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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley - excused

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patrick Hubbell, lobbyist

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator Donovan made a motion to introduce a bill that extends the 30-day temporary registration permit of KSA 8-2409 to 60-days. Senator Reitz seconded and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Presentation on flooding and the impact to BNSF Railway Company

Patrick Hubbell, lobbyist, gave an overview of the increased rail traffic in Kansas during the peak 2011 flooding of normal rail routes across the heartland. He provided a handout on the U.S. Freight Railroad Industry (Attachment 1).

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the SENATE TRANSPORTATION Committee at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

Presentation on the study of Uninsured Motorists by the 2011 Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave a quick history on the formation of the Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance and its purpose. Ms. Shelley provided a handout on basic questions and answers regarding uninsured motorists (Attachment 2), as well as a rate sheet by state (Attachment 3). Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department, gave the committee a comprehensive overview of the special committee's findings and its conclusions and recommendations. Ms. Calderwood distributed "A Report of the Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance to the 2012 Kansas Legislature" (Attachment 4) and a "Report of the Electronic Motor Vehicle Financial Security Verification System Task Force to the 2009 Kansas Legislature" (Attachment 5) to the committee members and staff.

Presentation on Uninsured Motorists

Donna Shelite, Director, Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue spoke to the committee expressed her department's concerns with the present system of verification and the issues it is faced with. Ms. Shelite also stated that the Department of Motor Vehicle Modernization Project will hopefully provide additional resources; however, due to the lack of real-time data, the Division of Vehicles will continue to handle manually approximately 240,000 insurance verifications on an annual basis (Attachment 6).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012.

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