State of Minnesota House of Representatives

The seventeenth meeting of the Transportation Committee was called to order by the Chair, Rep. Henry J. Kalis, on Thursday, October 19, 1989, at 9:55 a.m., in the Windom High School Auditorium, Windom, Minnesota. This meeting was part of the Southwestern Minnesota Mini-Session.

Members present:

Begich Dauner Johnson, A. Lasley

Olson, K. Richter Seaberg Vellenga

Lieder McDonald

Kalis, Chair

Morrison

Members absent:

Brown, excused Carlson, D., excused Dempsey, excused Henry, excysed Kelso, excused McLaughlin, excused Olson, E., excused Orenstein, excused

Pellow, excused Steensma, excused Tunheim, excused Uphus, excused Valento, excused Wagenius, excused Waltman, excused Welle, excused

A quorum was present.

The committee members introduced themselves and indicated which area of the state they represented.

Testifying at this open forum on transportation issues were:

Gloria VandeBrake, Director, Economic Development, Windom; welcomed everyone to Windom; said that Highway 60 will bring commercial businesses and stated appreciation for its construction.

Loren Carlson, Transportation Committee of the Southwest Regional Development Commission

Marlin Nelson, Cottonwood Co. Commissioner; Member, Regional Development Commission Board

Peter Boomgarden, Redwood County Engineer; spoke to the road user funds; MVET Sunset should be repealed.

At this point in the meeting, Rep. K. Olson assumed the Chair, welcoming everyone to Windom and to the meeting.

Continuing with testimony were:

John Martin, Balaton; Volunteer Driver, Western Community Action Program; explaining how the volunteer driver project works in their five-county area.

Bob Pecore, Mankato; District Engineer, Mn/DOT; explained plans for future work in his district

Andy Sotebeer, Area Maintenance Engineer, Windom, Mn/DOT

Major Ralph Church, Minnesota State Patrol, responded to questions.

Meeting adjourned.

Committee Secretary

J. (Kalis, Chair