

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 2:45 p.m. on February 13 , 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except

Representative Howell, excused
Representative Larkin, excused
Representative McKinney, excused
Representative Osborne, excused
Representative Phelps, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Lisa Benlon
Representative Bob Bethell
Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy

Others attending:

See attached sheet

HB 2699 - prohibiting covering license plates with plastic materials

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2699** and called on Representative Benlon who spoke in support of the bill. She said this bill clarifies the intended purpose of current law regarding license plate frames. The new language spells out that all numerals and letters on the tag must be visible. She concluded that with everyone's attention drifting toward safety measures to protect citizens from further attacks it seems necessary to take action to make sure the one item that may identify a vehicle and its owner is legible at all time. (Attachment 1)

Representative Bob Bethell also spoke in support of **HB 2699**. He told the committee that the purpose of license plates are to identify the vehicle as being legally owned and operated. They should also give the ability to quickly read the State of origin, the year of registration and the identification number. Therefore, it becomes a concern when the license plate is obscured. He asked the committee to favorably support **HB 2699**. (Attachment 2)

There were no opponents.

Following discussion by the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings in **HB 2699**.

HB 2792 - repealing K.S.A. 68-163; approval of highway or bridge lighting plans by corporation commission

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2792**. Mark Schreiber, Westar Energy, told the committee this bill repeals KSA 68-163, the state statute requiring utilities to file and receive approval from the Kansas Corporation Commission before implementing plans for lighting to be installed on any road, highway or bridge. He related it had been their experience that only one county in Kansas requires compliance with KSA 68-163 however, the law creates unnecessary paperwork and possible delays in street-lighting projects. He asked support for **HB 2792**. (Attachment 3)

There were no opponents.

Following questions from the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2792**.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Thursday, February 14, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 519-S.