

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- February 9, 1970

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on February 9, 1970. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Davis, Long, Lutz, Madden and Wilcox.

Guests present were Ed Weilepp, Kansas Contractors Association; John Morse, State Highway Department; Ray Lindberg of Kansas Motor Carriers Association; Warren Shaw, Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association; R. D. Fogo, Eldorado, Kansas Turnpike Authority.

Conferees were L. W. Newcomer, Engineer-Manager, Kansas Turnpike Authority; Mary Turkington, Kansas Motor Carriers Association; Representatives Franklin Gaines and Francis C. McMaster.

HOUSE BILL 1768 - AN ACT providing for the payment of state motor fuel and state special fuel taxes collected on turnpike projects to the Kansas turnpike authority; prescribing the duties of certain state officers in connection therewith and prescribing the uses of the moneys received by the authority; making certain acts unlawful and prescribing penalties.

Mr. Gaines explained that this is the second year he has introduced this proposal. Last year it didn't pass the Senate. At the present time all of the gasoline tax collected on the turnpike is turned over to the Highway Commission and it is used in the General Fund. There is a shortage of money to maintain the turnpike and he feels that they should have the gas tax collected from the turnpike stations for use on the

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turnpike.

Mr. Newcomer said there are just two kinds of roads - turnpikes and tax paid roads. There isn't a penny of state, federal or any other kind of money spent on the turnpike. What the state paid has already been paid back. He said they had twelve million dollars left from construction or they never could have kept up the interest payments. He said this last year they had \$14 million take, about \$5 million interest, about \$3 million operational. That left about \$6 million that was used to buy back bonds. They spent \$800,000 for the new overlay and they have to keep a constructive program going. They have sent to the State Highway Commission about \$5 million worth of tax money. Last year \$650,840.53 was sent back. He would like to have back what they collect from their stations and then they could be back on schedule on retiring the bonds.

Mr. Gray asked if the turnpike pays the state highway patrol and Mr. Newcomer told him that the state pays them but the turnpike reimburses the state.

HOUSE BILL 1387 - AN ACT relating to certain highway construction and maintenance; requiring certain acts by the state highway commission; allowing for use of certain abandoned roads or mixing strips or airstrips.

Mr. McMaster said this would provide permissive legislation that abandoned strips could be used.

HOUSE BILL 1829 - AN ACT relating to motor vehicles;

concerning special permits for the movement of vehicles of excessive size or weight; amending KSA 1969 Supp. 8-5,122 and repealing the existing section.

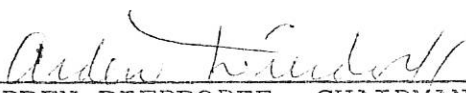
Mary Turkington reported that she had requested the committee not to take final action until she had a chance to talk to the Highway Commission regarding a better way of securing permits. Many Western Union offices are going out of business and it is sometimes impossible to secure permits quickly under the present system. A new system is being worked out so she does not have an amendment to present.

Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that HB 1829 be reported favorably as amended. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN

February 10, 1970