

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rep. Gary Hayzlett at 1:40 p.m. on March 14, 2000 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Vaughn Flora, excused
Representative Andrew Howell, excused
Representative Dennis McKinney, excused

Committee Staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Research Department
Ellie Luthye, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Clint Riley, Department of Wildlife and Parks
Cheri Swayne, Department of Wildlife and Parks
Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Others attending:

See attached list

The minutes of the House Transportation Committee for March 7th and 8th were presented for corrections or approval. Representative Larkin made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Representative Ballou and the motion carried.

SB 536 - boating safety education certification

Chairman Hayzlett called on Clint Riley, Deptment of Wildlife and Parks, who presented testimony in support of **SB 536**. He told the committee **SB 536** would require all persons born after January 1, 1989 to possess a certificate of completion of a boating safety course authorized by he department in order to operate a motorboat or sailboat on Kansas public waters. These courses would be a minimum of 8 hours and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. The bill would also allow persons to complete the course by approved correspondence course materials and examination, including a course offered over the Internet and also would recognize courses completed in other states. The department suggested this legislation as a step to address the trend of escalating boating-related accidents, fataliies, and property damage. (Attachment 1)

Representative Ballou questioned how many of the boating accidents, and fatalities, were attriibuted to alcohol. Cheri Swayne, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, stated that alcohol was responsible for approximately 1/2 of the accidents and she would check on how many fatalities and make that information available to the committee.

There being no other proponents, and no opponents, Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 536**.

SB 540 - purchasing multiple demonstration permits by dealers

Tom Whitaker, Kansas Motor Carriers Association, spoke in support of **SB 540**. This proposed legislation would allow licensed truck and truck-tractor dealers to issue a 72-hour demonstration permit for \$26.00 or a 15-day demonstration permit for \$100.00. These permits allow a dealer to demonstrate a truck or truck-tractor in a loaded situation. Currently, a truck dealer is required to go to the county treasurer's office to obtain demonstration permits and these permits cannot be obtained in the evening or on weekends. Approval of **SB 540** would allow truck dealers the ability to serve their customers when the county treasurer's office is closed. (Attachment 2)

There were no opponents.

Following questions and discussion by the committee Chairman Hayzlett closed hearings on **SB 540**.

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the House Transportation Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2000 in Room 519-S.

CONTINUATION SHEET