

MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dennis Wilson at 8:30 A.M. on January 11, 2007 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Les Donovan- excused
Anthony Hensley- excused
Peggy Palmer- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Maggie Breen, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator John Vratil

Others attending:

See attached list.

Vice-Chairman, Dennis Wilson, welcomed the committee to the 2007 first transportation meeting. He introduced Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes, who has taken the place of Bruce Kinzie. Amy VanHouse, Legislative Research, who was not present, is also a new staff member. All committee members remain the same as last year.

Vice-Chairman Wilson gave an update on Senator Donovan. He said a lot of people in the room have spoken with him over the last couple of weeks. He is ill, of a serious nature, yet bound and determined to come back soon. He is expected back next week. Senator Wilson asked everyone to keep Senator Donovan in their prayers.

Vice-Chairman Wilson asked for bill introductions.

Senator John Vratil said he had a bill known as the "Unattended and Unsupervised Children in Motor Vehicle Safety Act." It deals with adults who leave children unattended in vehicles. An unattended or unsupervised child is any child not accompanied by another person 13 years or older. The bill would make it unlawful for any driver 16 years of age or older to leave a child 8 years of age or less unattended and unsupervised in a vehicle. It establishes a moratorium of one year ending July 1, 2008. People would just get warning citations during the one year so they can make the transition. After July 1, 2008, it calls for a \$25 ticket. He asked the committee to introduce the bill.

Senator Apple made a motion to introduce the bill. Senator Gilstrap seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no additional requests for bills to be introduced at this time. Carmen Aldritt, Motor Vehicles, said her office would have a couple of bill requests a little later. Senator Journey said he had pre-filed a number of bill. Most of the bills have previously passed out of the Senate but had not been passed out of the House.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

The date of the next meeting is undetermined at this time.