

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS, Room 245-N Statehouse, at 11:10 a.m. on April 6, 2000.

to invest in these fuel alternative vehicles.

Chairman Oleen recognized Secretary Dean Carlson, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation as an proponent to **SB 671**. Secretary Carlson stated that the Department of Transportation is aware that electric vehicles of this nature can play an important role in maintaining air quality in urban centers. (Attachment 6). He stated that with the restrictions placed on where such vehicles can operate no new or additional safety hazards are anticipated. Secretary Carlson noted that the Department of Transportation concurs that these vehicles can be exempt from the "slow moving vehicle" placards.

Chairman Oleen recognized Jim Plover, Energy Program Manager for the Kansas Corporation Commission, as a proponent to **SB 671**. Mr. Plover stated that the low cost of these vehicles and convenience of recharging make it a viable option for a second car. (Attachment 7). Mr. Plover stated that **SB 671** is essential in order that these vehicles can be legally driven in the city and state where they are to be manufactured.

Chairman Oleen recognized Sue Peterson, Kansas State University, as a proponent. Ms. Peterson stated that she was appearing on behalf of Jon Wefald, President Kansas State University, to express K-State's support of **SB 671**. She stated that this project will put Kansas on the map for alternative vehicle production. (Attachment 8).

Senator Vidricksen ask if the vehicle included side panels and about how the battery would be recharged. Mr. Fehr referred to his testimony which included pictures of these vehicles and stated that side panels were optional and that the frame was constructed of aluminum. He stated that recharging was kept very simple and was done on a 110 watt outlet.

Senator Gooch noted that in Wichita there were several streets in his neighborhood that had a 40 mile per hour speed limit. He ask if there would be any objection from the committee or from the sponsors of the bill if it were amended to state streets of 40 mile per hour. After discussion with staff from Kansas Director of Vehicles, Senator Oleen ask that they check to see if this would violate federal regulations and report back. Chairman Oleen noted that this amendment could be made on the floor.

Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statute stated that there was a technical amendment needed to show the correct C.F.R. number.

Chairman Oleen closed the hearing on **SB 671**.

Chairman Oleen ask for committee action on this bill. Senator Vidricksen moved to amend the bill with the technical amendment proposed by Revisor of Statute. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Vidricksen moved to report favorably **SB 671** to the full Senator. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen ask for action on committee minutes for March 31, and April 5, 2000. Senator Jones moved to approved the minutes, Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10. The next meeting will be April 7, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.