

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 22, 1970

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on January 22, 1970. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Representatives Kay, Long, Lutz and Rosenau.

Wilbur W. Bradshaw of Oswego, Kansas, was a guest.

Conferees were Representative Clyde Hill, Jerry L. Harper and Fredrick A. Linde.

Mr. Linde explained HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1072 - A Concurrent Resolution authorizing and directing the state highway commission to obtain, operate and study, under actual highway conditions, patrol cars, trucks and tractors propelled with other than internal combustion engines, to compare such vehicles against conventional vehicles, to publish and make available its findings with particular emphasis to the emissions of the products of combustions. He said the reason for this was environmental problems. Since the gasoline engine is responsible for most of the air pollution, this would give notice to Detroit that we are concerned with this problem. He said the Senate of California last year passed a bill that would outlaw from the highways combustible engines. This was killed in the House.

Mr. Harper corroborated Mr. Linde's remarks and added that he thinks pollution is the number one problem of 1970. He said that he read the other day that alcohol could be substituted on the fuel and that it is made from wheat.

Mr. Gray asked what the cost of such a program would be.

Mr. Harper did not have a fiscal report and said that while he is concerned about tax dollars that he really does not care what it would cost.

Mr. Talkington asked if they consulted with the Highway Department on this and Mr. Harper said they had not.

Mr. Linde reiterated that this is to bring the problem into focus for the people of Kansas.

HOUSE BILL 1663 - AN ACT relating to vehicles operated on roads and highways; prescribing fees for the registration of such vehicles; amending KSA 1969 Supp. 8-143 and repealing the existing section. Mr. Linde said this is a companion to HCR 1072. This would change the price of the license.

HOUSE BILL 1671 - AN ACT relating to the allocation, payment and use of moneys in the special city and county highway fund; amending KSA 79-3425c, and repealing the existing section. Mr. Hill explained the bill. He said that page three of the bill is the "peanut". In Yates Center they do not have a through traffic-way to spend this money on and they would like to be able to spend it where it is needed. No one seems to know the restrictive legislation is in the bill. 8-568 is the provision in the general highway law where the Highway Commission can designate the streets. 12 705c would have to be used on designated streets.

Mr. Jacobs asked if this would affect state money otherwise designated and Mr. Hill said it would not. He said he doesn't know of any objections to removing the restrictive clauses and the bill has the blessing of Ernie Mosher.

Mr. Dierdorff asked Mr. Hayes if he had a Supreme Court ruling yet on the Motorcycle law. Mr. Hayes reported that he had talked to the cyclists at Hutchinson and they would find out. He will report to the committee later.

HOUSE BILL 1640 - AN ACT relating to the sale, offer to sell or use of certain recut or regrooved tires; and defining certain crimes in connection therewith. Mr. Dierdorff reported that a telephone call with Claude Sickelsteel, Divisional Manager of Goodyear, revealed that the same question came up for the state of Kentucky. The rubber companies got together and came up with answers. A copy of the report is to be mailed to Mr. Dierdorff. Mr. Sickelsteel said that, generally speaking, rubber companies frown on regrooving except on certain types of tires (taxis are an example) which are manufactured for regrooving.

The committee decided to forget about Mr. Slocombe's proposal to tax unused automobiles.

A thank-you note from Mrs. Lutz was read. The Committee had sent flowers. The secretary reported that the bill was \$8.76.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

  
ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

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