

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on March 1, 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:

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Vidricksen announced that because of the difficulty in getting in and getting set up on time when back to back committee meetings are scheduled, the meeting time will be permanently changed to 9:10 a.m. Because, time is short, members should be in their seats and ready to start promptly at 9:10 a.m.

HB 2258: Re auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps,; restrictions

Highway Patrol Trooper Eichorn testified in support of this bill which would require that auxiliary driving lights and fog lights be turned off in the same circumstances as high beams under current law (Attachment 1).

Members raised several issues; i.e. safety problems manual manual switches vs. those tied in with low beams; enforcement problems; benefits from such lights during inclement weather; urban use vs. rural use, etc.

It was agreed that all members would watch for problems/benefits related to these lights and return to further consider this bill when they have a better understanding of the problem.

Approval of minutes

Senator Jordan moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2000 and February 23,2000 meeting. Senator Stephens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2000