

Approved: 2/22/94
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ben Vidricksen at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 1994 in Room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Martha Ozias, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rosalee Thornburgh - Department of Transportation
Ken McNeil - ABATE of Kansas
Senator Vancrum - 11th District

Others attending: See attached list

SB 516 - Helmet Bill

The staff briefed the Committee on the study relating to the use of motorcycles helmets which was heard during the interim. This study was in response to a federal mandate which requires all persons operating or riding a motorcycle to wear a motorcycle helmet. In order to be eligible for additional federal grant funds, a state must have in effect both a law requiring all individuals riding a motorcycle to wear helmets and a law requiring individuals in the front seat of passenger vehicles to wear safety belts.

Rosalee Thornburgh pointed out that the state has already occurred penalty funds in the amount of 1.9 million since the legislature did not act on this bill last year. The penalty will increase 3.1 million in 1996 and repeat in 1997. These funds are being transferred to safety programs.

Ken McNeil spoke briefly explaining that there is federal legislation that would do away with mandates on helmets.

After some discussion and questions a motion was made by Senator Papay to pass this bill favorably. This was seconded by Senator Emert. Motion carried.

SB 553 - Drivers Training School

The staff briefed the Committee on this bill which would change the statute that lists the qualifications required to be an instructor at a driver training school to be under the supervision of an instructor who is licensed by the State Board of Education.

Senator Vancrum explained that there was a problem with this as it is difficult to get driving instructors during the peak season of the summer. He pointed out that only six states require college hours for driving instructors.

The Committee discussed various aspects of this bill and it was suggested that SB 214, Sec. 5 (g) be amended into it.

A motion was made by Senator Brady to amend the bill to read on page 1, in line 21, following "having" by inserting "completed"; in line 26, preceding the period by inserting "and pass a written and driving examination administered by the state board. The examinations required by paragraph (3) shall test the

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person's knowledge of the courses of instructions, motor vehicle laws and safety principles and practices. The state board may charge a fee for such examinations in an amount established by rules and regulations adopted by the state, but such fee shall not exceed the actual cost of providing such examinations"; This was seconded by Senator Papay. Motion carried.

Senator Brady then made a motion to recommend the bill favorable for passage as amended. This was seconded by Senator Rock. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Rock and seconded by Senator Harris to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 1994.

GUEST LIST

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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