

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 12, 2004 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Ballou- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office

Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ed Klumpp, Chief of Police, Topeka Police Dept.

Others attending:

See Attached List.

HB 2633 - Impounded motor vehicles, requirements for recovery

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2633** by introducing Topeka Police Chief Ed Klumpp. According to Chief Klumpp (Attachment 1), the passage of this bill would be a tool to help address a growing problem of unlicensed automobiles and the problem of stolen license tags. He said by requiring any vehicle they seize to be properly titled prior to release from impound the owner has no incentive to steal a tag since it would then be properly insured. Chief Klumpp said as an added benefit, any tool they use to get vehicles properly registered reduces the problems caused for persons who have sold vehicles which do not get titled by the buyer. Chief Klumpp stood for questions.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2633**.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2633**. Representative Huff made a motion to amend this bill to provide that vehicles covered by the bill would include those impounded pursuant to a city ordinance or county resolution, as well as state law, Representative Jack seconded the motion and the motion carried. Representative Huff made a motion to pass this bill as amended, seconded by Representative Burgess and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 16, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.