

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee: None

Others attending.

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the House Transportation Committee of the 2011 Session and asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

The Chairman drew the Committees' attention to the handouts located on their file folders. The handouts included a Roster of Committee Members, the 2011 Seating Chart, Committee Rules and a copy of the Protocol for Conferees. Chairman Hayzlett asked the members to familiarize themselves with the Committee Rules and if they have any questions to contact him.

The Chairman then called for bill introductions.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Elaine Bowers who asked the committee to introduce a prefiled bill renaming a section of highway in Lincoln and Ottawa Counties after a World War II hero. A motion was made by Representative Grange, seconded by Representative Grant and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Marvin Kleeb. Representative Kleeb asked the committee to introduce a bill to raise the speed limit to 75 mph on split highways and interstates. A motion was made by Representative Worley to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Spalding and the motion carried.

Chairman recognized Colleen Jennison, Director, Government Affairs, representing Cox Communication, who requested introduction of a committee bill to include Cox Communication in the definition of what could be considered for fleet registration. Representative Swanson made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Grant and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized John Faber, representing ABATE. He requested introduction of a committee bill to allow motorcycles to proceed through automatic red lights that do not change. Representative Grange made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

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There being no other bill introductions the Chairman went into announcements.

Chairman Hayzlett said there would be no committee meeting next Thursday, January 20th because of the tour of Fort Leavenworth which he plans to attend.

He also told the committee he has an interest in addressing uninsured motorists and that some other states have taken action and it may be something the committee should discuss. Chairman asked if any of the members have information or comments on this subject to let him or the vice-chair know.

The Chairman brought up the fact he had received complaints that some cities were putting their own fees on the seatbelt violation fines. He said if the committee would be interested they could have the League of Municipalities come to a meeting to discuss this matter. Chairman is going to talk to staff about what can be done and maybe have something drawn up as it was not the intent of the committee for the law to be used this way.

The last announcement concerned the possibility of a tour arranged by Pat Hubbell and the railroads to go to Johnson County Community College where they train engineers. The agenda will be set after turn-around and discussed again.

There being no further business before the committee the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

