

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on March 13, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Burgess- excused
Representative Jerry Henry- excused
Representative Virgil Peck- excused

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Philip Journey
David Church, Chief, Traffic Engineer, KDOT

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the Committee Meeting and advised the members Vice Chair Faber would be taking over the meeting in a little while as he had to leave for another meeting.

SB 344 - Traffic regulation, school crossing zones, school crossing guards

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Senator Journey as the first proponent for **SB 344**. According to Senator Journey (Attachment #1) This bill creates a new infraction for failing to obey the direction of a uniformed school crossing guard and more clearly defines the authority of schools public or private to appoint crossing guards.

David Church, Chief of Traffic Engineering for the Kansas Department of Transportation, was the next proponent. (Attachment #2) Mr. Church said KDOT was in support of **SB 344**. He said KDOT was in the process of hiring a full-time Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator whose primary duty will be to work with cities, schools and child safety advocates across the state to encourage students to walk or bike to and from school.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to this bill. After questions were answered Vice-Chairman Faber closed the hearing on **SB 344**.

SB 347 - Doubling speeding fines in school zones

The first proponent was Senator Journey. According to Senator Journey (Attachment #3) this bill doubles the fines for the traffic infraction of speeding when in a school zone. Senator Journey said adoption of this provision would create consistency in enforcement across the state.

The Vice-Chair recognized David Church, KDOT, as the next proponent on **SB 347**. According to Mr. Church (Attachment #4) doubling fines for speed limit violations within school zones is an added incentive for drivers to obey the law. He said KDOT supports this proposed bill because if compliance with the posted speed limit is increased within a school zone, the safety of students is also increased.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After questions were answered the hearing on **SB 347** was closed.

Vice-Chairman Faber desired to work **SB 344** so he opened it up to the Committee. Representative George made a motion to favorably pass this bill out of Committee, it was seconded by Representative Humerickhouse and the motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Transportation Committee at 1:30 P.M. on March 13, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

The Vice-Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the Minutes of the February 20 and 21, 2006, Committee Meetings. Representative Olson made a motion to approved the minutes, Representative Beamer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on March 14, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.