

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 29, 1970

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on January 29, 1970. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Representatives Lutz, Mills and Madden.

Guests present were: Ray Lindberg, Topeka, Kansas Motor Carriers Association; Albert N. Ligen and Clarence Trent, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Conferees were: Mrs. Lucien Pyle and Mrs. Roy Menninger, Topeka, Shawnee County Medical Auxiliary; John Dekker, City Attorney, Wichita; Ernie Mosher, Topeka, League of Kansas Municipalities; Representatives Jack Turner and Jerry L. Harper.

HOUSE BILL 1463 - AN ACT relating to acquisition of rights-of-way for streets as connecting links in cities; amending KSA 1968 Supp. 68-412a and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Dekker and Mr. Mosher appeared in opposition to the bill. They feel that the cities are capable of handling the situation in most cases and that those desiring the help of the highway department can receive it by asking for help. They feel that in the larger cities where they have experienced help that there is less inconvenience to the people being relocated and that there is no more expense involved.

HOUSE BILL 1398 - AN ACT relating to the sale of used motor vehicles; declaring the sale of such vehicles by registered dealers without safety checks and repairs to be unlawful and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

Mr. Turner explained the bill and asked Mr. Harper to

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testify as a witness.

Mr. Harper said that he bought a car designed for competitive racing. Two tires were replaced by the dealer by prior agreement. When Mr. Harper had a flat he discovered the tube was too big and the tire had two patches on it. He said there was no way he could get recovery but he felt that they misrepresented the facts when the car was sold to him.

Mr. Ratner suggested that the present Consumer Fraud Law would take care of this.

Mr. Turner said it probably would but he very strongly feels if the Motor Vehicle Department was brought into it that it would get the attention of the violators.

HOUSE BILL 1288 - AN ACT amending the uniform motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' license act; concerning restricted licenses and persons to whom license not issued; amending KSA 8-237 and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Turner said that he introduced this in the '69 session. Since that time he has had contact with Mr. Scott in the State Board of Education Department and he suggested a section be included on Driver Education.

Mrs. Lucien Pyle read the attached Driver's Safety Resolution. (Also, see attached letter). She and Mrs. Menninger urged the committee to pass tighter legislation concerning driving by those under 16 years of age.

HOUSE BILL 1671 - AN ACT relating to the allocation, payment and use of moneys in the special city and county

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highway fund; amending KSA 79-3425c, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Ratner said the following amendment had been suggested: "On page 3, in line 1 by striking all after the word "fund" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ". In the case of cities having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) such fund shall"; also in line 3 following the period by inserting "In the case of cities having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more such fund shall be used only for construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of main trafficways and trafficway connections established pursuant to KSA 12-685 and 12-686, through highways established pursuant to KSA 8-568 and major streets or highways established pursuant to KSA 1969 Supp. 12-705c.";

Mr. Lady voiced his opposition to the amendment. Mr. Ratner said it didn't matter one way or another to him.

Dr. Hughes made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that HB 1671 be reported favorably as printed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

February 2, 1970

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE
SHAWNEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
TOPEKA, KANSAS

January 20, 1970

Representative Arden Dierdorff
Chm., House Roads and Highways Committee
Capitol Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Dierdorff,

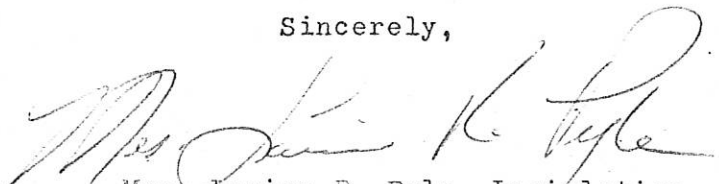
The Woman's Auxiliary to the Shawnee County Medical Society is sponsoring a drivers' safety resolution to strengthen the licensing and driving laws in this state. We have petitions in each of the Junior and Senior High Schools throughout the county and these have been well received. Our doctors and their wives are almost unanimous in their agreement to our resolution. We enclose a copy for your committees consideration.

The Kansas Medical Society is working hard on other phases relating to highway safety, but our resolution covers phases of special concern to parents and older drivers across the state.

With 6 & 1/2 times as many persons killed on Kansas highways and streets annually as Kansans killed in Viet Nam, and the number increasing each year, it behooves the citizens of this state to see that something is done - and right away!*

We will be eager to hear from you and hope you might be able to incorporate some or all of these propositions into a safety bill. I'll hope to contact you soon.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Lucien R. Pyle, Legislation

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Died from all causes in Viet Nam in 1969-----119 men.
Killed on the streets and highways in Kansas in 1969-----779 persons.

DRIVER'S SAFETY RESOLUTIONS

- WHEREAS, the Women's Auxiliary to the Shawnee County Medical Society has been interested in safety programs for the State of Kansas for many years, and
- WHEREAS, many of its members are concerned over the increase in injuries and deaths on the highways and streets of our communities over the state, and
- WHEREAS, 11% of the automobile drivers of the state are younger than 20 years, yet 34% of the accidents last year involved at least one teenage driver, and
- WHEREAS, the age of obtaining an unrestricted drivers license in the State of Kansas is 16 years, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that no special licenses be issued before 16 years of age, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that all licenses be issued to drivers at age 16 by petition of a responsible parent who presents satisfactory evidence of adequate financial liability in case of accident, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that all adult drivers must continue to provide evidence of adequate financial liability, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that all drivers must complete and pass satisfactorily a recognized course in drivers' education to receive a license initially, and thereafter a test of visual and auditory ability must be passed every four years until age 65, when it shall be required every two years, together with a test of practical driver's ability, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that when a violation of the licensing statutes occurs which would warrant it, the driver must take the already available 8-Hour Defensive Driver's Training Course, without which no drivers license would be re-issued, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that stricter enforcement be the #1 objective of all highway and traffic officials, even though it necessitates the expenditure of more funds, because preventive measures cost less in the long run than the accident toll!

Signed

Mrs. Paul H. Fowler

President of

The Women's Auxiliary to the
Shawnee County Medical Society

Mrs. John A. Asbury Safety Chairman

Mrs. Doreen H. H. H. Legislative Chairman