

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Ballard- excused
Representative Jim Yonally- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking for bill introductions.

Representative Carl Krehbiel made a request to designate a portion of I-135 in McPherson and Harvey County as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway. Representative Menghini made a motion to accept this bill, Representative O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett introduced Representative Bethel who asked to introduce a bill concerning low-level running lights on some new cars. The bill would say these lights could be used if high beams are on but if low beams are on they can not be used. Representative Long made a motion to accept this bill, Representative Peck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Chairman then recognized Representative Menghini who asked to introduce a bill to continue the railroad rehabilitation fund which is a \$3 million fund due to sunset in a year. The bill would remove the sunset and add rolling stock. A motion was made by Representative Menghini, seconded by Representative Treaster and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized Bruce Kinzie of the Revisor's Office. Mr. Kinzie explained a bill that would increase the time period for having seizures under control from six months to 18 months and the examination from three months to 30 days prior to the date the examination report is submitted. Representative Olson made a motion to accept this bill, Representative George seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next person to address the Committee was Kyle Kessler, Director of Legislative and Media Affairs for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Kessler asked to introduce a bill authorizing SRS to pro-actively match appropriate child support debtors with the Department of Revenue's driver records including access to driver photos. Representative Olson made a motion to accept this bill, Representative Ruiz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There being no additional requests for bill introductions the Chairman opened the hearings.

HB 2629 - Regulating traffic, size limitations of certain vehicles

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearings on **HB 2629** and introduced Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, Kansas Motor Carriers Association. (Attachment 1) According to Mr. Whitaker, **HB 2629** brings Kansas into compliance with federal law concerning the length limitations of drive-away saddlemount combination vehicles. Federal law prohibits states from enforcing a length limit of less than 97 feet on drive-away saddlemounts. Current Kansas law limiting such vehicles to 75 feet is no longer enforceable.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB 2630 - Regulating traffic, weight limitations, exceptions

The Chairman opened the hearings on **HB 2630**. The Chairman recognized Tom Whitaker. According to Mr. Whitaker, **HB 2630** clarifies that a truck tractor dump-semitrailer or a dump truck and dump trailer combination vehicle are exempt from the federal "bridge formula" when operating such vehicles on the interstate system. KSA 8-1909 (3) exempts these vehicles from the bridge formula when transporting sand, salt for highway maintenance operations, gravel, slag stone, limestone, crushed stone, cinders, coal, blacktop, dirt or fill material, when such vehicles are used for transportation to a construction site, highway maintenance or construction project or other storage facility. (Attachment 2) **HB 2630** amends KSA 8-1909a to allow for the exemption on the interstate system. This legislation does not allow a gross vehicle weight in excess of 80,000 pounds on the interstate, nor does the bill allow higher axle weights.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2630**.

It was the Chairman's desire to work **HB 2629 and HB 2630**. Chairman Hayzlett asked for questions, comments or motions on **HB 2629**. After questions were answered Representative Ruiz made a motion to pass **HB 2629** favorably out of Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Olson and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett called for questions, comments or motions on **HB 2630**. There being no questions Representative Olson made a motion to pass **HB 2630** favorably out of Committee. The motion was seconded by Representative Proehl and the motion carried.

The Chairman asked the committee to review the Minutes from the January 17 and 18, 2006 committee meetings. Representative Burgess made a motion to approved the Minutes from both meetings, the motion was seconded by Representative Humerickhouse and the motion carried.