

Approved: March 3, 2011
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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m., on February 14, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Bob Grant
Representative Ron Worley

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Kathy Moore
Representative Vince Wetta
Representative Connie O'Brien
Gayla Shields, Representing County Treasurers Ass'n.

Others attending:

See attached list

Chairman Hayzlett called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **HB 2169**.

HB 2169 – Designating the junction of United States highway 24 and K-7 highway as the Representative Margaret Long interchange.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Kathy Moore. According to Representative Moore (Attachment #1) Margaret Long was born in Kansas City, Kansas, went to school there, married and raised two sons there. During her husband's third term as a legislator in the House of Representatives he passed away and Margaret was appointed to the 38th District seat to fill the vacancy left by Jim Long. Margaret was an active member of several committees including being the ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation for ten years. During the 2010 Legislative Session she carried the T-Works Comprehensive Transportation Plan on the floor of the House. Representative Moore concluded by saying that naming the Highway 24-K-7 Interchange after Margaret is a fitting tribute because of her ten years on the House Transportation Committee and her commitment and dedication to crafting and passing comprehensive transportation legislation.

The Chairman recognized Representative Vince Wetta as the next conferee. (Attachment #2) Representative Wetta said he fully supported designating the junction of U.S. Highway 24 and K-7 as the Representative Margaret Long interchange. He said he felt it would be appropriate to recognize her long and distinguished career in this way.

There were no other proponents and no opponents to **HB 2169**.

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There were no questions from the committee members so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2169** and opened the hearing on **HB 2171**.

HB 2171 – United States postal service vehicles; yielding right-of-way.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Connie O'Brien. Representative O'Brien said she had been approached by constituents in her district who were concerned about their safety as mail carriers. (Attachment #3) She said due to the speed along the highway the postal workers are put in danger upon re-entering the traffic lane. **HB 2171** would require drivers to yield the right-of-way to a US Postal Service vehicle that is obviously and actually engaged in the delivery or collection of mail along a highway. She said by extending the "move over" law to postal workers, as is the case with law enforcement officers who utilize shoulders along the highways, it will provide a safer work environment for postal workers.

There were no other proponents present and no opponents.

The Chairman drew the committee's attention to Written Testimony submitted by Theresa Gergick, USPS Rural Mail Carrier, in support of **HB 2171**.

Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2171** and opened the hearing on **HB 2172**.

HB 2172 Registration of vehicles; renewal; certification of financial security.

The Chairman recognized Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer, representing the Kansas County Treasurers Association. (Attachment #4) According to Ms. Shields they have been working with the Department of Revenue for more than a year on the development and implementation of new software for motor vehicle registration and title issuance. **HB 2172** would remove a requirement that an applicant for renewal of a vehicle's registration sign a certification that the applicant has and will maintain insurance on the vehicle. She said this change will allow the full use of the new software application which will accommodate an original signature when a vehicle is registered and will not require a signature for renewal transactions thereby speeding up the renewal process.

The Chairman drew the committee's attention to written testimony submitted by Theresa A. Gergick in support of **HB 2172**. (Attachment #5)

There were no other proponents present and no opponents. The Chairman asked Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles, if she had anything she wanted to add to this discussion. Director Alldritt stepped forward and spoke in support of **HB 2172**. After all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2172**.

It was Chairman Hayzlett's desire for discussion and action on **HB 2003**.

Representative Grange moved **HB 2003** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Proehl and the motion carried.

The Chairman opened **HB 2058** for discussion and action.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Representative Grange moved **HB 2058** favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Wolf.

Representative Pottorff moved an amendment to **HB 2058** which would add “bicycles” in addition to motorcycles, seconded by Representative Swanson. After discussion the motion carried.

Representative Grange moved an amendment to **HB 2058** which would add the wording any vehicle legally allowed on the road could have the right to proceed after stopping at a red light which fails to change to a green light within a reasonable period of time. The motion was seconded by Representative Hill. After discussion the motion failed.

Staff brought up the need for a technical change (typo) on page 2. Representative Prescott moved an amendment to make the technical change as described by staff, seconded by Representative Grange and the motion carried.

Representative Grange moved an amendment to add clarifying language on when a motorcycle or bicycle can safely enter an intersection. The motion was seconded by Representative Spalding, and the motion carried.

Representative Grange moved **HB 2058, as amended**, favorable for passage, seconded by Representative Spalding, the motion carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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TO: House Transportation Committee – Representative Gary Hayzlett, Chair

DATE: February 14, 2011

RE: HB 2169

HB 2169 designates the junction of U.S. Hwy. 24 and K-7 highway in Wyandotte County as the Rep. Margaret Long Interchange.

Margaret Long was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and her connections to the area are deep. It was in Kansas City that Margaret attended both Ward High School and Kansas City, Kansas Community College and where she and her husband, Jim Long, raised their two sons, James W. Jr. and Steven. Margaret worked for many years as an administrative accountant and has served as a precinct committeewoman for 25 years, secretary of Wyandotte Democratic Central Committee for four years, and was appointed to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. Jim served in the United States Navy, later worked his way up to the rank of Chief of the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department, and served the 38th House District as a Representative. It was during his third term that Representative Jim Long suddenly passed away, just months after celebrating his fortieth wedding anniversary.

On February 9th, 1998, Margaret Long was appointed to the 38th District seat, to fill the vacancy left by Jim and to continue his efforts in representing Kansas City, Kansas. During Margaret's thirteen years in the Kansas House of Representatives, she was an active member of the Committees on Local Government, Energy and Utilities, New Economy, Tourism, and Governmental Organization and Elections, the Select Committee on KPERS, Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Benefits, Joint Committee on Economic Development, and she was the ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation for ten years. During the 2010 Legislative Session she carried the T-Works Comprehensive Transportation Plan on the floor of the House. She retired in 2010.

Naming the Hwy 24/K-7 Interchange after Margaret is a fitting tribute because of her ten years on the House Transportation Committee and her commitment and dedication to crafting and passing comprehensive transportation legislation.

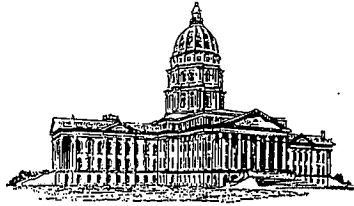
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Thank you for your consideration,

Kathy Wolfe Moore
Representative
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House Transportation
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Attachment # 1

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Vince Wetta

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February 14, 2011

Chairman Hayzlett
House Transportation Committee
State Capitol Building
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Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB 2169

I fully support HB 2169 designating the junction of United States highway 24 and K7 highway as the Representative Margaret Long interchange.

Margaret Long was a Ranking Democrat on this committee and I think it would be appropriate to recognize her long and distinguished career in this way.

Vince Wetta

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vince".

State Representative, 80th District

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Attachment # 2

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Committee on Transportation
House Bill 2171
Regarding a move over provision for postal workers

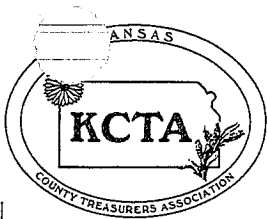
February 14, 2011

Thank you for letting me speak today on House Bill 2171 which provides a "move over" rule for postal workers delivering mail. I was approached by constituents in my district concerned about their safety while performing their work. An area of specific concern is US 24-40 between Tonganoxie and Basehor.

The speed limit along this stretch is 65 miles per hour. There is a designated shoulder located along the highway. However, due to the speed, re-entering the traffic lane becomes precarious for postal workers delivering along this route. By extending the "move over" law to postal workers, as is the case with law enforcement officers who utilize shoulders along highways while performing their duties, we can provide a safer work environment for those who call the highways their office.

Thank you for your time. I will stand for questions.

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Attachment # 3



KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

February 14, 2011

Chairman Hayzlett and members of the committee:

I am Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer, appearing here today on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association regarding House Bill 2172. Members of the Kansas County Treasurers Association have been working in conjunction with the Department of Revenue for more than a year on the development and implementation of new software for motor vehicle registration and title issuance.

The Kansas County Treasurers Association is requesting this change to allow the full use of the new software application. The system will accommodate an original signature when a vehicle is registered, followed by fast track renewals. Not requiring a signature for a renewal transaction, will speed up the renewal process, which should reduce customer wait time, getting the motoring public back on their way sooner.

In previous discussions during the development stages of the new software, there was consensus with the Department of Revenue that this change in statute is needed.

Thank you for your time and attention. On behalf of the Kansas Treasurers Association I would respectfully request the Transportation Committee recommend House Bill 2172 favorably. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Gayla Shields

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Attachment # 4

Committee on Transportation

February 14, 2011

I thank you so much for considering this very serious bill. As a mail carrier for 22 years with the United States Postal Service, I have been concerned about the safety of mail carriers, including myself, especially, when the carrier is driving their vehicles and delivering the mail at the same time. We are trained that we have two jobs. The first job, we are drivers and must follow the laws of the highways and back roads. This means we are to be aware of any and all traffic and pedestrians and unknown hazards that may come our way as we drive our vehicles. The second job, we must deliver our mail routes with efficiency and keep safety as our first priority.

I am very appreciative of your efforts to make my job and the jobs of my fellow mail carriers much more safe by asking other drivers who share the roads and highways with us to give us some healthy respect. This can save accidents and injury to not only mail carriers but those other drivers who are involved when carelessness causes accidents. This bill could even save lives. Thank you again for your concern regarding the rural mail carrier in this bill.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Gergick

USPS Rural Mail Carrier

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