

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 2, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present, except:

Representative Pat Maloney, excused
Representative Julie Menghini, excused
Representative Sharon Schwartz, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Janice Pauls,
Richard Shank, representing officials of City of Hutchinson and family members
Marvin Spees, President of Capital City Oil, Inc., Topeka, KS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order. He then opened the hearing on HB 2535.

HB 2535 - Designating part of K-61 highway as the John Neal memorial highway.

The Chairman noted Speaker O'Neal was in the audience and asked if he would like to make some comments. Speaker O'Neal said he was just there to offer his personal comments. He said he and John Neal had been friends for many, many years and that John was a long-time strong supporter of highway programs. He said it was very fitting to honor John's life by having a segment of a new four-lane highway between Hutchinson and Medora named after him. He concluded by asking the Committee to join them in honoring a great man. Speaker O'Neal provided a newspaper article to the Committee about the renaming of part of Highway 61. (Attachment #1)

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Pauls. (Attachment #2) According to Representative Pauls, Mr. Neal was a great civic leader and a visionary who was a major voice for improved highway corridors to their city. She said he spent a lot of time and energy supporting projects in Hutchinson and Reno County. Representative Pauls talked about Mr. Neal, who owned a dry cleaners, starting a project of "coats for kids" as well as many other civic projects like raising money for cancer research. She concluded by saying one of John Neal's major passions was the improvement of the highway access to Hutchinson and it would be a fitting memorial to his efforts to name this section of Highway 61 in his honor.

The next proponent to be recognized was Richard Shank, representing the officials of the City of Hutchinson and John Neal's family. (Attachment #3) Mr. Shank first met Mr. Neal in 1988 when Mr. Shank moved to Hutchinson. He said John Neal had intense interest in passage of a transportation plan that included a four-lane highway from Hutchinson to Wichita. Years later Mr. Neal was urging passage of a ten-year transportation plan that included widening K-61 from Hutchinson to McPherson. Mr. Shank said John Neal was a respected businessman and family man. He served on the city council, was mayor, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and held many other civic positions. Mr. Shank asked the Committee to support this bill to honor a man who, as a good friend said, "walked the walk and talked the talk."

Richard Shank introduced Mr. Neal's widow to the Committee.

There were no other proponents listed. There were no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on HB 2535. Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on HB 2510.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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HB 2510 - Temporary vehicle registration, use of permit.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Marvin Spees, President of Capital City Oil, Inc. (Attachment #4) According to Mr. Spees, often times new and used trucks are delivered without complete paperwork. He said they need to get the trucks on the road as quickly as possible after purchase. Current law allows for only the first 48 hours and the time to receive a title and purchase a tag for the vehicle is beyond the 48 hours. Mr. Spees said it usually takes a few days to get the trucks ready and it is not uncommon that the truck is equipped and ready to go and the paperwork has not arrived so they can get a license tag. He said a 30-day temporary tag would allow the paperwork time to arrive. He urged the Committee to support **HB 2510**.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the testimony of Representative Bob Bethell who had planned to testify but was delayed in another committee meeting (Attachment #5).

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2510**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2436** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. After questions were answered Representative Schwartz made a motion to amend and add the title "1st Lt.". The motion to amend was seconded by Representative Wetta and the motion carried. Representative Schwartz made a motion to pass favorably **HB 2436**, as amended, seconded by Representative Peck and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2486** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. After some discussion Representative Peck made a motion to pass favorably **HB 2486**, seconded by Representative Wetta and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2535** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. Representative Ballard made a motion to pass favorably **HB 2535**, seconded by Representative Maloney and the motion carried.

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

