

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on January 25, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except Representative Don Hill

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Colleen Jennison, Director of Government Affairs for Cox Communications
Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Ass'n.

Others attending.

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and asked for bill introductions.

Major Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol, came forward and asked the committee to introduce a bill to increase the cost of VIN inspections. After questions, a motion to introduce this bill was made by Representative Swanson, seconded by Representative Grange and the motion carried.

The Chairman recognized John Faber, representing ABATE. Mr. Faber said ABATE would like to have the committee introduce a bill to increase the fines for right-of-way violations in cases where there are injuries or death. Representative Fawcett made a motion to introduce this bill, seconded by Representative Spalding and the motion carried.

There being no other requests for bill introductions Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB2033**.

HB 2033 – Registration of certain fleet motor vehicles.

The Chairman recognized Coleen Jennison, representing Cox Communications, who said this bill would allow Cox Communications to streamline their vehicle registration process in the state of Kansas. She said currently Cox is not included in the definition of those entities considered “fleet motor vehicles.” This means that every year staff is required to register each of their approximately 560 vehicles in one of the 17 counties where they are used. Ms. Jennison said registration fees are remitted to the state regardless of where they are collected. She said **HB 2033** applies only to commercial fleets of 250 or more vehicles. She concluded by saying there would be no revenue impact, property taxes are paid directly to the counties.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Tom Whitaker, representing Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Mr. Whitaker said a bill was passed creating the simplified vehicle registration process for fleets

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containing 250 or more vehicles. He said this registration process was implemented to allow a large package carrier with 1,500 plus vehicles to register their vehicles all at once and eliminate the annual process of tracking down each vehicle to place a new sticker on the license plate. Mr. Whitaker said the Kansas Motor Carriers Association supports Cox Communications efforts to utilize this cost saving tool and be included in the fleet registration program.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB 2033**.

Chairman Hayzlett asked the committee members to let him know tomorrow if Monday, March 7th or Tuesday, March 8th, would work best for them to go on the tour of Johnson County Community College.

No further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.

