

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on February 12, 2002 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Aday, excused  
Representative Howell, excused  
Representative Larkin, excused

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Office of the Revisor  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bob Alderson, Mid-States Port Authority

Others attending:

See attached list

**HB 2747 - port authorities, refunding bonds**

Chairman Hayzlett opened hearings on **HB 2747** and called on Bob Alderson as the first proponent. He said this bill amends two sections of the port authority statutes, both of which requires the involvement of the cities and/or counties which "created" a port authority in order for certain actions to be taken by the port authority. There were originally fourteen counties involved in the port authority however three have withdrawn as there was no longer any public purpose for that county's participation as none of the rail lines acquired by MSPA were situated in their counties. He concluded it does not serve a useful purpose to require approval of a port authority's actions by cities or counties which are no longer members of the authority or have any involvement whatsoever in its operation. He asked support for passage of **HB 2747**. He also presented to the committee a memorandum providing background information on MSPA's formation, its purposes and objectives and the organization, operation and financing of its operations. (Attachment 1)

There were no other proponents. There were no opponents. Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **HB 2747**.

**HB 2675 - personalized license plates, number of**

Chairman Hayzlett opened **HB 2675** for final action. Representative Ballou made a conceptual motion to amend **HB 2675** which would provide the buyer with two plates but it would be mandatory to only display one on the back of the car, and to pass the bill out favorably, as amended. This was seconded by Representative Levinson.

Representative Dillmore suggested dividing the question and vote first on the amendment and then on passing the bill. There was no objection from Representative Ballou or Representative Levinson.

Following discussion, Representative Ballou offered a substitute motion which would give the buyer the option of buying one or two plates, seconded by Representative Osborne. Following discussion Representative Ballou withdrew his substitute motion and Representative Osborne withdrew his second.

Representative Ballou made a motion to pass **HB 2675** favorably, as amended, which would provide the buyer with two plates but would be mandatory to only display one, seconded by Representative Levinson and the motion carried. Representatives Powers and Dillmore requested their "no" vote be recorded.

The minutes for the House Transportation Committee for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval or corrections. Representative Phelps made a motion to accept the minutes as approved, seconded by Representative Dillmore and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002 in Room 519-S.