

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 P.M. on January 19, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Hank Avila, Kansas Legislative Research
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office
Betty Boaz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: None

Chairman Hayzlett opened the Committee Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

A bill was introduced on behalf of Representative Bethel that would clarify the child passenger safety act and the safety belt use act. A motion was made by Representative Humerickhouse to introduce this bill, it was seconded by Representative Faber, the motion carried.

Tom Day, Legislative Liaison for Kansas Corporation Commission requested the introduction of legislation that would allow the KCC to transfer the limited jurisdiction of railroads generally and some railroad grade crossings in Kansas to the KS Department of Transportation. A motion was made by Representative Faber to introduce this bill, it was seconded by Representative Ballard and the motion carried.

The Chairman then Introduced Deb Miller, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation. Secretary Miller introduced Ken Gudenkauf, Legislative Liaison; Marcia Ferrill, Chief, Management and Budget; and Warren Sick, State Transportation Engineer as legislative contacts. Secretary Miller then gave a briefing on the Kansas Department of Transportation. A 12-page booklet outlining significant facts about KDOT was handed out to committee members. Afterward Secretary Miller answered questions from the committee. Members of the committee also expressed appreciation to Secretary Miller and her staff for the overall cooperation received from them.

The Secretary offered to set up a tour of KDOT's new offices for committee members. The committee will let her know.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date was not established at this time.