

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on February 1, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Anthony Hensley- excused

Committee staff present:  
Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
Maggie Breen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Carmen Alldritt, Director of Motor Vehicles

Others attending:  
See attached list.

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **HB 2041- 95th division the iron men of Metz highway, highway designation.**

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes, said the subject matter was handled in 2004. There were a number of military road named that year. The highway was named, in the legislation, according to what was requested at the time. However, when the 95<sup>th</sup> division got their money together they indicated they wanted the highway to be identified with a different name. The bill has the corrected name. He talked to a representative of the 95<sup>th</sup> Division Foundation who was delighted that a bill was in progress to change the name to the desired one. (Attachment 1)

As there were no additional conferees, Senator Donovan closed the hearing on **HB 2041.**

**Senator Schmidt made a motion to pass the bill out favorably for passage and put on the consent calendar. Senator Wilson seconded. Motion passed.**

Chairman Donovan opened the hearing on **SB 147- Disabled veterans license plates, defining disabled veterans.** He said the bill was requested by Senator McGinn. A constituent wrote a letter (Attachment 2) and asked her to change the definition of disabled from 100% down to 50% or more, for the purpose obtaining tax exempt licenses plates. She was unable to attend the hearing so requested the Chairman explain the bill. He said when he saw the fiscal note he asked Carmen Alldritt to testify as to how these tags work and what fees are paid or not paid. He said Carmen also brought information as to all the speciality tags that are being issued and the related fees.

Carmen Alldritt, said as of yesterday, there are approximately 2,125 of disabled veteran's plates on the road. A individual brings a certification which qualifies them as being 100% disabled. They pay the property tax on their vehicle but no registration fee which is about \$33 on a car and \$43 on a pickup. They do pay the 50 cents reflectorized plate fee. The current policy is they receive one free plate. If they want additional ones, there is a charge. They have no idea how much changing the qualification requirement from 100% disability to 50% disability and up will bump up the numbers on the disabled veteran's plates. Currently the count of regular veteran's plates on the road is 62,000. Her handout covered fees associated with the various plates being issued. Carmen also mentioned she has a bill in the House that deals with the cost of all license plates. (Attachment 3)

Chairman Donovan pointed out that the Combat Wounded Purple Heart recipients still pay a \$30 registration fee plus \$5 county service fee in addition to the 50 cent reflectorized fee.

Carmen answered various question regarding both regular and the different speciality plates.

As there were no additional conferees, Chairman Donovan closed the hearing on **SB 147.** He also reviewed other bills which are or will be in committee.

Chairman Donovan presented the minutes of January 24, January 25, and January 30 for approval.

**Senator Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Senator Gilstrap seconded. Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007.