

Present: Lowman, F. Young, Howard, Ashworth, Prince  
and Valentine

Excused: Kean

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee with representatives of various companies and organizations present to testify on bills A.B. 656 and 660 at 11:35 a.m. in Room 240.

A.B. 660 - Requires establishment of construction and safety standards for mobile homes.

Chairman Lowman called for proponents of the bill.

Assemblyman Dan Poggione explained the reason for the bill. He said that the insurance companies and mobile home owners have been complaining about the inferior quality of the mobile homes. The purpose of this bill was to set some standards for the State of Nevada. He said that he would have no objections to any amendments proposed by the committee.

Assemblyman Randy Capurro said that there should be a definition of mobile homes in this bill. He advised that there is a factory housing bill in the Commerce Committee. They have added an amendment to make it conform by putting in a definition of mobile homes. He just wanted to make sure the bill conforms to the bill in Commerce.

Prince arrived at this time.

John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, said that inspection is being done now by the Department. The homes must comply to the American Standard spelled out in Chapter 49. He said they would need qualified people to help with proper inspection if this bill passes.

Chairman Lowman called for opponents of the bill.

Otto McFarland, Fire Marshal for the City of Las Vegas, wanted to amend the bill. He said the codes as listed do not make any reference to mobile homes or standards. He read laws from North Carolina and South Dakota. He said that sometime during the construction of a mobile home it has to be inspected. He gave some examples in regard to inspections. He read an amendment and said that with the local agencies doing the inspecting and not the Department of Motor Vehicles, this could be done very well without additional personnel for the Department. He then read a letter addressed to Mr. Ken Certs from Korban Industry Mobile Homes. This letter indicated that service calls had decreased.

Dick Bast, State Fire Marshal, stated that in 1969 there were a total of 154 mobile home fires. Of these 154 fires, 24 were from defective wiring. There were 11 fatalities - one fatality out of every 14 fires. This means that we must make these safer to live in. He said that they need quality control requirements in the State.

Valentine asked if the eleven fatalities were from faulty construction or the design of the trailer.

Bast felt it was due to construction. He said that they might also ask for additional design on escape routes.

Ashworth asked how old these homes were.

Bast did not know.

Poggione said that the insurance companies do not usually insure mobile homes over ten years old.

Bast said that quality control can be done at the factory but we need some more statistical reports on this.

Ashworth asked if the Fire Department kept records on this.

McFarland said that they keep records on the mobile home fires and the cause of them but do not keep track of the age of these mobile homes.

David Hoy, Attorney, Trailer Coach Association, said that the testimony all pointed not to the standards that we presently have but at the enforcement of the standards. He read part of Chapter 489 from NRS. He said that the problem is that an enforcement of standards is needed. He didn't feel that these problems were solved with A.B. 660. He said that the insurance companies do insure older homes but that the premiums are higher. He said that the Department of Motor Vehicles does not have the manpower to enforce Chapter 40 of NRS. He suggested killing A.B. 660 and providing money for the Department of Motor Vehicles by charging a fee for inspection. He said they would not like to see it transferred to Commerce or to the Fire Marshal. He felt it should be in the hands of the people issuing the title.

Ashworth suggested placing it with the local authorities.

Hoy said they don't have the manpower now for homes not to mention adding the mobile home industry.

Howard Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, said they would then probably need more people.

Hoy suggested adding \$10 to the registration fee to support added manpower.

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Valentine suggested that inspection should be done at the time of manufacture and not after they get into Nevada.

Prince asked if there were any mobile home manufacturers in the State of Nevada.

Ciardella advised that there were two.

Hoy said they would like to see inspection authority turned over to the local authorities.

Ciardella said their inspectors inspect the mobile homes and charge the manufacturers for the time it takes to check it all out. It usually runs \$60 per unit. They check everything in accordance with the American Standard.

McFarland felt there should be a third party inspection at the plant.

Orman King, King Mobile Home Sales and King Mobile Home Rentals and an insurance man from Reno, did not agree with what had been said. He said that the rates are the same for a trailer one year old or fifteen years old. The difference is the size and condition of the trailer itself. He did not agree with what was said about fires. He has had only one fire in sixteen years for the trailers he has sold. He did not like A.B. 660 and felt that the inspection should stay in California where it is. He did not feel that Nevada should be saddled with a code that no other state has.

Richard Dixon, Dixon Mobile Homes and Realty, said that Assemblyman Poggione and he worked on this bill. He feels it is necessary. He said that the dealers are just as interested as others to be sure that mobile homes are safe. He then discussed the manufacturing and said that the Department needs more men to see that these homes are inspected properly.

Roy Banks, Sierra Mobile Homes in Reno, discussed testing and inspection in Reno and Washoe County, electrical problems, policing their own industry and said that this bill is asking them to do the things they are presently doing. He did not think they needed this bill.

A.B. 656 - Requires reflector pedals on bicycles after certain date.

Assemblyman Nick Lauri explained the bill. He said that the sponsor of the bill was the Nevada Press Association. This bill was for the safety of newspaper delivery boys.

Chairman Lowman said that since this bill had been indefinitely postponed that it would take a two-thirds majority of the committee to reconsider it again.

Discussion then took place.

The hearing was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Ross Morrison, Executive Director of the Indian Affairs Commission, requested the committee to reconsider A.B. 611 regarding license registration fee exemptions for 22 automobiles owned by Indian Tribal groups.

Prince asked if they could be helped by the Federal Government.

Morrison said that this would put them under the control of the Department of Indian Affairs.

A.B. 258 - Valentine moved to indefinitely postpone, Prince seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

A.B. 669 - Ashworth moved to indefinitely postpone, Prince seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

S.B. 266 - Amendments not back yet.

A.B. 656 - Reconsideration vote failed.

A.B. 611 - Ashworth moved for reconsideration, Howard seconded. Discussion then took place. Valentine and Lowman voted no so the motion did not carry.

S.B. 88 - Regarding possible receding from our amendment. Discussion then took place. It was decided the Assembly should not recede and that Ashworth and Howard plus Getto would attend the first conference committee meeting. They were instructed to hold firm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date \* APRIL 6, 1971 Time 10:30 a.m. Room 240

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Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

A.B. 285	PRESCRIBES PROPER EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND ESTABLISHES MOTORCYCLE DRIVER'S LICENSE PROCEDURE.	
A.B. 429	PROVIDES FOR PLASTIC DRIVERS' LICENSES BEARING COLORED PHOTO- GRAPHS.	
S.B. 102	CORRECTS LAW SPECIFYING SIZE OF CARBON PARTICLES TO BE RETAINED BY SPARK ARRESTOR.	
S.B. 581	EXEMPTS CERTAIN SPECIAL FUEL USERS FROM LICENSING.	
S.C.R. 25	REQUESTS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO CONDUCT SURVEY OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES IN NEVADA.	
*SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS AGENDA FOR 4/6/71.		

\*Please, do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date APRIL 1, 1971 Time 11:00 A.M. Room 240

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A.B. 660</u>	<u>REQUIRES ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR MOBILE HOMES.</u>	
<u>A.B. 656</u>	<u>REQUIRES REFLECTOR PEDALS ON BICYCLES AFTER CERTAIN DATE.</u>	

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