MINUTES OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 56TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION - APRIL 8, 1971

Present:

Lowman, F. Young, Howard, Ashworth, Prince

and Valentine

Absent:

Kean

Also Present: Grant Davis, Counsel

Chairman Lowman convened the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 5:10 p.m. in the Assembly Lounge.

Grant Davis, Counsel, presented to the committee the amendments proposed to S.B. 266. He also briefly reviewed the following bills: A.B. 81, A.B. 618, A.B. 768, A.B. 759 and A.B. 629 and their possible effect on S.B. 266 and its passage.

Ashworth referred to the Conference Committee on S.B. 88. This conference committee had agreed that the provisions of the bill relating to re-licensing (renewal) should be amended out. It was mentioned that Russ McDonald was re-drafting this to put it back to same language of the law that it was prior to the amendments. Further discussion followed on this bill.

A.B. 285 - Report on this bill was given by Howard. Ashworth and Howard discussed this bill with the Senate committee and the Senate is of the opinion that they are going to delete the portion of the act relating to cycles, leaving only the equipment and helmet requirements. Valentine stated that if this was the case, he would rather kill the bill because it would result in putting all provisions of the cycle program right back in.

Chairman Lowman commented on the committee's commitment to the motorcycle bill as it was sent to the Senate in its entirety. He wondered if that was still the feeling of the committee. If the bill goes through as it is, the committee will be able to say that they are now in conformity with the Motor Vehicle Law and everybody gets trained from now on. In other words, all those now between 14 and 16, in two years they would have been trained and gradually building this training program up.

The committee agreed that they were going to hold tight on the bill. Ashworth moved that they go instructed to the first official conference committee as holding tight to their bill. some very minor changes, Howard was instructed to present this to the Senate-Assembly Conference Committee.

A.B. 518 - This bill has been discussed twice before and had been "indefinitely postponed". Further discussion followed on various provisions of this bill, especially relating to additional personnel to be hired by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Motion was made by Ashworth, seconded by Howard, for reconsideration of this bill. Valentine felt that if the bill was passed

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in its present form, there would be a personnel problem while others felt it would help alleviate a personnel program in the office as well as where Highway Patrolmen are concerned.

Howard suggested a "Letter of Intent" stating it would be the committee's intent to advise these people that they come back in two years with a proposal and not in a round-house way and submit it to the committee. Also, they would want in this letter that there would be no member of this committee or it would be the committee's intent not to provoke any action in the interim time in getting this thing developed and standardized.

Chairman Lowman suggested that the Attorney General be notified of such action. Valentine said that the law provides for a Superintendent of the Highway Patrol. Lowman suggested that they tell them what to do with the two sections in question and amend the rest of it out, thus forcing the department to go back to what the law says.

Lowman called for a vote on the motion for reconsideration. Motion carried with instructions to Howard and Valentine to get the amendment as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.