

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- March 2, 1970

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

Guests present were: Mary Turkington and Ray Lindberg, Kansas Motor Carriers; Allen Rush, Carl Gray, Jr. and Fred Howard of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Conferees were Fred J. Carman and Robert Alderson of the Revisor of Statutes Office.

SENATE BILL 411 - AN ACT concerning licensing of vehicles; interstate agreements, arrangements and declarations; application to states as therein defined; members and powers of motor vehicle reciprocity commission; amending KSA 1969 Supp. 74-4301 and 74-4302, and repealing the existing sections, and also repealing KSA 74-4303 and 74-4304 and KSA 1969 Supp. 74-4302a.

Mr. Fred J. Carman gave an explanation of Senate Bill 411. (See attached sheet).

Mr. Wilcox made a motion, second by Mr. Jacobs, that Senate Bill 411 be reported favorably. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 594 - AN ACT relating to vehicles; concerning certain equipment thereon; amending KSA 8-580, 8-581, 8-582 and 8-583, and repealing the existing sections.

Mr. Alderson said this bill was incomplete and that he would recommend that it be killed.

SENATE BILL 595 - AN ACT amending and supplementing the uniform act regulating traffic on highways; amending KSA 8-505

8-513, 8-514, 8-539, 8-541, 8-549, 8-565, 8-566, 8-567, 8-571,
8-573, 8-578, 8-5,123a and KSA 1969 Supp. 8-501, 8-540a, 8-544,
8-547, 8-555, 8-569, and 8-574e and 8-5,127c, and repealing
the existing sections; also repealing KSA 1969 Supp. 8-574a,
8-574b and 8-574c.

Mr. Alderson gave an explanation of the bill, through section 16. He said that the omission of the section number on page 2, line 10, should be "2".

If the committee so desires, Mr. Alderson could prepare an amendment according to the Uniform Vehicle Code and Model Traffic Ordinance that was revised in 1968, as follows:

15-111 - Designation of authorized emergency vehicles

(a) The commissioner (or other appropriate state official) shall designate any particular vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle upon a finding that designation of that vehicle is necessary to the preservation of life or property or to the execution of emergency governmental functions.

(b) The designation shall be in writing and the written designation shall be carried in the vehicle at all times, but failure to carry the written designation shall not affect the status of the vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle.

Chairman Dierdorff asked Mr. Alderson to continue the explanation Tuesday, March 3, 1970 because of lack of time at the present.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1092 - A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
authorizing and directing the Kansas state highway commission

to continue a study to determine the possibility and feasibility of constructing a toll bridge across the Missouri river on U. S. highway 36 near the city of Elwood, Kansas; authorizing discussions with appropriate officials of the state of Missouri and the city of St. Joseph, Missouri, towards interstate cooperation on engineering and traffic and earnings surveys; requiring a report and recommendations to the 1971 session of the legislature.

Mr. Davis made a motion, second by Dr. Hughes, that HCR 1092 be adopted. Motion carried.

SENATE BILL 530 - AN ACT repealing KSA 1969 Supp. 8-131a, relating to the issuance of plastic identification registration cards to owners of certain motor vehicles.

Mr. Hayes made a motion, second by Mr. Talkington, that SB 530 be reported favorably. Motion carried.

This bill concerns motor vehicle reciprocity and interstate agreements for vehicle registration.

Section 1 of the bill would authorize the Revisor of Statutes to designate an Assistant Revisor to perform the work of the committee, instead of specifying that the Assistant who is Secretary of the Interstate Commission shall do this work. (See Page 1, lines 7 to 9 and page 2, lines 6 to 8). This will permit flexibility of duty assignments in the Revisor of Statutes office, and make it possible to attract additional personnel, it is hoped. Section 1 also contains a conforming change to the changes made by section 2.

Section 2 introduces the concept of interstate agreements. The interstate agreements might be either for reciprocity or for proportional registration. Section 2 also substitutes the modern term "declaration" instead of the obsolete term "consent." A declaration (or consent) is a statement issued by this state to agree with mirror reciprocity or proportional registration statutes or practices of another state, when an interstate agreement cannot be negotiated. Declarations and agreements must be approved by the governor as well as the reciprocity commission. On page 3 in line 1 the word "motor" is stricken to make clear that interstate agreements relate to trailers as well as the power units of trucks.

Section 3 makes a new definition of "state" to replace the definition contained in the two sections which are replaced by the bill. The new definition is a little broader than the old and the language is cleaned-up. Generally, the bill gives additional authority to the reciprocity commission to negotiate interstate vehicle registration matters. It should result in better interstate relations and slightly increased revenue due to improved agreements.