

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 26, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present, except:

Representatives Jerry Henry, excused
Representative Marvin Kleeb, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Sharon Schwartz
Patrick Breeding, Citizen
Representative Virgil Peck

Others attending:

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hayzlett. He called for bill introductions.

The Chairman recognized Don McNeeley, representing the Kansas Automobile Dealers Association. Mr. McNeeley asked for an amendment seeking to add additional rights and remedies, which have been enacted by other states over the past year. A motion was made by Representative Swanson to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Wolf and the motion carried.

There were no other bill requests so the Chairman opened the hearing on HB 2436.

HB 2436 - Michael Hugh Breeding memorial bridge

The Chairman introduced Representative Sharon Schwartz. (Attachment #1) Representative Schwartz said the current bridge over the Blue River at Blue Rapids was being replaced with bridge No. 62 and it would be a good time to designate this bridge as the Michael Hugh Breeding memorial bridge. Michael Hugh Breeding grew up in that community, served in the U.S. armed forces, fought in the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart.

The next conferee was Patrick Breeding, brother of Michael Breeding. (Attachment #2) Mr. Breeding briefed the Committee on the life of Michael Breeding. He told about Michael being a pilot of an F4B attached to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122, based in Chu Lai, South Viet Nam and on the 12th of February, 1970, he failed to return from a mission. His status was later changed to Killed In Action on March 17, 1970. He concluded by saying honoring Mike by naming the bridge after him will also be a tribute to all of the others who have made the supreme sacrifice. Mr. Breeding further said that "If even one person - who sees this sign - takes a moment to think about what the price of freedom is - this project will be a great memorial to Mike."

Representative Peck asked if wording could be incorporated into this bill to honor all those who had served. The Revisor thought it could be done. Representative Prescott asked about adding his rank on the sign. Patrick Breeding said his brother was a 1st Lt. and he would be pleased to have his brother's rank added.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Patricia Osborne, (Attachment #3) President of the Blue Rapids Historical Society/Museum, Margaret Blaske, (Attachment #4) friend and classmate of Michael's, and John Nowak, (Attachment #5) Mayor, Blue Rapids, Kansas.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on HB 2436.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Transportation Committee at 1:30 p.m. on January 26, 2010, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **HB 2437**.

HB 2437 - Kansas Arts license plates, requiring certain fees

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Virgil Peck, Jr. (Attachment #6) According to Representative Peck the purpose of this bill is to correct an error which occurred last April which authorized several changes regarding distinctive license plates. It was noticed too late in the session that the new Arts plate was exempt from paying the \$40 personalized license plate fee. He noted that the personalized license plate fee has been \$40 since 1983 and in 1994 the Legislature passed a bill to make any distinctive license plate subject to the fee for plates authorized after that year. Representative Peck noted that others who must pay the \$40 fee include: Shriners, Emergency Medical Services, Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, In God We Trust, and Firefighters. He concluded that as a fairness issue it is only right to include the Support Our Arts license tag on the list of plates that must pay the \$40 fee.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2437**.

Chairman Hayzlett drew the Committee's attention to the "Report of the Special Committee on Transportation to the 2010 Kansas Legislature." There was also a handout on the "Summary of Funding Scenarios." Both of these handouts were prepared by and available through the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.

