented facts as they relate to **SB 496** and **SB 497 (Attachment 2)**. He stated he too would prefer **SB 497**, if the revenues ever became available.

Pat Hurley, Economic Lifelines stated they would have no problem with a mechanism which would allow more systems enhancements. He presented a Resolution signed by the thirty organizations which comprise their Board. The Resolution objects to funding being taken out of the Comprehensive Transportation Program and strongly objects to the unprecedented practice of continuing to take funds out every year hereafter. He added that, "playing the estimation game is how Missouri got into trouble." Pursuing the practice of transferring money out of KDOT means these two bills are useless, if money is not left in the program. (Attachment 3).

**SB 369: Re drivers license; school sponsored activities**

The Sub-Committee report provided new wording for the portions to which objections had been raised at the original hearing on the bill. "Participation" and "Location" were more clearly defined. Senator Jordan moved to adopt the proposed amendment. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Jordan moved to report the bill favorable for passage as amended. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Harrington will carry the bill.

**Approval of minutes**

Senator Huelskamp moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2000 meeting. Senator Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2000.