

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 9, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley-excused
Senator Les Donovan-excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Toni Beck, Committee Assistant

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB58 - Designating the US-24 and US-73/KS-7 interchange the Representative Margaret Long interchange

Chairman Umbarger opened the hearing on SB58.

Senator Kultala appeared as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 1)

Senator Reitz asked who was funding the highway designation in honor of Representative Margaret Long. Senator Kultala commented, Representative Wolfe Moore and Senator Kultala will be co-chairs for the 50% private funding fundraiser. Senator Huntington inquired as to highways designated in honor of legislators. Bob Totten, Kansas Contractors Association, named dedications for; Senator Billy Morris, Senator Talkington and Senator Vidrickson.

Chairman Umbarger closed the hearing on SB58.

Following the hearing, the committee took final action on the bill.

Senator Kultala made a motion. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

DATE: 2-9-2011
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TO: Senate Transportation Committee – Sen. Duane Umbarger, Chair

DATE: February 2, 2011

RE: SB 58

SB 58 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.

Costs of the signage will be paid for with private donations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly Kultala

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Att: 2-9-11