

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 8:30 A.M. on January 24, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Mary Jane Brueck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman called for bill introductions:

Tom Day, representing the Kansas Corporation Commission, requested introduction of a bill to amend seven Transportation statutes that specifically reference or cite 49 U.S.C. 14504 which was repealed effective January 1, 2007, and replaced with 49 U.S.C. 14504a. The new federal statute gives states the authority to collect motor carrier registration fees under the new Uniform Carrier Registration System. (Draft bill attached – 7rs1587). Senator Peterson moved the introduction, seconded by Senator Wilson. The motion carried.

Tom Day, representing the Kansas Corporation Commission, also requested an amendment to KSA 66-1,129a that would permit the KCC to sell a vehicle that is later abandoned by the carrier and recover whatever costs are incurred by the KCC. (Draft language attached) Senator Schmidt moved the introduction, seconded by Senator Gilstrap. The motion carried.

Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, requested the introduction of a bill to allow additional vehicles to be registered under the provisions of KSA 8-1,152 concerning fleet motor vehicles. Senator Wilson moved the introduction, seconded by Senator Schmidt. The motion carried.

Tom Whitaker said he supports the Kansas Corporation Commission bills.

Senator Donovan asked if and others were interested in introducing bills. There were none.

Senator Donovan has a letter from an attorney in Wichita who is asking to allow a person who owns a hunting or fishing cabin, or another residence in Kansas to be allowed to register a vehicle, pay the property tax, and keep insurance active, and keep the vehicle in Kansas.

Senator Donovan announced a meeting Monday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the old Supreme Court Chamber. The House Transportation Committee and House Taxation Committee are having a joint meeting and everyone is invited to attend. It will probably be a two hour meeting about the future of how to fund transportation in the United States, and certainly in this state. A gentleman from Georgia Tech University will talk about future viability of looming issues and taxing methods to fund transportation. Also, a lady from the US Chamber of Commerce will talk about federal funds.

On January 30 in 519-S at 1:30 P.M. KDOT is giving a presentation to the House Transportation Committee on work zone safety.

Sen Donovan went through the bill book to see what bills are still active. He saw no bills that will be kept active. He will entertain changing that status if anyone has a desire to reopen a bill for consideration.

Senator Palmer brought up calls she receives from the Sheriff's Office regarding young people using

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ATVs in her district causing disturbances and concern for safety. Senator Donovan suggested she have the Sheriff's Department give her more specific information about the concerns.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next meeting is January 31, 2008.