

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Ben Vidricksen at 9:05 a.m. on February 2, 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
 Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
 Marian F. Holeman, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Rep. Melvin Neufeld
 Senator Dwayne Umbarger
 Warren Sick, KDOT

Others attending: See Attached List

SB 404: An ACT regulating traffic; concerning certain equipment requirements for motor vehicles

Representative Neufeld briefly outlined the background on the need for this bill (Attachment 1).

Senator Umbarger advised that KDOT had requested the bill to statutorily prohibit the use of studded snow tires from the state's highways. This prohibition was formerly accomplished by Rules and Regulations (Attachment 2).

Warren Sick, Assistant Secretary and State Transportation Engineer of the Kansas Department of Transportation appeared in support of **SB 404**, regarding use of studded traction equipment (tires) upon any vehicle (Attachment 3).

Discussion of the bill elicited the information that this would apply to out-of-state vehicles as well as Kansas vehicles. As the situation now exists, KDOT cannot prohibit the use of studded snow tires, but their use must be approved by KDOT. This piece of legislation is just a general prohibition of this type tire. The passage of **SB 404** would have no fiscal impact.

Senator Harrington moved to recommend SB 404 favorable for passage. Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Umbarger will carry the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2000.