

Approved: March 26, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:34 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Ed Klumpp, Legislative Liaison Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, neutral

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Approval of March 6, 7, & 8, 2012 minutes

The Chairperson said he would entertain a motion to accept the minutes from March 6, 7, and 8, 2012. *Senator Huntington made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Senator Marshall seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

Hearing and possible action on:

SB 465 - AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning certain right-of-way violations; providing for increased penalties.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **SB 465** and, at the request of the Chair, Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided a summary of the bill and a brief history. Mr. Yoza stated the Committee heard testimony on **HB 2199—Right-of-way**

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.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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violations; increased penalties in 2011 and **SB 465** represents a modified version of **HB 2199**. The bill would increase penalties for right-of-way violations that cause or contribute to a collision or a person's death. Ed Klumpp, Legislative Liaison for the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association, presented testimony as a neutral party (Attachment 1). Mr. Klumpp enumerated the traffic infractions that would be included in **SB 465**. He stated that right-of-way infractions typically occur as a result of poor driving decisions and are not acts committed with intent; a significant number of traffic accidents are the result of right-of-way violations. Mr. Klumpp noted that the suspension periods in the bill are very lengthy, longer than those imposed for driving under the influence. After discussion, questions, and concerns were expressed that the bill did not address the right-of-way infractions in an equitable manner. Senator Schmidt made a motion to table **SB 465** and Senator Huntington seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.