Approved: March 12, 2001

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carol E. Beggs at 3:38 p.m. on March 7, 2001 in Room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: R

Rep. John Ballou - Excused

Rep. Larry Campbell - Excused Rep. Bill Mason - Excused Rep. Laura McClure - Excused Rep. Don Myers - Excused

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies - Revisor of Statutes

Hank Avila - Legislative Research Department

Carol Doel - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Nancey Harrington

William E. (Charlie) Wasylk
C.E. "Sonny" Scroggins

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Beggs called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

## SB139 - Relating to liability for domestic animal activities

Senator Derek Schmidt was unable to testify in person, however, he did send written testimony as a proponent for **SB 139**. The background of the bill states persons participating in domestic animal activities in Kansas have been presumed by law to assume the risk inherent in such activities. Chairman Beggs asked the revisor to make a clarification to the committee. Renae Jefferies, Revisor explained that it amends the assumption of risks to include bison in the definition of domestic animals and has changed as a whole to add any creature of the ratites, including, but not limited to ostriches, emus and rheas.

Senator Schmidt's testimony states further that "perhaps not obvious on its face, this proposal is about economic development. Tourism - particularly prairie tourism - is an industry with enormous potential for Southeast Kansas." (Attachment 1)

Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing, Division of Travel and Tourism introduced an attachment in support of **SB 139.** It is the feeling of the Division that amending the language in this bill allows for greater flexibility for any farmers and ranchers wanting to diversify their farming activities to allow others onto their property for leisure or recreational purposes. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Beggs closed the hearing on SB139.

Representative Osborne made a motion that we pass **SB 139** out favorably and place it on the consent calender. This motion was seconded by Representative Ethel Peterson. Motion passed.

# SB 155 - Designating US highway 75 as the combat wounded veterans highway

Senator Nancey Harrington appeared before the committee to offer her testimony in support of <u>SB 155</u>. The Senator distributed a copy of a map designating the area to be named **The Combat Wounded Veterans Highway.** (<u>Attachment 3</u>)

# CONTINUATION SHEET MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TOURISM COMMITTEE - Room 122-S Statehouse at 3:35 p.m. March 7, 2001

Written testimony was submitted by Senator Derek Schmidt in support of <u>SB 155</u>. The portion of US Highway 75 from Lyndon south to Oklahoma already has in place signage denoting it as the approximate route of the Opothle Yahola Historic Trail. The signage marks the path of a historic journey by American Indians, who migrated south along the rivers of Southeast Kansas en route to the Oklahoma territory.

Senator Schmidt says that it is essential that the existing signage not be displaced as a result of the passage of **SB 155**, and he requests that the committee ask this question directly of the appropriate officials and to create a record in the legislative history of this measure and it is not intended to cause or authorize removal of the existing signage that denotes the Yahola Trail. (Attachment 4)

William E. (Charlie) Wasylk, representing The Military Order of the Purple Heart, presented as an proponent for <u>SB 155</u> asking for recognition for combat wounded veterans (of all wars) by naming of a highway in Kansas. Mr. Wasylk states that as people see the signs honoring the veterans along the highway, it will remind them of the high cost of freedom. (<u>Attachment 5</u>)

Chairman Beggs closed the hearing.

Representative Margaret Long made a motion that the bill be passed out favorably and put on the consent calender. This was seconded by Representative Levinson. Motion passed.

## SB 280 - Designating a part of U.S. highway 24 as the Charles Sheldon traffic way

Appearing before the committee as a proponent for <u>SB 280</u> was C.E. "Sonny" Scroggins, a member of the "What Would Jesus Do Memorial Committee?" This is a group of individuals dedicated to the preservation of Faith in the world, and are determined to encourage and foster continued Faith Movements in Kansas. They are requesting that a portion of Highway 24 be designated as the Charles Sheldon Traffic Way in honor of the author of "In His Steps". (<u>Attachment 6</u>)

Discussion and questioning was opened by Chairman Beggs.

Representative Margaret Long proposed an amendment to <u>SB 280</u> adding a new section 2. This would state as follows: Whenever any federal act or the regulation by any federal agency shall require that the secretary of transportation shall perform engineering services in connection with a federal aid project pertaining to the construction or reconstruction of any county road or bridge, the secretary shall not charge the county a fee for such engineering services which exceeds am amount equal to 10% of the county's share of the construction cost of such project. (Attachment 7)

Representative Jeff Peterson made a motion to override the amendment and pass the bill out clean and place it on the consent calender. Motion was seconded by Representative Palmer. The motion passed, however, there was discussion as to whether SB 280 could be put on the consent calender due to some nay votes.

Minutes of the February 19, 2001 meeting of Committee on Tourism were distributed for approval. Representative Aday made a motion to approve the minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Representative Ethel Peterson.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2001.

Chairman Beggs adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m. March 7, 2001.

# HOUSE TOURISM COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

# DATE March 2, 2001

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### **DEREK SCHMIDT**

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## Testimony Before House Committee on Tourism In Support of Senate Bill 139 by Senator Derek Schmidt March 5, 2001

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for conducting this hearing and allowing me to appear in support of Senate Bill 139. I introduced this legislation along with Senators Jordan and Schodorf, and I was delighted when it passed the Senate 40 to 0.

Since 1994, persons participating in domestic animal activities in Kansas have been presumed by law to assume the risk inherent in such activities. The relevant statute is set forth in Article 40 of Chapter 60. In plain English, the law says that folks who – for example – ride horses, show chickens, haul cattle, or board llamas are presumed to have assumed the risk inherent with working with these animals and cannot sue the fair board or the arena owner when the horse bucks, the chicken pecks, the cattle pin a person against the chute, or the llamas...do whatever damaging things llamas may do.

Members of the committee may have seen the warning signs that are currently required by this statute to be posted at arenas, fair barns, and similar sites: "WARNING: Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity."

Under current law, the following are considered "domestic animals" for purposes of this statute: cattle, swine, sheep, goats, domesticated deer, llamas, poultry, rabbits, horses, ponies, mules, jennies, donkeys, and hinnys.

Our proposal, Mr. Chairman, is simply to add bison to the list. (And, under a floor amendment offered by Senator Oleen and adopted by the full Senate, the bill before you also would add to the list ratites – members of the bird family including ostriches, emus and rheas.)

Although perhaps not obvious on its face, this proposal is about economic development. Tourism – particularly prairie tourism – is an industry with enormous potential for Southeast Kansas. Committee members may be familiar with the excitement in the tourism industry about investments being made by our native son Bill Kurtis in Chautauqua County and Montgomery County. In a phrase, Mr. Kurtis is committing his money and his talents to marketing the "prairie experience" to our urban cousins and our friends on the coasts.

And what is a "prairie experience" without bison? For that reason, Mr. Kurtis has recently acquired a herd of bison, and he intends to integrate them into his broader efforts to bring tourists to our state to experience the prairie.

Mr. Kurtis is making this investment because he believes in Kansas. He is making the investment from his own pocket because he believes that is the right thing to do and because he is convinced it is a smart business move. I am proposing this legislation because we in Southeast Kansas want this tourism initiative to succeed and we want to fully support this and similar efforts.

I should point out that the benefits of this legislation are not limited to one tourism operation in Southeast Kansas. I have discussed this legislation with several leaders of the Kansas Buffalo Association, and they have indicated strong support for this step which, in their words, is "long overdue."

Let me emphasize, Mr. Chairman, that this is a very modest bill. I recently discussed with a concerned agricultural producer in Chautauqua County what this bill does NOT do – it does not in any way limit the liability of a bison owner for damage that may be caused by his bison to a neighbor's fences, crops, livestock, or other property. It does not limit the liability of a bison owner for damage caused if his bison escapes and wanders onto a public road.

Rather, this bill simply says that tourists who come to see bison but do not follow the rules set out by their guides – and are injured as a result – will not be able to easily sue the bison's owners. The key phrase in the statute is found in K.S.A. 60-4001(a): [The activity for which the bison owner's liability would be limited] does not include being a spectator at an activity involving domestic animals, except in cases where the spectator places the spectator's self in an unauthorized area and in immediate proximity to the activity involving domestic animals."

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I urge the committee's favorable consideration of this legislation, and I would be happy to answer any questions.

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House Committee on Tourism
Testimony of the
Division of Travel and Tourism
March 7, 2001

SB 139

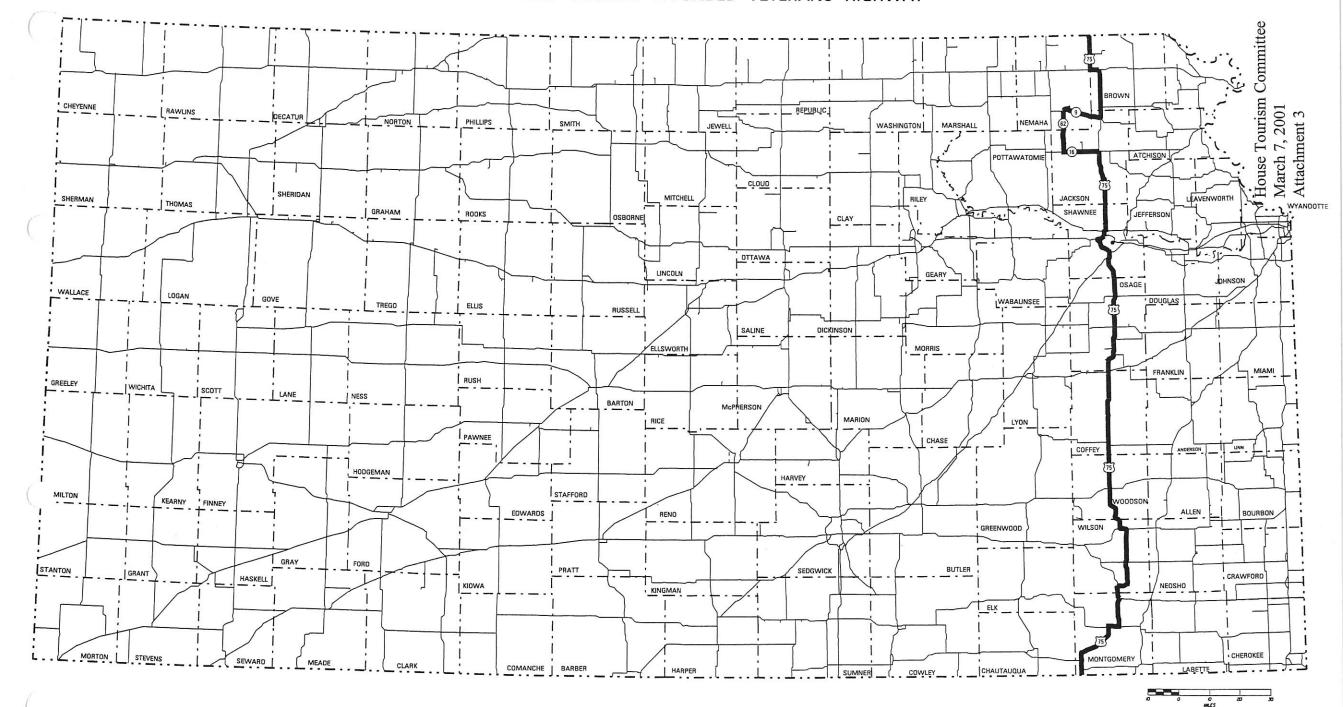
Mr. Chairman, and members of the House Committee on Tourism. Please accept our regrets at being unable to attend today's meeting. But we do want to convey our support of SB 139. The Division feels amending the language in this bill allows for greater flexibility for any farmers and ranchers wanting to diversify their farming activities to allow others onto their property for leisure or recreational purposes.

Agri-tourism is one of the division's marketing niches as recommended in the tourism study completed three years ago and we are eager to help with building that infrastructure to accommodate those who want to participate in that type of experience. This bill is important for the tourism industry to be able to expand their farm and ranch opportunities to travelers who might want to experience rural life.

We urge the passage of SB 139.

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# PROPOSED COMBAT WOUNDED VETERANS HIGHWAY



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Testimony Before House Tourism Committee Requesting Clarification to Senate Bill 155 Supporting Senate Bill 155 by Senator Derek Schmidt March 7, 2001

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for conducting this hearing and allowing me to appear in support of Senate Bill 155. The gesture of designating U.S. Highway 75 in Kansas as the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway is certainly an appropriate way to honor many who have served our country in the armed forces.

I represent more of U.S. 75 than any other member of the legislature. It snakes through four of my counties, from Burlington south to the Oklahoma border. So this is a very important issue to me and to my district.

I am a cosponsor and supporter of this bill. However, since the bill left the Senate, a question about its effect on my district has arisen. That portion of U.S. Highway 75 from Lyndon south to Oklahoma already has in place signage denoting it as the approximate route of the Opothle Yahola Historic Trail. The signage marks the path of a historic journey by American Indians, who migrated south along the rivers of Southeast Kansas en route to the Oklahoma territory.

It is essential that the existing signage not be displaced as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 155 because it is more than merely symbolic – the existing signage supports budding tourism efforts underway in Southeast Kansas. Along the designated route, there are several local efforts to develop tourism in connection with the Yahola history. For example, there are individuals in Coffey and Wilson counties dedicated to promotion of the Yahola story.

When Senate bill 155 was considered by the Senate, I inquired about the potential conflict between the current Yahola Trail signage and the proposed Combat Wounded Veterans designation. I was assured that there was no conflict – that at worst, there would be a dual marking of that portion of U.S. Highway 75 south of Lyndon. Based on that assurance, I cosponsored and voted for the measure.

More recently, questions have been asked about the potential for conflict. I have discussed this matter at length with the Revisor and also with the Kansas Department of Transportation, and I am satisfied that no conflict exists. However, I would ask your committee to ask this question directly of the appropriate officials and to create a record in the legislative history of this measure that it is not intended to cause or authorize removal or the existing signage that denotes the Yahola Trail.

In the event that you conclude a conflict may exist, I would request you amend the bill to make clear the legislature's intent that the existing Yahola Trail signage not be disturbed. Appropriate language might be to insert the following: "NEW SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require or authorize removal of existing signage along or near U.S. Highway 75 relating to the Opothle Yahola Historic Trail." Insofar as there are only two Yahola Trail signs in the miles from Lyndon to Oklahoma, there would be no visual conflict with having those signs stand in addition to signs designating the Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veterans Highway.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to appear before you today. I look forward to working with you to ensure that passage of Senate Bill 155 does not inadvertently damage tourism efforts underway in Southeast Kansas.

# William E. (Charlie) Wasylk - Chapter 558 Wichita

To: Honorable Committee Members

Re: Highway for Combat wounded veterans

First, I want to tell you how much I appreciate what we are trying to do here today. I know you have a very busy schedule ahead of you so anytime you give to the veterans is very much appreciated. I will try and make my concerns and facts as fast and short as possible.

We as combat wounded veterans (of all wars) want some recognition and that is why we are asking for a highway to be named after all of us here in Kansas. We want everyone to remember how much freedom cost when they see a highway sign honoring the veterans because they gave a lot of themselves fighting for this great country of ours. For some it cost more then others, but for all of us it costs a lot. We were some of the lucky ones we made it home, wounded but home at least. Many of the soldiers did not make it back. Perhaps someone in your family was wounded or gave the ultimate sacrifice and died in a foreign land. That, my friends it what freedom cost, lives.

As you sit here today thinking about the highway and listening to us please think way back when our forefathers came to this land. Think of the fighting they did to begin this great country and to make it free for all of us. Many countries have tried to take it over but did not succeed thanks to the soldiers of that time. We came out the victors each time

Because we have freedom and enjoy it so much think of these simple pleasures. You can go out to eat when and where you want, you can have a party and invite the people you want there, and for the most part you can do whatever you want. You have freedom! Other people in other countries can only dream about the democracy we have here in the United States and it is because of your great veterans that you have it. When our country called us for help, we went, we did not run away. Maybe we did complain when we had to go but we fought anyway because we love our freedom so much. Freedom means a chance for all of us to do the things we want and we hope it means a lot to you too.

Next time you get in your car and drive down the highway please think of a veteran. A wounded veteran laying in a field somewhere. Hoping someone will come and help him soon because no one wants to die far away from home. But some of us did. However most of us were lucky we came back and now we can enjoy the freedom we earned just like you folks do too.

Right now, today, think of all the veterans that are out there protecting you at this very moment. Guarding our borders so no one can attack us without going through a line of American soldiers first. You are looking at combat wounded veterans today. Right now. Our country asked for our help and we said we would. We did not hide either. So be darn proud of being an American. When you see a flag look at it and remember what it means to all of us and how much it cost to keep it where it is at.

Keep thinking of owning your own home, of writing to the President if you want without harm coming to you. We can do that here in America and not be beaten or put in jail. It is called freedom. I enjoy my freedom each and everyday. When I get up and do what I want, I enjoy it. I am sure you people enjoy it too. When, we as voters, thought that you were good enough to be here to make our laws for us. Well, you can thank a veteran for that, because you have a chance to do it. We are glad you took time out of your lives to help us out.

So I am asking you to look deep down in your hearts when you make your decision on the naming of the highway, Military Order of the Purple Heart Highway, for us veterans to honor combat wounded veterans. When you are deciding please think of your home, of your children, and your grandchildren that they may all live in peace forever. And hope that they never have to fight a war.

Look at us wounded veterans and think of the ones that are too wounded to travel so far, and that are bed ridden or the ones that are in wheelchairs and could not make it today it is too much of a hardship on them. We remember them while we are here. And we are standing here for them too. Finally, I would like for you to take a little time to remember them too. Thank you all for your time,

I would also like to add that one of our members did some checking on how many men and women were killed, wounded, or missing in action. It is almost above 2 million people. He said if you took each one and had them stand abreast to one another - four wide that the line would go from Oklahoma to Nebraska. That folks is the price for freedom. It cost a lot. Of course you cannot put a dollar amount on each one, that still would not help bring them back. The people who lost family members in the wars wanted their loved ones home. That is all they wanted and still have peace.

The President said on Tuesday of this week he would like to boost the morale of the veterans by giving them more money. Instead of that he should have said 'We should all respect the veteran for what he or she has done for us'. People think that most of the WW1 Vets are gone, and a lot WW2 vets are dying so we do not have them to care for anymore. But what about Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, and all the veterans today that are guarding you right now by protecting our home land.

By the way the WW1 vets came home to big parades. When WW2 vets came home they also had parades. When Korea came home, the same. But when the Vietnam vets came home, nothing! You did not want us. We did what we were asked and that is all we did.

How many ran out to greet the Viet Nam vets? Not very many. That is why this road is so important to us. So people will remember how much freedom cost. No matter how bad you may think it was to be in Viet Nam in the first place. We are a very proud people and will always be proud. I walk tall because I had a chance to help this great country of ours.

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March 7, 2001

# What Would Jesus Do Memorial Committee?

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March 7, 2001

Kansas House Tourism Committee Meeting, March 8, 2001

Chairman Carol Beggs, Vice-Chairman, Peggy Palmer, and each committee member, it is with great pleasure that I once again have the opportunity to stand before members of the 2001 Kansas Legislature, as a member of the "What Would Jesus Do Memorial Committee?" The committee is a group of individuals who are dedicated to the preservation of Faith in the world, we are determined to encourage and foster continued Faith Movements in Kansas, and to recognize the achievements that have been made, Religious Faith has a role in society.

Thomas Huxley has said that "the great end of life is not knowledge but action." But we need some knowledge, do we not, in order to distinquish, between appropriate and inappropriate, faithful and unfaithful actions? We must remain rooted in the word of God, even as we seek to follow the Son of God. Mr. Chairman, I rise today asking for passage of Senate Bill No. 280 designating a part of United States Highway 24 as the Charles Sheldon Traffic way!!!!!!!! I am asking for your help in renaming Highway 24 in honor of the memory of the late Charles Monroe Sheldon. We would share God's love from the heart of Topeka and Kansas in a way no one has ever attempted before. WWJD?

We would take the word of God outside these walls and demonstrate the compassion of Christ to more people and in more ways than anyone at anytime had ever dreamed. WWJD? Charles Sheldon was someone who called us to our highest and best, a model for our children to emulate. We owe it to a culture in need of moral leadership, our is a culture in crisis. WWJD? The Legacy of Charles Sheldon was a significant event in world history and it is extremely important that the Faith Experience be remember in Kansas as well as elsewhere. Few Kansas, know of the numerous outstanding contributions made in Kansas to benefit of society as a whole. WWJD?

Few of us know of the proud blessing in our own state---a history that can be a great source of pride and inspiration to share with others, not only for ourselves, but for future generations as well. WWJD? Support of Senate Bill 280 is a proper course for our State and our culture, it is people centered. Our long range goal is to rename all of United States Highway 24 in Kansas as the Charles Sheldon Traffic Way, symbolizing asking ourselves, What Would Jesus Do?, in all situations. A ancient piece of wisdom is: anyone can count the seeds in an apple, No one can count the apples in a seed.

That's our challenge: to plant seeds!!!! WWJD?

Thank You!!!

May God ever bless our home state of Kansas !!!

Sincerely,

c. e. "sonny scroggins

#### **Background Information**

Prior Testimony Letter Dated January 20, 2001, to Kansas Senator Dave Jackson

cc: John Hanna Associated Press

## Feb. 21, 2001, KS State Legislature Committee Meeting

My thanks to Chairman, Les Donovan and Vice Chairman, Larry Solomon, of the Legislative Transportation and Tourism Committee of the State of Kansas. I like so many others salute you and each committee member for your successful leadership. You all in fact are to be commended for your insight and stewardship. Allow me also to take a moment just to salute Kansas Senator Dave Jackson, for being a person of character and mercy, and if I might make just one other note of affection, and that is for the other eight (8) sponsors of Senate Bill No. 280 designating a part of United States Highway 24 as the Charles Sheldon Traffic Way!!!

To others who are seated here and to all of you who are seated before me, I am, indeed happy and honored to bear witness for change. A lot of times we don't appreciate what we have in our state. This seems true concerning the legacy and good deed left by the late Pastor Charles Monroe Sheldon born on Feb. 26, 1857. Sheldon was ahead of his time in championing a social gospel message which included abolishing racism, stamping out alcohol, increasing interfaith dialogue and showing compassion to the poor. He started the first Black Kindergarten West of the Mississippi. He was recognized by Operation USA Party, a Bicentennial Observance and Marathon in 1976. He was recognized in 1979 during the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kansas Fever/Great Exodus Movement. He was recognized in 1993 during the 100th Anniversary of the first Black Kindergarten West of the Mississippi at which time a resolution in his honor was passed and read in the Hall of Congress.

Romans Chapter 5, beginning with Verse 3, it talks about character, Charles Monroe Sheldon was a man of Great Faith and Character with World Wide Influence on religion, in his time, and he continues to influence outtime through" In His Step", it seems appropriate that Sheldon's memory should be honored. This idea was advanced several years ago. He is worthy.

Sonate Bill NO. 280 Character is what you are willing to do when the spotlight has been turned off, the applause has died down and no one is around to give you credit.

Ask Yourself, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Thank You, Yours in Christ,

C.E. "Sonny" Scroggins What Would Jesus Do Memorial Committee Kansas Fever/Bias Busters of Kansas 901 Tyler Topeka KS. (785) 3578853

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### Kansas Fever Committee/Bias Busters of Kansas 901 SW Tyler Topeka, KS 12 (785)-357-8853

January 20, 2001

Honorable Kansas Senator Dave Jackson Kansas State Capitol Topeka, Ks. 12

Dear Dave,

Thanks again, for accepting the appointment to introduce Legislation. Naming US-24 Highway in North Topeka "the Charles Sheldon Traffic way."

Because of Sheldon's widespread influence on religion through "In his Steps (What would Jesus do?) remains in continuous publications, it seems appropriate that Sheldon's Memory should be honored, this idea was advanced, first in 1993.

Sheldon was ahead of his time in championing a social gossip message, including Abolishing racism stamping out alcohol, increasing interfaith dialogue and showing Compassion to the poor, We celebrated the 100 Anniversary of the first Kindergarten For black children West of the Mississippi River in Topeka, April11993, which Sheldon started.

I am honored to know a relative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dave we have been Friends for several years, I am confident because of your Leadership Ability, Character, and Compassion, you will succeed in Championing this Honorable Request thru the 2001 Kansas Legislation.

Finally Dave it's so sad that Topeka, Kansas Zoning Improvement Plan Code is Three digits of Six (6.) (See Letter Dated December 10, 1999)

Pray for our success in changing the Three-digit zip code area for Topeka, We are writing President George Walker Bush for his good office intervention in this snafu. It's an affront To the Holy Spirit! I would rather Topeka be known as the city of "What would Jesus do", A city of Character!

Sincerely

C. E. "Sonny" Scroggins

Kansas Fever Committee/Bias Busters of Kansas

Cc President George W. Bush

# SENATE BILL No. 280

By Senators Jackson, Allen, Barnett, Downey, Emler, O'Connor, Schodorf, Tyson and Umbarger

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AN ACT designating a part of United States 24 highway as the Charles Sheldon trafficway.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. United States highway 24 where it enters the city of Topeka on the east, then west through the city of Topeka to the point where it exits the city of Topeka on the west, is hereby designated as the Charles Sheldon trafficway. The secretary of transportation shall place signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that the highway is the Charles Sheldon trafficway. The secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

Sec. 27 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

publication in the statute book.

relating to highways;

; concerning certain fees

New Sec. 2. Whenever any federal act or the regulation by any federal agency shall require that the secretary of transportation shall perform engineering services in connection with a federal aid project pertaining to the construction or reconstruction of any county road or bridge, the secretary shall not charge the county a fee for such engineering services which exceeds an amount equal to 10% of the county's share of the construction cost of such project.