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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 10, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Anthony Hensley-excused

Senator Les Donovan-excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Toni Beck, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Joe Grisolano, President, Kansas County Treasurers Association

Mark Schemm, President, Smith County Treasurer

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB120**.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, presented 2011 SB120. (Attachment 1) He stated the definition covers all boats, with the Department of Motor Vehicles covering implementation. Senator Petersen inquired if this would include small hobby vehicles. Daniel responded, yes, but the bill can be amended as need be to exclude if written with that purpose. Senator Reitz commented it is all inclusive in the water craft bill as presented. Daniel made reference to Section II, Sub Section I, for inclusion. Senator Huntington inquired as to how small the vessel would be to be included; which can be any size as amended.

Joe Grisolano, President, Kansas County Treasurers Association, appeared as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 2)

Joe presented all water craft should be titled; stating the Kansas system of titling is lacking. His intent was not to include small hobby vessels, but to register boats in Kansas instead of neighboring states. Titling fee would be \$20, with \$10 for disposing of the vessel and title. Banks would be favorable toward having titles for liens to secure vessels, per Doug Wareham, Kansas Bankers Association; although they are neutral on the bill. Senators are in agreement that small hobby vessels should not be required to title. Senator Reitz asked if canoes have a KA identification number, which they do, but it is not required. Senator Schmidt expressed concerns about the tax revenue follow up after titling; making the additional expense an issue. Joe commented it would be beneficial for Wildlife, Park and Tourism to have the inventory information. Under a specific value there would be no tax value to vessels. KA numbers are new every three years, but titled only once.

Mark Schemm, President, Smith County Treasurer, appeared as a proponent on the bill. (Attachment 3)

In clarifying information, he commented straddled vessels/vehicles are titled such as jet skis. There is an option to title trailers under 2,000 pounds, but titling these vessels and trailers would be helpful in matters of theft and tracking. Carmen Alldritt stated the state is set up for the titling process now.

There being no further conferees, **SB120** was closed by Chairman Umbarger.

Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation, Kansas Corporation Commission, made a presentation from the Corporation Commission to keep the committee apprised of division projects and goals. (Attachment 4) He discussed the new exemption for farmers having CDL licenses no longer required in a 150 radius of their farm. His presentation will be continued on Tuesday, February 15, due to time constraints on the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011.