

SESSION OF 2002

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2658**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2658 would designate part of US Highway 400 as the Clayton J. Connell Memorial Highway. The designation would apply from the junction of US Highway 400 with K-39 south to the junction of US Highway 400 and US Highway 75. The bill would also designate part of Interstate Highway 135 as the Ben E. Vidricksen Highway. This designation would apply from the junction of Interstate Highway 135 with Interstate Highway 70 south on Interstate Highway 135 to the southern boundary of Saline County.

The Secretary of Transportation would be required to place signs along the highways rights-of-way at proper intervals indicating the designations. The signs could not be placed, however, until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys to reimburse the Secretary for the costs of placing the signs. The Secretary would be authorized to accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining suitable signs.

**Background**

Representative Compton appeared before the House and Senate Transportation Committees to speak in favor of the Clayton J. Connell Memorial Highway. Another conferee, Carole Odell, Fredonia City Commissioner, said that Connell was a longtime supporter of southeast Kansas highways and was instrumental in the initial planning stages of the US Highway 400 project.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>.

Senator Adkins appeared before the Senate Committee to request that part of Interstate Highway 135 be designated as the Ben E. Vidricksen highway. Among other things, he cited Senator Vidricksen's service concerning highway matters.

The Senate Committee adopted the Ben E. Vidricksen highway amendment and the requirement that the signs could not be placed until the Secretary has received sufficient moneys to reimburse the Secretary for the costs of placing the signs.

An updated fiscal note is forthcoming.