

Approved: 3-20-00
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on March 15, 2000 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Joann Flower, excused
Representative Andrew Howell, excused
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:

Senator Tim Huelskamp
James Franklin, Liberal, Kansas
Chuck Yunker, Adjutant, American Legion, Department of Kansas
Ken McNeill, ABATE of Kansas
Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles

Others attending:

See attached list

SB 611 - license plates for United States military veterans

Senator Huelskamp spoke in support of **SB 611** gave a short history of why this bill was introduced. He presented a handout showing the proposed license plate. ([Attachment 1](#))

James Franklin of Liberal presented testimony in support of **SB 611**. He asked for the same recognition for veteran motorcycle riders that is afforded the veteran who drives a car or truck and asked the committee to pass **SB 611** favorably. ([Attachment 2](#))

The next proponent to speak was Charles Yunker, Adjutant for the American Legion. He said passage of **SB 611** would authorize the issuance of distinctive motorcycle license plates to U.S. military veterans in the same manner as automobile and truck plates are currently issued. This bill, he concluded, would eliminate what many veterans feel is a discrepancy in the current law. ([Attachment 3](#))

Ken McNeill, ABATE, testified in favor of **SB 611**. He stated that a majority of the men, and a large minority of women, who are members of ABATE are veterans. Many of the members use their motorcycles for their main means of transportation and for a sizable minority it is the only means of transportation and to exclude them from being able to display a veterans tag would be both unkind and disrespectful to them as veterans. ([Attachment 4](#))

There were no other proponents listed. There were no opponents listed.

Sheila Walker, Director of Vehicles, presented testimony regarding **SB 611**. She told the committee that from an administrative standpoint, it would not be difficult to manufacture U.S. Veteran plates for motorcycles, however, because of the small area that is available for the logo, the motorcycle plates might be difficult for law enforcement to identify. In addition, once these plates are seen by other Kansans, they would most likely get requests from other specialty plate holders wanting to put their plates on motorcycles. She concluded the Division of Vehicles could implement the requirements of this bill with no major administrative problems if this was the desire of the committee. ([Attachment 5](#))

Following questions from the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 611**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 1:40 p.m. on March 15, 2000.

HB 2923 - concerning the Kansas City area transportation district and authority compact; relating to financing

HB 2923 was passed as amended on February 22, 2000 and pulled from the Consent Calendar and re-referred to the Transportation Committee on March 6, 2000. Chairman Hayzlett called on Representative Ballou to explain a technical clean up that was necessary to clarify the intent of the bill. Representative Ballou made a motion to amend **HB 2923** by striking everything after the word “submitted” on page 1, line 42 to “and” on page 2, line 1. This was seconded by Representative Powers and the motion carried. Representative Ballou made a motion to pass **HB 2923**, as further amended, seconded by Representative Long and the motion carried.

SB 540 - purchasing multiple demonstration permits by dealers

Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **SB 540**. Representative Johnston made a motion to pass **SB 540** favorably, seconded by Representative Ballou and the motion carried.

SB 611 - license plates for military veterans

With approval of the full committee, Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **SB 611**. Written testimony was presented by Representative Shari Weber which addressed an amendment which she was in support of. (Attachment 6) Her amendment would include distinctive license plates for motorcycles for public safety members - law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Representative Grant made a motion to amend **SB 611** to include all distinctive license plates, seconded by Representative Johnston and the motion carried.

Upon questioning from the committee Sheila Walker stated the \$40 fee is for collegiate tags only - the veteran tags do not have this fee. She also stated the Division would be unable to make the July 1st deadline if all distinctive license plates would be included and asked for a January 1st deadline.

Representative Humerickhouse made a motion to amend **HB 3004, distinctive license plates for Kansas foundation for agriculture in the classroom**, into **SB 611**, seconded by Representative Johnston and the motion carried.

Representative Ballou made a motion to include all public services and to go into effect January 1, 2001, seconded by Representative Aday and the motion carried. Representative Powers wished his “no” vote recorded.

Representative Aday made a motion to pass **SB 611** as amended, seconded by Representative Long and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2000 in Room 519-S.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 1:30 p.m. on January 13, 2000.

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

