

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 15, 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.

Approval of Senate Transportation Committee minutes of January 25 and 27; February 8, 9, and 10 were made with a motion by Senator Schmidt. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed the speaker back to the committee from his Thursday presentation. Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation, Kansas Corporation Commission, continued his presentation on issues with the KCC. Reciprocity affecting the farmers on CDL licenses are subject to out of state regulations after the initial 150 mile radius has been passed. Interstate DOT has an audit for pass/fail. Violations of no CDL in out of state situations do not make farmers exempt as drug and alcohol testing are both required. Vehicles/drivers are subject to the regulations according to the size and weight of the truck. Hazardous material transport also applies to chemical tanks on farm trucks. Informational farm meetings are three hours with question and answer sessions. Civil fines do apply for lack of compliance.

Senator Huntington asked if there is a maximum fine. Mike commented that it is not imposed unless out of state. An out of service issue can be ticketed. Colorado and Texas are considering possible agreement with Kansas Department of Revenue for their states as well. Senator Schmidt asked if the presented information was available on the KCC website; which it is. Senator Reitz inquired if custom harvesters and farming equipment would be subject to all CDL and drug testing which they are, although being exempt for the 391 physical. Mike confirmed for Senator Huntington that rental vehicles are exempt only in the case of a private move. There is also a packet presentation available on the website for Kansas Motor Carriers named, Procedures for Safety Compliance. Maps included in the packet show weekly presentation sites across the state. Truck driving schools are also posted with schedules. Senator Petersen commented on Nebraska CDL licensure, which requires additional training constraints.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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