

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Cindy Shepard, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Richard Proehl, Representative, State of Kansas
Michael D. Floberg, P.E., Chief, Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology
Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2045 - Designating bridge no.85 on U.S. highway 166 in Labette county as the veterans memorial bridge.**

Representative Richard Proehl appeared as a proponent representing the citizens of Chetopa, Kansas and the Chetopa Memorial VFW Post no.10508. He stated that these groups will raise the funds needed to pay for two signs, installation, and future maintenance (Attachment 1).

There being no other conferees, the hearing on **HB 2045** was closed.

The Chairman called for final action on **HB 2045**. Senator Donovan moved, Senator Petersen seconded, to recommend **HB 2045** favorably for passage and be placed on the consent calendar. Motion carried.

The hearing on **HB 2147 - Regulating traffic; removal of vehicles from highways** was opened.

Chief Michael D. Floberg, P.E., testified on behalf of the Bureau of Transportation Safety & Technology in support of **HB 2147**. He indicated that this legislation will help save lives, alleviate traffic congestion and reduce property damage. With the passage of this bill, Kansas Department of Transportation workers and law enforcement officials would not need consent to remove any vehicles or property obstructing traffic (Attachment 2).

Written testimony in support of **HB 2147** was submitted by:

Ed Klumpp, Legislative Committee Chair, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police & Kansas Peace Officers Association (Attachment 3)
Mark Bruce, Major, Kansas Highway Patrol (Attachment 4)

There being no other conferees, the hearing on **HB 2147** was closed.

The Chairman suggested working the bill immediately if there was no opposition. The committee agreed.

Senator Kultala moved, Senator Donovan seconded, to recommend **HB 2147** favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2152 - Towed vehicles, lien thereon, city ordinance or county resolution.**

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, representing the Association's Towing and Recovery Division, spoke in support of the bill. He stated that **HB 2152** expands the circumstances by which a lien is created when towing and recovery service is provided (Attachment 5).

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Questions and discussion followed. The Chairman indicated they would work the bill at a later date to allow the committee time to address their concerns.

There being no further conferees, the hearing on **HB 2152** was closed.

Continued discussion on developing the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and funding followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009.