

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 4, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Ballard, excused
Representative Kleeb, excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Jerry Henry for Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Gene Rardin
Janmarie Hornack, citizen,
Marcy Ralston, Chief, Driver Control Bureau, KDOR

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order.

Representative Proehl, introduced David and Diane McConnell, who were visiting from his district.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2678**.

HB 2678 - Designating a part of U.S. highway 59 as the Vern Chesbro memorial highway

Representative Jerry Henry read Representative Bill Feuerborn's testimony as Representative Feuerborn was unable to attend the meeting. (Attachment #1) According to Representative Feuerborn's testimony, Vern Chesbro was born in Ottawa, KS and retired there in 1983. After his retirement he pursued an active community career, serving as a board member or committee member with the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations as well as a number of state and national committees. Mr. Chesbro was a well respected member of his community.

Representative William Prescott also spoke in support of **HB 2678**.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to **HB 2678** so the Chairman closed the hearing.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2696**.

HB 2696 - Failure to stop or report accidents, suspension of driving privileges

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Rardin. (Attachment #2) According to Representative Rardin, information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that nationally in 2008, there were 34,017 known fatal hit-and-run accidents. He said in Kansas in 2008, there were 338 known fatal hit-and-run accidents with five of these involving collisions with a pedestrian. Representative Rardin said **HB 2696** is designed to provide easier to achieve sanctions in the form of graduated periods of suspension more accurately reflecting the severity of the offense.

The Chairman recognized Janmarie Hornack. (Attachment #3) Mrs. Hornack talked about her first-hand knowledge of a couple of hit-and-run accidents and the failure to report the accidents. She said she was tired of people not taking responsibility for their actions. Mrs. Hornack said she believes **HB 2969** would serve

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as a deterrent to hit-and-run situations. She included in her testimony some pictures of the accidents. She stood for questions.

The Chairman recognized Marcy Ralston, Chief of the Driver Control Bureau of KDOR. (Attachment #4) According to her testimony, the Driver Control Bureau records convictions and if the convicting court does not order suspension of driving privileges, the Driver Control Bureau imposes a 90-day revocation. This bill will require Driver Control to record additional convictions and impose separate suspension actions of driving privileges based on the type of conviction. She stood for questions.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to **HB 2969** so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing.

The Chairman opened **SB 409** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. Representative Wetta made a motion to pass out SB 409 favorably, seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2678** to the Committee for discussion, comments or motions. Representative Henry made a motion to pass HB 2678 favorably, seconded by Representative Menghini and the motion carried.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Mr Baker	KDOR
KEVIN GREGG	KMCA
Carmen Alford	KDOR
Ted Smith	KDOR
David R. Coburn	KDOR
Jannarie Hornack	Citizen
Terry Heidner	KDOT