

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator David Adkins- absent

Committee staff present:
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisors of Statutes
Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Senator Chris Steineger
Bob Lockett, President, Premier Motor Sports
Kathy Damron

Others attending:
See Attached List.

HB 2746: Export certificates of title

Senator Chris Steineger explained that Premier Motorsports is a small company located in Kansas City, Kansas. They specialize in manufacturing extremely high quality "Cobra" replicas. They are quite expensive and the company exports them around the world. There is a problem in titling cars for export. He introduced Bob Lockett, President of the Company to further explain the problem. Mr. Lockett testified in support of the bill, explaining the need for the bill to enable them to compete on a level playing field (Attachment 1). Members discussed several aspects of the business, including number of employees, wages and how he became involved in the business. No other conferees appeared. Hearing closed..

HB 2833: Designating highways for the 75th, 89th, and 95th divisions of the U.S. Army

Staff explained the background on this bill. One of the Divisions is located in Wichita, one in Topeka and one in Leavenworth. All of these highways are heading toward the unit's Fort of destination, either Ft. Riley or Leavenworth. These are all long standing Divisions with historical ties to the Kansas area. Kathy Damron appeared on behalf of the University of Phoenix, a post-secondary, private university which has been approved for degree-granting authority by the Kansas board of Regents. They are seeking appropriate highway signage which is provided other universities and colleges. Attached to her testimony is a copy of a letter from Kansas Department of Transportation, explaining why they cannot, under current law, comply with this request. She offered a proposed amendment to correct the problem. (Attachment 2). Senator Goodwin moved to adopt the proposed amendment. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussed the entire highway designating process. Particularly the problem in "denaming" a highway or changing a portion of an already designated highway.

HB 2633: Impounded motor vehicles, requirements for recovery

Yesterday the committee held hearings on this bill. It is a simple bill to deal with impounded vehicles with stolen tags. Following a brief committee discussion, Senator Jackson moved to recommend the bill favorable for passage. Senator Schodorf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Jackson will carry this bill.

HB 2695: Littering, traffic infraction, criminal littering

This bill was also heard yesterday. This bill will help Kansas follow a national trend in dealing with littering and dumping. Senator Schodorf moved to recommend the bill favorable for passage. Senator Mark Gilstrap seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Schodorf will carry the bill.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Discussed bills in committee remaining to be heard. Since **HB 2746** which was heard at the beginning of today's meeting is also a straightforward, obviously needed bill, members decided to take final action on it. Senator Lyon moved to recommend **HB 2746** favorable for passage. Senator Pugh seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Gilstrap will carry this bill on the Senate floor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2004.