

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 8:30 a.m. on February 17, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Les Donovan-excused
Senator Vicki Schmidt-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:

Jan Huston, Chairman, Kansas Highway Advisory Commission
Jerry Younger, Deputy Secretary of Engineering and State Transportation Engineer, KDOT
Larry Baer, Assistant General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others attending:

See attached list.

SB 115 - Abolishing the highway advisory commission

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB115**.

Daniel Yoza, Revisor, presented the repealing of K.S.A. 75-2002 and 75-5003; relating to the highway advisory commission. Jan Huston proposed the commission to be outdated for people of interest serving but no longer needed. (Attachment 1) Senator Kultala asked if they were eliminating the commission to promote another one. Jan agreed yes, but the new commission will not be mandated. Jerry Younger, testified economic programs are funded by the Advisory Commission of twelve members. Moving to the newer program of economic development with KDOT and private partnership would be beneficial for the state.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB115**.

SB115 was recommended favorably for passage to place on the consent calendar.

SB 151 - Highway advertising; permitting spot zoning

Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB151**.

Larry Baer testified seeking 'spot zoning' to permit outdoor advertising structures, bill boards, in areas where such signs are not presently permitted. (Attachment 2)

Jerry Younger testified in opposition to **SB151**. The bill would grandfather those locations where spot zoning occurred prior to June 20, 2006. \$26 million dollars could be lost for non-compliance with the federal government if the bill is passed. (Attachment 3) An increase in bill boards would be non-compliance to the 1972 Beautification Act. Senator Petersen inquired if this could possibly be a Blessed bill to work later in the session. Chairman is considering a Blessed bill in order to not jeopardize federal funding.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB151**.

SB 183 - Concerning motor vehicles; relating to safety belts

SB183 was tabled in committee by Senator Huntington due to lack of testimony.

SB 119 - Rail service improvement program loans and grants

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Chairperson Umbarger opened the hearing on **SB119** for possible action.

Daniel Yoza, Revisor, cited co-lateralization of loans and grants with sub section D additions. After continued comments from the previous meeting, Senator Kultala inquired about qualified entities and their concerns. Watco has approved as a concerned constituent. KGFA and KCC support the passage of **SB119**.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB119** for action.

Senator Petersen moved to amend the bill and made a motion to adopt the recommended amended bill favorably for passage. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 120 - Vessel titling act

Chairperson Umbarger opened the possible action hearing on **SB120**.

Daniel Yoza, Revisor, outlined concerns in regards to three amendments of a vessel, not a vehicle; junk title fees, and definition of the vessel. The fee for title applications would be \$20. The bill would allow for 'electronic certificates of title' for vessels when there is a lien involved. Each county treasurer will collect the title applications and fees and will keep \$2 from each title fee for administration expenses.

Chairperson Umbarger closed the hearing on **SB120**.

Senator Petersen moved to amend the bill and made a motion to adopt the recommended amended bill favorably for passage. Senator Reitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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