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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2623

As Recommended by House Committee on <u>Transportation</u>

Brief*

HB 2623 would designate a part of K-20 highway as the Kickapoo Veterans Memorial Highway. The designation would extend on K-20 highway west from the west city limits of the City of Horton to the junction of K-20 highway with United States Highway 75.

The Secretary of Transportation would be required to place signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate the designation. The signs could not be placed until the Secretary had received sufficient moneys from gifts and donations to reimburse the Secretary for the cost of placing the signs. The Secretary would be authorized to accept gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing suitable signs.

The bill would take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Background

The bill was requested for introduction by Representative Larkin on behalf of the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas. Representatives of the Tribe's governing body and Kickapoo military veterans presented testimony in support of the bill at the hearing before the House Transportation Committee. The Committee was presented with a resolution from the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in support of the designation. The proposal also received support from the cities of Horton, Powhattan, Hiawatha, and from Brown County, the Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, the State of Nebraska, and the American Indian Veterans History Foundation. No opponents to the bill presented testimony at the House Committee's hearing.

^{*}Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.kslegislature.org

At the time the House Committee took action, the Budget Division's fiscal note on the bill had not been published.