

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m., on February 15, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except
Representative Ron Worley

Committee staff present:
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Representative Melanie Meier
Diana Pitts
Joani Unger
Jennifer Jackman

Others attending.
See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and introduced Mary Ellen Conlee, representing Northern Flyer Alliance. Ms. Conlee passed out fliers and chocolate trains.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2132**.

HB 2132 – Issuance of gold star family license plates.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Melanie Meier as the first proponent. (Attachment #1) Representative Meier said the Gold Star Families have lost a loved one in service to our country. The issuance of the Gold Star Family license plate will raise awareness in their communities and remind all of us that we are still a nation at war. Representative Meier said the military honors service whether a service member dies in battle, a training accident, a vehicle rollover or while waiting in line for immunizations.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized the next proponent, Diana Pitts. (Attachment #2) Ms. Pitts is the Gold Star Mother of Cpl David M. Unger, killed in Iraq. She said the Department of Defense no longer sees the place or reason of death as more important than the other.

The next proponent was Joani Unger, younger sister of Cpl David M. Unger. (Attachment #3) She also urged support of **HB 2132**.

Jennifer Jackman was recognized by the Chairman as the next proponent. (Attachment #4) According to Ms. Jackson she is a Gold Star Mother whose son, 1st Lt Ryan M. Jackman, was killed in Camp Pendleton, California. She told the committee her son was returning from a training mission preparing for deployment to Iraq when his private vehicle hit a parked tow truck near his base.

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There were no other proponents present. The Chairman drew the committee's attention to written testimony submitted in support of **HB 2132** from Anita Dixon (Attachment #5), Laura Unger (Attachment #6) and Bob Hemenway (Attachment #7).

There were no opponents to this bill. There were no questions from the committee. Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2132**.

Without objection from the committee, Chairman Hayzlett sought discussion and action on **HB 2132**.

Representative Phelps moved **HB 2132** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Grant. Representative Arpke moved an amendment to **HB 2132** to require that proof of eligibility for the plate be required only when the vehicle owner first receives the plate and not annually. This motion to amend was seconded by Representative Pottorff and the motion carried. Representative Phelps moved **HB 2132, as amended**, favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Grant and after discussion, the motion carried.

The Chairman sought discussion and action of **HB 2169**. Representative Swanson moved **HB 2169** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Grant. After discussion the motion carried.

The Chairman sought discussion and action on **HB 2171**. Staff passed out an amendment to increase the fines for unlawful display of a license plate and unlawful text messaging. Those violations were placed into law in 2010 but because of the timing of the bills, the two fines being amended in this bill were not included. This amendment increases the fines from \$60 to \$75. A motion to amend this bill was made and seconded and the motion carried. Representative Grant moved **HB 2171, as amended**, seconded by Representative Fawcett and the motion carried.

After staff briefed the committee on **HB 2172**, Chairman Hayzlett sought discussion and action on the bill. Representative Williams moved **HB 2172** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Hill and the motion carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

