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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

The meeting was called to order by _____Sen. Bill Morris _____ a

Senators Morris, Doyen, Brady, Hayden, Kanan, F. Kerr, Martin, Rock, Sallee and Thiessen.

Committee staff present:

Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Louise Cunningham, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

John Smith, Vehicle Administrator, Dept. of Revenue Lance Burr, Lawrence, Attorney, representing Roger Kaul, landowner. Shelli Crow-Johnson, Topeka, Attorney, representing Carla Nissen, landowner.

The Chairman said a sub-committee on the Commercial Drivers License has tried to help agricultural groups and others that may not be fully exempted by the federal government but there may be some leeway. We want to go as far as we can but still stay under the federal guidelines.

John Smith said the issuance of the new Commercial Driver License (CDL), will be delayed until April 2, 1992 because of difficulties in implementing the new computer system. The stricter penalties for the drivers went into effect on January 1, 1991. So far over 60,000 drivers have been tested and none have failed after the 4th test. The test is comprehensive but if the manual has been read there should be no problem. He said they would have some technical amendments later but there would be no basic change. They would just clarify. A copy of his statement is attached. (Attachment 1). A motion was made by Sen. Doyen to have two amendments to the act introduced by the committee. Motion was seconded by Sen. Sallee. Motion carried.

Sen. Sallee said he had received a number of complaints from people in the area who had built new homes and did not want to give them up. He wondered if it would be more feasible to move the highway away from homes and businesses. He was not asking for a full study but only for a consideration from KDOT to look at the situation. This might slow down progress but it might be cost saving. He said he did not know if it would be an advantage or disadvantage to by-pass the Indian reservation.

Lance Burr said he had been working with Indian affairs for over twenty years and the Indian reservation by constitution is not a part of the state of Kansas. It is a sovereign nation. He said there had been complaints because state taxes were not being paid on the reservation. The Indians are in the process of enacting their own tax codes and these problems will be solved. If the highway is moved it will detract from business in the Indian areas. We want to provide incentives to help Indians and this would detract from their business opportunities. They are now struggling for survival and want to be independent and not assimilated into our society.

Mr. Burr said he was representing Roger Kaul who has a business in that area but is not a tribal member.

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Shelli Crow-Johnson said her client purchased property years ago after the highway improvement plan was adopted. Her purchase price was based on that approval. This change could cause a burden for her. Delay could add to the cost of the highway project. Problems are occurring in the area but those problems should be addressed directly rather than by the indirect and temporary solution to the problems. Her client requests that SCR 1605 be rejected.

In answer to questions she said her client was not a member of the tribe and is a convenience store owner along the highway.

Bruce Kinzie gave a brief review of SB 11 and SB 45 which are in the committee.

A motion was made by Sen. Thiessen and was seconded by Sen. Hayden to approve the minutes of January 23. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting will be on January 29, 1991.

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SEN. MORRIS, CHAIRMAN

The issuance of the new Commercial Driver License (CDL), originally scheduled to begin January 2, 1991, will be delayed until April 2, 1991; however, the stricter penalties for these drivers will take effect on January 1, 1991. The CDL is a new type of driver license for large truck and bus drivers that all states are required to issue by Federal law. The delay in the Kansas program is due to difficulties in implementing the new computer system which will allow state licensing departments to electronically share driver record information and check for possible violations in other states prior to issuing a CDL.

Drivers that are required to obtain a CDL MUST do so before APRIL 1, 1992, the Federal deadline for states to have these drivers licensed and tested. Drivers are also eligible to be grandfathered from taking the driving skills test, if they have a good driving record and two years experience. Typically, a CDL will be needed by anyone who drives a vehicle either inter- or intra-state that weights more than 26,000 pounds, carries 16 or more passengers (including the driver), or transports hazardous materials which require placarding under the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.

The Division of Vehicles will continue to administer the CDL written tests on a walk-in basis at the Edwardsville station, 580 S. 4th St., Wichita - 2243 S. Meridian, Suite 104; Topeka - Forbes Field, Building 818, Section S1; Hays - 1222 Canterbury; and Garden City - 2506 Johns Street from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Tuesday through Friday.

The Division of Vehicles has available public information contact people throughout the State.

Kansas City area:	Jack Lindquist	913-422-1031
Topeka area:	Terry Mitchell	913-862-0044
Salina area:	Anita Druse	913-825-0321
Hays area:	Alan Burch	913-625-6917
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Commercial Driver's License Number of Tests

1-23-91

1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test	4th Test
Gen. Know.: <u>14749</u>	998	189	<u>22 1595 8</u>
Air Brakes: <u>11742</u>	961	165	24 12,892
Passenger: 7934	750	122	17 8,823
Comb. Veh.: <u>8383</u>	625	.62	7
Dbl/Triple: <u>3661</u>	223	.30	5 3,919
Tankers: <u>5809</u>	203	24	0 6,036
Hazmat: <u>5556</u>	529	.60	5 6,150
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