

MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA
ASSEMBLY SESSION - APRIL 6, 1971

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

Also Present: Grant Davis, Counsel

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee with representatives of various companies and organizations present to testify on bills A.B. 285, 429, S.B. 102, 581 and S.C.R. 25 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 240.

S.B. 102 - Corrects law specifying size of carbon particles to be retained by spark arrestor.

This is not a Department bill. There was, therefore, no testimony from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

S.B. 581 - Exempts certain special fuel users from licensing.

Winston Richards, Motor Carrier Division, said that he and Bob Guinn got together and talked with the dealers about diesel fuel taxes. He then discussed the billing for the fuel on the following month.

Chairman Lowman asked the committee about the introduction of Assemblyman Ty Hilbrecht's bill.

Howard Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke about the colors used for license plates by the Department. He said that it has been the practice to reverse the color combination on plates every five years. No action was taken, as the Department does not have to alternate the color combination and would probably save money by not changing them.

A.B. 285 - Prescribes proper equipment and operation of motorcycles and establishes motorcycle driver's license procedure.

Senator Archie Pozzi discussed the cleaning up of this bill as well as the reason for the bill. He said that the Highway Safety Study Committee was concerned with motorcycle safety. The Senate Transportation Committee had a similar bill to this one, S.B. 87, which contained some of the same language. The Senate Transportation Committee would not go along with this bill unless power cycles are included. He discussed other changes, standards and equipment requirements and the need for this legislation but with the word power cycles included.

Valentine asked why NRS 486 was taken out and put in NRS 484.

Pozzi advised that it should be 486.

Discussion regarding age for cycle operation then took place.

Howard felt that Section 9.5 on Page 2 covered power cycles.

Valentine said this was put in on the floor.

Pozzi said that everything from 19 on is all right.

Discussion then resulted regarding the words motorcycle and power cycle.

Valentine referred to sub-section 3 on Page 4, line 14, describing power cycles.

Hill referred to lines 11-14, Section 18, Page 4, and said that the Department read this bill to mean that licenses would expire a year or two before when they were supposed to expire. This was in regard to the general licenses issued before the classified licenses - - January 1, 1970.

Pozzi said he was authorized to keep power cycle in the bill.

Kean suggested putting power cycle under the definition of motorcycle.

Valentine's objections were changing 486 to 484 and the changing to power cycle.

Grant Davis, Counsel, felt that according to this definition, power cycle did come under the definition of motorcycle. He felt that the definition of motorcycle was all inclusive of power cycle.

Pozzi said that Section 485 knocks that all out in regard to power cycle.

Discussion took place about training schools.

Lowman said that the committee would send Howard to negotiations with Pozzi and ask Counsel Grant Davis to accompany him.

S.C.R. 25 - Requests department of motor vehicles to conduct survey of abandoned motor vehicles in Nevada.

Hill advised that this was not a Department bill but he went on to explain the bill. He said that the introducers of the bill felt that they should make a study of abandoned cars. They are aware of where these vehicles are but do not have a study. They are not allowed to go onto private property.

Howard did not want to burden the Department with this study.

A.B. 429 - Provides for plastic drivers' licenses bearing colored photographs.

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Hill said that the Department feels that as amended this is fine with them.

Ashworth said that the Senate took out the money from it. The Department needs money - at least 50¢ each. If they can't get the money, he prefers to kill the bill. He felt that the process would cost less than 50¢ per permit.

Hill said that Polaroid refuses to give them a cost on paper.

Ashworth suggested adding the 50¢ to the license fees.

Valentine noted that the Senate took out all of sub-paragraph C regarding the adjustment of the fees to determine the cost of such production.

Hill advised that they could not raise the fees until they knew the costs.

Ashworth suggested killing the bill and having the Department come back in two years after determining the cost.

Kean asked if the costs and estimates could be determined from Mr. Hill's predecessor.

Hill advised that Polaroid feels they can do it at 50¢ plus paper, equipment and supplies.

Young left at this point.

Kean said that the Polaroid man had told them 36¢ per picture at a previous hearing on this bill.

Hill said there is no budget for the cost.

Leonard Winkelman, Internal Auditor for the Department of Motor Vehicles, said that some work had been done on this matter by former Department Director Jim Bailey but that no one else was involved in this. He said that Polaroid would not put the costs down on paper.

Young and Prince were appointed to go to a conference committee since no one could agree on this bill. Assemblyman Tim Hafen was appointed from the floor to also attend the conference.

The hearing was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

S.B. 581 - Valentine moved "do pass", Howard seconded and it was unanimously passed.

S.B. 102 - No action taken.

A.B. 693 - Valentine moved to indefinitely postpone, Ashworth seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Date APRIL 6, 1971 Time 11:00 A.M. Room 240

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Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

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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.

*Please, do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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