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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on January 25, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Vicki Schmidt-excused
Senator Bob Marshall-excused
Senator Anthony Hensley-excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Toni Beck, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Bill:

Senator Kelly Kultala, moved 11RS0494, Highways 24 and 7 intersection, be named after former Representative Margaret Long. Senator Huntington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Don Moler, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities, presented Home Rule and Traffic Law to the committee. He distributed copies of the 2010 Standard Traffic Ordinance to the committee. Municipal ordinance need not conform with state law. New DUI laws under consideration would require rewrite of the current manual. Senator Reitz commented all local municipalities would abide by state law if this passes. Senator Donovan commented on huge costs for DUI incarcerations. The burden would be in reference to additional expenses incurred by the state per Don Moler.

Jill Shelley, KLRD, made a presentation on Driver's License Photograph Identification Exemptions. (Attachment 1) Amish opposition for religious reasons are documented and sustained by Arkansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin. Federal law accepts state identification with real photo identification on file in the state of origin. Senator Petersen questioned if the Amish approved of photographs on file. Ms. Shelley said it was her understanding various Amish groups allow their members to have photographs on file with state agencies. Additional questions and answers were accepted by Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue at the chairman's request.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.