

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 16, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman introduced Deb Miller, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation who introduced Darlene Whitlock, who served as Driving Force Co-Chair. According to Co-Chair Whitlock the Driving Force task force identified a number of important recommendations that require a significant amount of time and effort to implement. Task force members decided that the recommendations should be phased into a three-year plan so that sufficient effort and resources could be concentrated on each issue to ensure their achievement. Colonel Seck of the Kansas Highway Patrol and Secretary of Health and Environment Roderick Bremby made brief comments of support.

After Committee Members questions on the Driving Force were answered, Chairman Hayzlett called for introduction of bills.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Representative Mah who asked to introduce three bills, the first would allow distinctive license plates for emergency medical services. Representative Ballard made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Menghini and the motion carried.

Representative Mah's second request concerned drivers of vans to take a test to show they know how to drive vans. Representative Long made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Sharp and the motion carried.

The third request from Representative Mah concerned restricting the use of wireless telephones while driving. A motion was made by Representative Treaster to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Sloan and the motion carried.

Members of the task force asked to introduce a bill enacting a primary safety belt law for all vehicle occupants. Representative Sharp made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Menghini and the motion carried.

The task force also asked to introduce a bill strengthening the Kansas graduated driver's license system. Representative Huntington made a motion to accept this bill, seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

Representative Long asked the Committee to introduce a bill reducing the penalty of improperly driving on a farm permit from one year to 30 days. The motion was made by Representative Long, seconded by Representative Wetta and the motion carried.

Representative Treaster asked the Committee to accept a bill concerning seatbelts on school buses if purchased after a certain date. Representative Treaster made the motion, which was seconded by Representative Sharp and the motion carried.

Chairman Hayzlett asked the Committee members to review the Minutes of the January 9, 2007 Meeting. Representative George made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

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Representative George introduced his intern, Megan Ferguson from Cimarron, and Eloise Doran.

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on January 18, 2007 in Room 519-S.