

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:35 p.m. on March 14, 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Beggs, excused
Representative McKinney, excused
Representative Osborne, excused
Representative Phelps, excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mathew Moser, Bureau Chief, Titles and Registration, Division of Vehicles
Dennis Wilson, Johnson County Treasurer
Lowell Ramsey, Kansans For Life
Carla Mahany, Planned Parenthood

Others attending:

See attached sheet

SB 449 - electronic certificates of title

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **SB 449**. Mathew Moser, Division of Vehicles, told the committee this bill proposes an electronic lien and paperless title program for Kansas, which will significantly change the way liens and certificates of titles are processed. It also eliminates the notary requirement for a transfer of ownership on titles. He listed some of the advantages of paperless titles and electronic lien filings and stated currently there are eight states that are using the ELT systems and one state is in the development stage. He asked the committee to favorably consider adding the Kansas Division of Vehicles to the list of progressive states in the country. (Attachment 1)

The next proponent was Dennis Wilson, Johnson County Treasurer. He said **SB 449** would allow the state Division of Motor Vehicles to hold certificates of title electronically until such time as all liens are removed, thereby saving the significant administrative burden and cost of routinely issuing multiple paper certificates of title. He concluded he supported this bill because he believed the changes proposed would reduce unnecessary costs and administrative burden, enhance efficiency and improve DMV customer service for both state and local governments. (Attachment 2)

Written testimony in support of **SB 449** was presented by Kathleen Taylor Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association, (Attachment 3) and Martha Neu Smith, Kansas Manufactured Housing Association. (Attachment 4)

There were no other proponents and no opponents. Following questions from the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 449**.

SB 624 - providing for a choose life license plate

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **SB 624**. Lowell Ramsey, Kansans For Life, Inc., said this bill is identical in nature to the license plates that have been authorized for the Children's Trust Fund, the Shriners, the educational institutions and other worth causes. He told the committee the license plate is just another avenue to advance a charitable cause as the funds generated, by statute, will help women in crisis pregnancy and encouraging adoption. He then addressed some of the concerns that the opponents to this bill have raised. He concluded that Kansans For Life was not opening any new debates on the propriety of authorizing these types of charitable fund-raising license plates but was only asking for the same approval that have been

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granted other charitable causes. (Attachment 5) He also presented a handout regarding the litigation in Florida regarding the “choose life” license plate. (Attachment 6)

There were no other proponents.

Carla Mahany, Planned Parenthood, spoke in opposition to **SB 624**. She stated the objections of Planned Parenthood to **SB 624** was two-fold: 1) the state must not allow license plates to be used for political speech unless it is prepared to open the door to all sides of all political arguments without censorship, and 2) the organizations to be funded under this bill are often deceptive and coercive, and the state should not help to support them without regulation (Attachment 7)

There were no other opponents.

Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 624** following questions from the committee.

The minutes for the House Transportation Committee for February 25th, February 26th, March 7th and March 12th were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Dreher made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Representative Larkin and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will be Tuesday, March 19th in Room 519-S.