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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 February 7, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except Representative Arpke and Representative Grant

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:

Representative Bob Bethell
Representative Doug Gatewood
Representative Randy Garber
Donna Shelite, Director of Motor Vehicles, KS Department of Revenue
Gary Mellard, KS Ducks Unlimited State Chair
Russell Lierz, Captain, Nemaha County Sheriff's Reserve

Others attending.

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **HB 2599**.

HB 2599 – Providing registration decals for certain antique vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Bob Bethell who presented testimony. (Attachment #1) **HB 2599** requires the Division of Vehicles to maintain a supply of decals for every model year license plate issued during calendar year 1976 and each year thereafter, which is displayed on an antique vehicle. The decals would be maintained for the year the plate was originally issued and identical to the decals issued in the year the plate was originally issued.

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The next proponent was Representative Doug Gatewood who presented his testimony. (Attachment #2) According to Representative Gatewood Kansas did not manufacture plates many years after 1975. Instead of new plates they applied decals to plates manufactured from previous vintages. He said passing this bill will allow the closing of the unintended loophole.

There were no other proponents so after questions were answered, the Chairman called for opponents. Chairman Hayzlett recognized Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles. (Attachment #3) As this was her first appearance before the House Transportation Committee, Director Shelite gave the members a little background about herself. She said **HB 2599** will require the Division of Vehicles to recreate identical year expiration decals for years 1976 and thereafter for use on antique tags. Director Shelite explained the Division's concerns which included the minimum orders, the expense of the stock, different year decals using different colors, the overall cost of implementing this bill and the implementation date.

There were no other opponents and no neutrals. After all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2599**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2432**.

HB 2432 –Providing for ducks unlimited license plate

The Chairman recognized Gary Mellard, KS Ducks Unlimited State Chairman, who presented testimony. (Attachment #4) Mr. Mellard introduced Robert Satoff, a member of the Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors, John Ritchie, the Ducks Unlimited Regional Director for Northern Kansas; and Russell Hawley the Ducks Unlimited Regional Director for Eastern Kansas. According to Mr. Mellard, **HB 2432** would create a "Ducks Unlimited" distinctive license plate. He said Ducks Unlimited's mission is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. Mr. Mellard said Ducks Unlimited is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization with its members being conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2432** and opened the hearing on **HB 2509**.

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HB 2509 – Designating a portion of K-9 as the David Mee memorial highway

The Chairman recognized Representative Randy Garber who presented testimony. (Attachment #5) According to Representative Garber, David Mee worked for the Kansas Highway Patrol for 27 years before his retirement, then worked as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Recycling Supervisor for Nemaha County, and then was elected to the Office of Sheriff for the next six years. Representative Garber briefed the Committee on the strong values, integrity, hard work and dedication of Sheriff Mee.

The next proponent for **HB 2509** was Russell Lierz, Captain of the Nemaha County Sheriffs Reserve. (Attachment #6) Captain Lierz spoke very highly of Sheriff Mee saying “Law enforcement was not only Dave’s chosen career, it was his life.” He said the dedication of a stretch of State Highway 9 as the David W. Mee Memorial Highway would be an honor as this particular stretch of highway was the one Sheriff Mee traveled most frequently.

The Chairman drew the Committee’s attention to the written testimony from Todd Helm, Technical Trooper, Seneca, KS, in support of this bill. (Attachment #7)

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2509**.

It was the Chairman’s desire to work **HB 2499**. He asked for discussion, questions or motions on this bill. Representative Wolf moved to favorably pass **HB 2499**, seconded by Representative Williams and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.