

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on January 28, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Bob Lyon- absent  
Senator David Adkins- absent  
Senator Edward Pugh- absent  
Senator Jean Schodorf- absent

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisors of Statutes  
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, KDOR  
Senator Phillip B. Journey, District 26

Others attending:

See Attached List.

### **Introduction of bills**

Carmen Alldritt, Department of Revenue, Director of Vehicles, requested introduction of a bill regarding commercial drivers' licenses in order to bring the state into compliance with the U. S. Patriot Act. It deals with fingerprinting of those commercial drivers carrying the hazardous materials endorsement. Responding to question from the Committee Chairman, Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association advised it is just a conformity issue which had been postponed from previous years. Following committee discussion Senator Goodwin moved to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Phillip B. Journey requested introduction of a bill which creates a new traffic infraction for disobeying a school zone safety officer. It would also double the fines for speeding in school zones. Recently enacted legislation tripled fines, however some local municipalities under their local rules have doubled the fines on top of the tripled. The fine depends on how fast the speeder is traveling. Senator Jackson moved to introduce the bill. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Senator Dave Jackson requested introduction of a bill to increase the speed limits on divided four lane highways from 70 to 75 miles per hour, with a decrease from 10 mile to a 5 mile per hour leeway. Members briefly discussed the bill. Senator Jackson moved to introduce the bill. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Approval of minutes**

Senator Salmans moved to approve minutes of the Joint Senate and House Transportation Committee meetings of January 13, 14, 15, and 21, 2004; as well as the minutes of the Senate Transportation Committee meeting of January 22, 2004. Senator Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Meeting for Tuesday, February 3, 2004 is "on call." Hearings are scheduled for February 4, 2004.