

Assembly  
MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA  
ASSEMBLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 18, 1971

Present: Lowman, F. Youngs, Ashworth, Prince and  
Valentine

Excused: Kean and Howard

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee with representatives of taxicab companies and Authority representatives present to testify on bill A.B. 151 and other matters concerning Clark County Taxicab Authority at 10:55 a.m. in Room 240.

A.B. 151 -- Increases rulemaking power of taxicab authority and provides for fines and increases in certain fees.

The Chairman asked for testimony in favor of this bill.

Joe Collett, Taxicab Authority, advised that the Authority and administrator would like a couple more weeks to consider this bill.

Chairman Lowman questioned Mr. Pat Carver, Yellow Cab Company, Las Vegas. There is an administrative side and an enforcement side to the present Authority and a number of rules written into the statutes. This bill will take it out of the statutes and make them administrative. Carver advised that they agreed with most of the bill as written.

Collett advised that not only the industry but the Authority needs more time to review this bill.

Carver advised that the taxi companies are in favor of the Taxi Authority and these amendments - all except one. The bill needs to be clarified on the allocation of taxicabs and he feels that the administrators authority in allocating taxicabs should be cleared up instead of the way it is now written.

Ashworth explained that since the rules and regulations are in the law, the Authority and the industry should tell the committee when they feel it is safe to remove them and make them administrative. This bill repeals all rules and regulations.

Carver advised that he has copies of the rules with him.

Ashworth said that they should have been able by now to sustain themselves within the two years since the rules and regulations were set up. The industry was also supposed to fund the regulatory authority.

The Chairman asked Collett about the budget.

Collette advised that the budget was \$154,000 and that there are 275 certificates for cabs to be on the streets. Actually, there

are 400 cabs but not enough certificates for all of them.

Chairman Lowman asked about the procedure for getting the cabs on the streets and the requirement of a certificate for each cab.

Ashworth advised that the Authority grants the certificates.

Carver said that this would eventually come up.

Young figured out that regulation costs are \$566 per cab on the street.

Collett didn't feel costs should be considered on a per cab basis. He advised there are bills in process to put regulation under the Public Service Commission. He further stated that the Authority is very necessary in Clark County. They are presently checking over their budget.

Ted Forsythe, Yellow Cab Company, Las Vegas, said that he understood there was this year \$125,000 overage in collections which was absorbed into the general fund.

Collett advised that the money was turned back when it wasn't spent in the time allowed for it. The Authority didn't get into full gear early in the year and the savings was mostly through salaries.

Ashworth suggested having a carry forward to the end of the biennium.

Young said it should be changed if it is a general fund item and that there should be a carryover.

Ashworth said that we do not want the cab companies to subsidize the fund for the State of Nevada.

Collett advised that they might need more moneys for policing which they cannot anticipate now.

Brian Firth (private person) felt that the following lines should be deleted from this bill: Page 1, Section 1, paragraph 3, line 15, "and as it may deem necessary"; Page 2, Section 3, paragraph 2, line 18, "imposition of fines; and"; Page 3, Section 6, paragraph 2, line 3-4, "fine such grantee or"; and Page 3, Section 6, paragraph 3, line 10-11, "imposition of a fine or". He feels that these are part of the powers of the Judiciary and cannot be exercised by the Taxicab Authority. This is legislative and should be retained by the Legislature and not delegated to the agency.

Assemblyman Dave Branch hoped to delay this bill since A.B. 205 is being considered too.

Assemblyman Dick Ronzone suggested that the length of term of the appointed members of the Authority should be set up on a rotating basis for continuity.

Lowman said the committee felt the same.

Collett said that they would appreciate the continuation of one or two members out of the three members.

Lowman said it should probably be set up like other regulatory commissions are set up.

Carl Soderblom, Nevada Railroad Association, presented BDR-58-1099\* and BDR-58-1100+ to the committee for introduction. Discussion on the scheduling of these bills was discussed by the committee. Prince moved, Young seconded, and it was unanimously passed that they be introduced by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

\*A.B. 388

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date FEB. 18, 1971 Time 10:00 a.m. Room 240

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

A.B. 151

INCREASES RULEMAKING POWER OF TAXICAB

AUTHORITY AND PROVIDES FOR FINES AND

INCREASES IN CERTAIN FEES.

OTHER

RELATED MATTERS OF CLARK COUNTY TAXICAB

AUTHORITY.

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEARINGS PENDING

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