

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 3, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present: except
Representative Don Hill and
Representative Brett Hildabrand

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:
Major Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol
Whitney Damron, representing the Kansas Automobile Dealers Ass'n.
Larry Baer, Ass't. General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending.
See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and called for bill introductions.

Chairman Hayzlett moved introduction of a bill on behalf of the Treasurers Association concerning the elimination of a signature requirement. He said he understood this process has fast-track features for their new computer system. Representative Pottorff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett moved introduction of two bills concerning the seat belt violations and cities circumventing the statutes. He said one bill concerned putting the seat belt violations in the traffic codes and the other bill concerned money from the highway plan. The motions were seconded by Representative Proehl and the motions carried.

Representative Swanson moved introduction of a bill regarding safety while passing bicycles. The motion was seconded by Representative Grant and the motion carried.

Representative Wetta moved introduction of a bill that would designate the junction of U.S. Highway 24 and K-7 Highway in Wyandotte County as the Representative Margaret Long Interchange. The motion was seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

Representative O'Brien requested introduction of a bill regarding safety for U.S. Postal service vehicles and yielding right-of-way. Representative Swanson moved to introduce the proposed bill, seconded by Representative Arpke and the motion carried.

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Representative Peck, requested introduction of a bill that would allow the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol to collect a fee when services are provided by a KHP officer.

Representative Worley moved to introduce the proposed bill, seconded by Representative Fawcett and the motion carried.

Lindsay Douglas, Office of Governmental Affairs with KDOT requested introduction of two bills. The first bill would propose repeal of the Highway Advisory Commission. Representative Spalding moved to introduce the proposed bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Grant and the motion carried. The second bill would allow cities and counties to use state funds as collateral for facilitating, financing, acquisition or rehabilitation of railroads and rolling stock. Representative Wetta moved to introduce the proposed bill. The motion was seconded by Representative Prescott and the motion carried.

There being no additional requests for bill introductions Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2093.**

HB 2093 – Kansas Highway Patrol; vehicle inspection fees

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Major Mark Bruce. According to Major Bruce (Attachment #1) this bill would increase VIN inspection fees from \$10 to \$15, effective July 1, 2011, and give the Superintendent rules and regulation authority to raise the fee to \$20 after July 1, 2012. Major Bruce said the inspection fee has remained at \$10 since the VIN program began more than 25 years ago. He said the \$10 inspection fee does not cover the costs for the inspections and the remainder of the money comes from the state general fund budget. He said the majority of the troopers' salaries are paid from this fund and the Patrol's ability to keep troopers on the road is in jeopardy if they can not increase fees.

The next proponent for **HB 2093** was Whitney Damron, who was representing the Kansas Automobile Dealers Ass'n. (Attachment #2) According to Mr. Damron, the KADA supports the request to increase the VIN fees from \$10 to \$15 and allow new vehicle dealers to retain a portion of the fees for inspections. Mr. Damron said the KADA understood the Highway Patrol's need to generate sufficient revenue to cover their costs for this service especially since this fee has not increased in more than 25 years.

The Chairman recognized Larry Baer, Ass't. General Counsel, for the League of Kansas Municipalities. (Attachment #3) Mr. Baer said he was there in support of **HB 2093**. He said it is their understanding this inspection program helps assure the integrity of the vehicle title procedure in Kansas. Mr. Baer said this increase more realistically meets the cost of the VIN inspection service.

Chairman Hayzlett asked if anyone else desired to speak to this bill. Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, came forward and spoke in support of **HB 2093**.

After all questions were answered the Chairman drew the committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Mr. Klumpp, representing the associations of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, and Peace Officers, (Attachment #4) who spoke in support of the passage of **HB 2093**.

There being no additional proponents and no opponents Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2093**.

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.

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Chairman Hayzlett recognized the Secretary of Transportation, Deb Miller who gave the committee members an overview of the Department of Transportation, the primary issues facing the Department and an update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and T-Works. She discussed projects, preservation works, budget issues, funding sources and expenditures.

When Secretary Miller was finished with her presentation, the committee members were invited to ask questions. After questions were answered, the Chairman thanked Secretary Miller for the informative briefing.

Chairman Hayzlett moved introduction of a bill on behalf of the Grand Lodge requesting a Masonic license plate. The motion was seconded by Representative Prescott and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

