

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on February 18, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Adkins- absent
Senator Edward Pugh- excused

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Chair, Legislative Committee, Kansas County Highway Association

Others attending:

See Attached List.

SB 449: Roads and highways, bids

Mr. Lutz returned to continue the hearing on this bill. He resumed testimony on Section 6 which deals with publically opening bids, and procedures for letting bids for bridge projects. Wished to add two additional amendments to this section. The first one is to clarify bid opening procedures. The second one is to retain the phrase that is struck out in Section 6, Page 5, Line 2, 3, & 4. This should resolve the question raised regarding "policy change." This brings to four the total proposed amendments to **SB 449** as it is now written (Attachment 1). Kansas Department of Transportation presented no objection to any part of this bill or the preceding bills in this group. Senator Goodwin moved to pass the proposed bill amendments. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 446: Roads & highways, duties & liabilities during repairs or improvements

Senator Goodwin moved to pass the proposed amendments to SB 446. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members considered that the intent of the bills presented by Mr. Lutz on behalf of Kansas Association of Counties and Kansas County Highway Association, is to repeal conflicting and/or outdated statutes and to revise statutes to address current issues. They worked closely with Kansas Department of Transportation and KDOT is fine with all four bills. Senator Schodorf moved to recommend SB 446, SB 447, SB 448 and SB 449, as amended, favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 383: Commercial drivers' license, hazardous material endorsement; requirements

Hearing held on this bill on February 12, 2004. A question was raised regarding implementation date, but no follow up was provided. Senator Jackson moved to recommend the bill favorable for passage. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 385: School zone, disobeying school crossing guard

A hearing was held on this bill on February 12, 2004. Reviewed contents and testimony on the bill. Senator Schodorf moved to recommend this bill favorable for passage. Senator Salmans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SB 384: Increasing maximum speed limit on certain highways

A hearing was held on this bill on February 17, 2004. Members were reminded of the need for an amendment to catch the highways that will remain as 70 mph and they can be put in either the 5 or 10 mph buffer zones. The amendment would be to go into line 40 and line 6 and put them at the 10 mph buffer. Senator Jackson moved to adopt the recommended amendment. Senator Goodwin seconded the

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motion. Motion carried. Senator Jackson moved to recommend the bill, as amended, favorable for passage. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussed bills remaining in Committee. Regarding **SB 506** which deals with the van pool program, some amendments are being negotiated with the Department of Administration on the House side and House Appropriations will be hearing their bill on February 20, 2004. Therefore no action will be taken until after the House takes action on the bill.

Approval of minutes

Senator Schodorf moved to approve minutes of February 12, 2004 meeting. Senator Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2004.