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The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. by
Senator Herr, Chairman.

PRESENT: Senator Herr
 Senator Monroe
 Senator Drakulich
 Senator Manning
 Senator Dodge
 Senator Harris
 Senator Pozzi

Mr. John E. Bawden, State
Highway Engineer

Mr. William Raymond, Counsel, Highway
Mr. Grant Bastian, State Highway Deputy
Mr. Richard Cordian, State Highway
Department

The first order of business was the consideration of
S.B. 131, relating to the elimination of Route 67 from the
State Highway System.

An inquiry was made as to the exact location of Route
67. Mr. Bawden stated that it was from Highway 395 to 4th
Street in Reno. He stated that in 1969 the City entered
into an agreement that the street would be maintained by the
City. Mr. Bawden stated that this had not been done; that
the City had assumed no responsibility for the street.

Mr. Bawden stated that this was why he objected to the arrangement.

The Chairman inquired if this was by agreement with the City of Reno, to which Mr. Bawden replied: "Yes."

The chairman inquired if there were any questions from the committee. There being none the next order of business was the consideration of:

S.B. 133. Mr. William Raymond, counsel for the department spoke on the bill. Mr. Bawden spoke on relocation payments in connection with federal aid to highway projects. Mr. Bawden said that a bill was drafted; that it was being redrafted, and they had a letter from Mr. Volpe, Secretary of Transportation; that a meeting with the people on the bill board bill was had. He stated that the bill board industry had large investments, and he discussed the 10% penalty. Mr. Bawden said he would furnish the committee with a copy of Secretary Volpe's letter.

S.B. 129 was then taken up for consideration. Mr. Bawden stated that what the department was asking for was an increase from \$15,000 to \$50,000 to take care of projects that required immediate attention, and he cited the Lake Tahoe region where inclement weather created emergency attention. The department asked consideration of the \$50,000 instead of \$15,000.

Mr. Bastian then asked to quote some statistics in relation to this bill. He stated that the \$15,000 figure was set up in 1957; that the costs have risen in many areas, citing the cost of gravel necessary to the projects; that labor costs were higher; that the bill was written to help the small contractor, and that last year they had ten such contracts .

Senator Dodge inquired if they received any federal aid on this type of construction, to which Mr. Bastian replied: "No, sir"

Senator Monroe stated that for the protection of the department they should mail out certified mail; that a record should be kept in the office as to when it was mailed, so that a reference or proof of mailing would be had. Senator Monroe stated that he thought this should be done; then if there were any questions from the outside you would have your proof.

Senator Monroe moved that the bill be amended as follows:

2. The department shall mail a certified copy, a record of such mailing shall be maintained by the department, of the bid invitation to all qualified bidders who are on record with the department as desiring to receive bid invitations on projects estimated to cost not in excess of \$ 50,000.

The motion was seconded by Senator Drakulich, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The Chairman inquired if the Committee had any further questions; there being none the Chairman stated that the Committee would now consider

S.B. 131. Senator Monroe moved that the bill "Do Pass", the motion was seconded by Senator Drakulich, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Referring again to S. B. 129, Senator Monroe moved that the bill be amended, and "DoPass, as amended" The motion was seconded by Senator Drakulich, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The Chairman announced that the next order of business would be S. B. 133.

Senator Monroe moved that S.B. 133 "Do Pass" the motion was seconded by Senator Harris, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

S.B.88. Senator Monroe moved that S.B. 88 "Do Pass," the motion was seconded by Senator Drakulich, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

S.B. 117 was next considered. An Act which requires department of motor vehicles and Carson City assessor to perform registration duties in Carson City. Senator Pozzie spoke at length on the bill; he stated that Carson City had more complaints than any other place; he stated that it was a local problem.

Senator Dodge inquired if he was asking the local assessor to license and register vehicles, to which Senator Pozzie replied that he was.

Senator Dodge raised the question of responsibility in the main office. Senator Pozzie said that in this situation the reason they cannot get rid of the problem was that there was no central office. Senator Dodge stated that the only thing he questioned was that if there is a problem whether it should be turned over to the assessor.

Senator Pozzie stated that people think they can go to the Capitol for a motor vehicle inspection; in the case of a truck they don't tell him that he has to have a weight certificate.

Senator Dodge asked why they don't put this down.

The Chairman stated that she would request that the Motor Vehicle come in.

The Chairman then took up S.B. 86. Senator Herr stated that we have to go along with the federal requirements. Some other method should be taken.

Senator Monroe stated that he knew in the State of Utah where you pay a fee of \$2.00 and you can go into any service station and have an inspection; that they have no problems, and everybody seemed satisfied with the system. I could check what they do in Utah, if it is good enough for Utah I don't see why it would not be good enough for Nevada.

Senator Dodge spoke on mandatory inspection. He stated that with the type of inspection we have it is costing three quarters of a million dollars. What this committee should do would be to study it as much as possible., and discuss what kind of a deal should be set up.

Senator Pozzie spoke about a meeting in Las Vegas several years ago when RCA as a public service; that they asked for some kind of direction from the State; there was a discussion as to the amount of money for acquisition of lands, etc. and the deal was shot down. The California system was discussed.

Senator Dodge suggested that this committee get some one from California up here.

Senator Pozzie stated that they had a study made at the national level. He stated that \$1.00

was being charged. He stated that the inspectors were being sent to school for four or five months; that if we had service station inspection, there might be a 17 year old boy on duty; that he would not be qualified.

Senator Monroe questioned the service station inspection; that there might be long delays, and if a man was going to a wedding or an appointment it would not be good; that he thought there would be trouble with the public. The question was raised as to whether there was inspection in small cities, and it was stated there was not.

Senator Dodge stated that if California has this mandatory system he would like to know how it was working out.

Senator Pozzi stated that while he was in the State of Washington they had a system where you drove into a central place, perhaps waited for hours, and the State finally kicked that out.

Senator Monroe stated that Utah was a cheap state; that they were getting by.

Senator Dodge said that they would get by with their system.

The Chairman stated that this Committee should call Bob Guinn of the Motor Vehicle Association to come before this meeting.

Senator Monroe moved that this be done; the motion was seconded by Senator Pozzi, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The Chairman stated that this Committee would consider insurance bills the following date.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 3 P.M. until Wednesday, February 17, 1971, when the committee would reconvene at 1 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Story, Secretary.

APPROVED:

HELEN HERR, CHAIRMAN

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 16, ROOM NO. 335 TIME 1 P.M.

SUBJECT:

To consider Senate Bills 129 - 131 - 133

HELEN HERR,

Helen Herr CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE RULES - 56th SESSION

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Four members constitute a quorum of the committee.
2. Motions will be moved, seconded, and passed by a simple majority of those present, except that definite action ("Do Pass" or "Hold") on a bill will require a majority of the entire committee.
3. In order to reconsider previous actions taken, an affirmative vote of 5 members of the committee will be required. However a majority may allow the hearing of new evidence or information which would be pertinent to the determination of whether or not a matter or an action should be reconsidered.
4. Mason's Manual will be followed as to parliamentary procedure.
5. Any member of the committee may request an item on the agenda by contacting the committee chairman a day ahead of the committee meeting.
6. Committee bill introduction will be only by unanimous approval of the committee members present. Committee introduction does not imply in any way a commitment on the part of any committee member to support the bill introduced.

ADOPTED: January 19th, 1971