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.
- Lanley
- Lieder
- McDonald
- Morrison
- Olson, K.
- Richter
- Seaberg
- Vellenga
- Kalis, Chair

Members absent:
- Brown, excused
- Carlson, D., excused
- Dempsey, excused
- Henry, excused
- Kelso, excused
- McLaughlin, excused
- Olson, E., excused
- Orenstein, excused
- Pellow, excused
- Steensma, excused
- Turheim, 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Peter Boomgarden, Redwood County Engineer; spoke to the road user funds; MVET Sunset should be repealed.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.