

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hazylett at 1:40 p.m. on February 7, 2001 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Marti Crow, excused
Representative Margaret Long, excused
Representative Dennis McKinney, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Research
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Federico, Recreational Vehicle Industry Association
John Eichkorn, 2nd Lt., Kansas Highway Patrol

Others attending:

See attached sheet

HB 2184 - width of motor homes and travel trailers

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2184** and called on John Federico, Recreational Vehicle Industry Association to present testimony in support of this bill. He told the committee that introduction of this bill is consistent with the RVIA's efforts in other states to lend some uniformity to state statutes across the country as they relate to recreational vehicles and allowable lengths and widths. In short, they are asking to amend Kansas law to eliminate the need to apply for a special permit to drive a recreational vehicle that is fashioned with a retracted awning, or other appurtenances that are integral parts of a motor home or travel trailer, not to exceed 108". He concluded that in the summer of 2002, Kansas will host the Family Motor Coach Association International Rally and this event will attract between 5,000 to 6,000 motor homes to the Kansas State Fairgrounds, which in turn will generate \$20-\$30 million dollars into the area economy. (Attachment 1)

Following questions from the committee, the Chair closed hearing on **HB 2184**.

HB 2143 - auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps, limitations

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2143**. The Chair gave a brief statement regarding the bill and the concern for the safety of motorists approaching vehicles with these auxiliary driving lamps and fog lamps.

He then called on 2nd Lt. John Eichkorn, Kansas Highway Patrol, for his testimony. He stated the Patrol understands the intent of the bill is to increase traffic safety, however, they have several concerns in regard to the vehicles being equipped with the means to manually turn them off safely when approaching traffic. (Attachment 2)

The Chair called for discussion and questions from the Committee. Chairman Hayzlett then closed hearings on **HB 2143**.

There being no objections from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **HB 2184**. Representative Ballou made a motion to pass **HB 2184** and place on the Consent Calendar. This was seconded by Representative Levinson and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett called for discussion and final action on **HB 2143**. Representative Ballou made a

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motion to pass **HB 2143** and place on the Consent Calendar. This was seconded by Representative Osborne and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Thursday, February 8, 2001.