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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 8, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except Representatives Jerry Henry, Bob Montgomery and Jerry Williams.

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Vogelsberg, representing National Solid Waste Management Association

Ted Smith, KDOR Attorney, representing Motor Vehicle Director Shelite

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **SB 298**.

SB 298 – Penalties for violating size and weight laws

The Chairman recognized Patrick Vogelsberg. (Attachment #1) The Chairman advised the Committee that this bill was identical to **HB 2458** which the Committee passed out on February 1, 2012. Mr. Vogelsberg said the goal of **SB 298** is to simply clarify the existing exception for garbage trucks that is already in place.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB298**.

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Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **SB 334**.

SB 334 – Exempting military drivers from driver licensing testing requirements

The Chairman recognized Ted Smith who represented Director Shelite. (Attachment #2) Mr. Smith said KDOR supported this bill. He said this bill would make it easier for military veterans to return to Kansas and successfully enter the State's workforce by crediting a veteran's experience operating commercial motor vehicles during his or her military service towards federal and state skills testing requirements. He said it was a law in many other states.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so after questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB 334**.

The Chairman opened **HB 2431** for discussion, questions and motions. Staff briefed the Committee and handed out a balloon amendment. (Attachment #3) The amendment was explained to the Committee. After more discussion *Representative Grant moved to adopt the amendment, seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.* There was more discussion after which *Representative Grant moved to favorably pass **HB 2431, as amended.** The motion was seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion passed.*

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2749** for discussion, questions and motions. The Chairman explained to the Committee that there had not been any opposition to this bill until today when he received an e-mail from Barbara Pringle, Executive Director, Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association. The Chairman read the points set out in Ms. Pringle's letter. After more discussion *Representative Grant moved to favorably pass **HB 2749**, seconded by Representative Hildebrand and the motion carried.*

Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 120** for discussion, questions and motions. Staff briefed the Committee on a balloon amendment. (Attachment #4) There was discussion on the amendment. After questions were answered *Representative Swanson moved to favorably pass the amendment, seconded by Representative Hill and the motion carried.*

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Representative Fawcett moved to favorably pass **SB 120, as amended**, seconded by Representative Hill and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 300** for discussion, questions or motions. After a couple of questions were answered, Representative Grant moved to favorably pass **SB 300**, seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

The Chairman asked if there were any objections to working the bills heard earlier. Seeing no objections Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 298** for discussion, questions or motions. Representative Grant moved to favorably pass this bill, seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **SB 334** for discussion, questions or motions. Representative Worley moved to favorably pass **SB 334**, seconded by Representative Spalding. The motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned with thanks to the members from the Chairman for their hard work during the session.