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M I N U T E S -- 57th Session

Assembly

Environment & Public Resources & Fish and Game Committee--Room 214

April 2, 1973

Members Present: Chairman Bremner Broadbent
Vice-Chairman Crawford Jacobsen
Ford Lowman
Gojack Smalley
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Members Absent: None

Guests Present: John Spann Gales Leasing System
Floyd J. Wheeler S.T.P. Corporation
Robert Joseph Universal Oil Products
J. Gockel Clean Air Reserach Company
Ed Kovacs Sam Drug Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc
Wallie Warren Sierra Pacific Power Company
R.S. Leighton Sierra Pacific Power Company
Frank Groves Department of Fish and Game
Fred Wright Department of Fish and Game
Bill Parsons Department of Fish and Game
Daisy Talvitie League of Women Voters of Nevada

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. and asked Mr. Smalley to give a report of the Sub-Committee meeting that met last Friday noon on A.B. 477.

Mr. Smalley announced that the Sub-Committee met on Friday and went over the re-typed amendments, which the committee members ought to have right now.

Mrs. Ford said that the only bone of contention was whether to put specifics in the bill or not.

Then, Chairman Bremner asked if anyone of the guests would like to speak on whether specifics should be in the bill or not in A.B. 477. He mentioned that this testimony only be spoken on the specifics, not other subjects of this bill.

Mr. Floyd Wheeler, from the S.T.P. Corporation, first spoke. He spoke in favor of putting in specifics. (Mr. Wheeler's testimony is attached as Exhibit 1).

Next to speak was Mr. Robert Joseph, from Universal Oil Products and also a member of the Sub-Committee on this bill. Mr. Joseph spoke opposed to putting standards in this bill and thought that the commission should have the flexibility of putting them in. He wanted this bill left open like it is with the amendmendments.

Jack Gockel, from the Clean Air Reserach Company, spoke in favor

of what Mr. Joseph said, and wanted to be left as it is.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Jacobsen asked Mr. Gockel what would be their best way of testing the standards if they are put in, and when the commission sets them up, and he answered that the E.P.A. will come up with a testing that they use on all other standards and device systems.

Daisy Talvitie, from the Nevada League of Women Voters, spoke strongly against putting standards in the bill.

John Spann, representing Gales Leasing System, said that he would suggest the 50% reduction on emission, but if the commission sets up the standards, they will probably only set it at 20%, which will not be right to do.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Jacobsen asked Mr. Spann if he really thought that it is realistic for a 50% reduction with the retrofit, and he answered yes.

John Ciardella, Chief of the Registration Department of the Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke next. He said that these amendments are very acceptable, with two exceptions. He said that since the auto dealers have to put retrofits in the cars before they sell them, then it should be applicable to private owners also, selling to other parties. The other exemption was that they think that cars manufactured before 1965, could possibly be exempted.

QUESTIONS:

Mrs. Ford asked that in selling a car privately, how would the Department of Motor Vehicles check to see if the car has the device that is necessary for the previous owner to put in before selling. Mr. Ciardella answered that it would be checked when it was re-registered by the new owner.

Chairman asked for statistics on how many cars manufactured before 1965 are being driven on the roads right now, and Mr. Ciardella said he would get them for him.

Mr. Ed Kovacs, resident of Clark County, and working for the Sam Krug Chrysler-Plymouth, Inc., spoke in favor of setting up standards in the bill. He said that if they set up standards, it will give the car dealers some idea of what to expect and what they have to do to conform with the requirements.

A.B. 739

This bill gives full recognition to out-of-state titling of motor-boats.

Mr. Fred Wright from the Fish and Game Department first spoke on this bill. (Mr. Wright had a prepared statement on this bill which is attached as Exhibit 2).

A.B. 749

This bill authorizes the issuance of special fishing permits to children in public and charitable institutions.

Mr. Frank Groves, Director of the Fish and Game Department, spoke on this bill. (Prepared Statement on this bill is attached as Exhibit 3).

QUESTIONS:

Chairman Bremner wanted to amend line 8 of page 1 (a) "from Nevada state hospital" to Nevada Mental Health Institution."

Mr. Jacobsen questioned about the limits and present laws that they must obey in accordance with this fishing and wanted to amend 2(b) on page 1, line 20 to add "and they obey present laws as far as limits". Because this might cause and leave room for criticism.

S.B. 432

Senator Young, one of the introducers of this bill, which enables and directs state department of conservation and natural resources to begin negotiations on interstate compact for land use in Truckee River watershed, spoke on this bill. He just said that this is for negotiations between California and Nevada over concern of land use in the area of the Truckee River.

S.B. 82

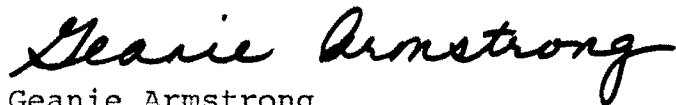
Mr. Groves spoke on this bill, which provides for a 2-day fishing license for a fee of \$3.00. He just said that this means what it says, and the Department is willing to do just this, even though they don't quite know the impact it would have on them, but just might be beneficial. More fisherman will be participating then regular.

S.J.R. 25

Senator Young spoke on this bill, which urges preservation and protection of Truckee River by all appropriate government agencies. He said that the main purpose of this bill is to show Nevada's concern over this area of concern.

Chairman Bremner said that they will wait before taking action on these bills, and he adjourned the meeting until Wednesday at 7 a.m. He announced that the Sub-Committee would be meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 7 a.m. in this room, 214. 8:40 a.m. adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,


Geanie Armstrong
Assembly Attache

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H E A R I N G

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES

Date APRIL 2, 1973 Time 8 a.m. Room 214
Monday

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

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A.B. 749

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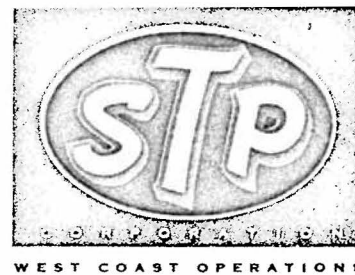
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Exhibit I

Nevada State Legislature
Committee on Environment and Public Resources
State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The impartial expert testimony this Committee requires in its consideration for the setting of emission-level standards is contained in the attached documents. This written data is public information and was obtained from the files of the California Air Resources Board's technical staff. It attests to the need for legislated standards more completely than any one person could. This material comprises the sum and substance of over two years' detailed investigation and the expenditure of well over \$1 million in research.

The problem the California Air Resources Board (CARB) now experiences has its root in the exceptionally low initial standards established when their retrofit program was begun. As a result of these low emission standards, not mandated by the Legislature but rather promulgated by the CARB, two relatively inefficient devices, which employ the Vacuum Spark Advance Disconnect (VSAD) principle, were approved (on a split vote) against the recommendation of its own technical staff by the CARB for its retrofit program without consideration to engine performance, economy or life.

There is no question that the CARB is on record that it made a mistake in accrediting the Echlin and Carter VSAD-type devices. These devices were accredited with 41.6% and 44.7% reductions in NOx. The Dana and STP Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) devices were recommended for approval by the CARB's technical staff and unanimously accredited with reductions of 49.6% and 54.6%, respectively--over 25% better pollution reduction than the VSAD-type devices.

Considerable testimony has now been brought forth in California regarding the questionable long-term effectiveness of VSAD systems, the high potential for severe engine damage and the consequent pollutant increases. Neither the Echlin nor Carter VSAD devices were recommended for approval by the CARB's own technical staff and were only accredited by the CARB on a split 3-2 vote, and, as mentioned heretofore, unlike the two VSAD devices, both the EGR devices were recommended by the technical staff and unanimously accredited by the CARB.

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Letters from General Motors Corp., American Motors, Chevrolet Division, the CARB's technical advisory committee, etc., are attached, all recommending against the use of VSAD-type devices as an emission control principle because of poor driveability, decreased fuel economy and reduced engine life. A specific letter from General Motors to all dealers told them not to install VSAD on Chevrolet cars. This tremendous expenditure of time, money and expertise in developing the attached data and the currently available devices, is all available to you without charge.

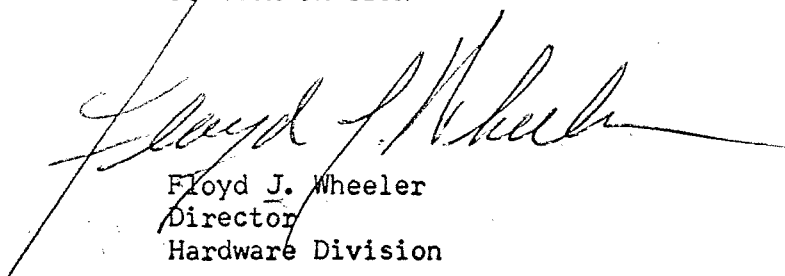
It is, unfortunately, too late in California to undo the errors resulting from the CARB's desire to advance the cause of clean air. Nevada at this time has the opportunity to legislatively set standards of 50-55%, even 60%, and thereby encourage development of the most effective possible technological approach to the problem.

We strongly recommend that the Legislature establish a standard of at least a 50% reduction in oxides of nitrogen, with hydrocarbon emissions to be no higher than 3 grams per mile and carbon monoxide to be no higher than 30 grams per mile, all according to the 1972 Federal Hot Start CVS Cycle test procedures.

Nevada can benefit from California's mistake, thus saving much time and money, by setting strong standards right into its legislation. If the above 50% minimum standard is set for the removal of NOx, this is the equivalent of removing half the cars from the Nevada highways. We therefore recommend you adopt the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

STP CORPORATION



Floyd J. Wheeler
Director
Hardware Division

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Enclosures

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

A.B. 739 - Out-of-State Titling of Motorboats

Eight states: California, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon require that a motorboat be titled prior to being operated on the waters of that state. Under the Nevada Boat Act (488.175 of NRS) a motorboat from one of these jurisdictions, must be retitled here after such boat has been within the State for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days.

Since January 1, 1972, the effective date of the Nevada Title Act, the Department of Fish and Game has issued 8,018 certificates of ownership or titles. The majority have been issued to residents of Nevada without any particular problem. However, when a title has been issued by one of the other seven title states, some lending institutions have been reluctant to forward that state's title to us for reissuance in Nevada. The Department cannot title that particular boat since there would be two known titles outstanding.

To correct this problem, the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners and the Department of Fish and Game hereby endorse the provisions of A.B. 739 wherein:

"A motorboat need not be titled in this State, if it is already covered by a certificate of ownership in effect which has been awarded or issued to it pursuant to a title system of another state."

STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

A.B. 749 - Special Fishing Permits to Children in Public and Charitable Institutions.

Assembly Bill No. 749, sponsored by the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners and the Department of Fish and Game would continue to authorize the issuance of 30 Special Fishing Permits for use by patients in the Nevada State Hospital and expands this authorization to include children in public and charitable institutions.

Permits could be issued to:

1. Nevada State Hospital -

The Nevada Mental Health Institute in Reno, formerly known as the Nevada State Hospital, is an institution serving the mentally ill and mentally retarded of the State. There are 396 beds available.

2. Southern Nevada Comprehensive Medical Health Center -

This facility, located in Las Vegas, serves Clark County with a broad spectrum of mental health treatment programs. Long-term patients from Clark County are transferred to the State Hospital for extended care. The adult inpatient unit has a 24-bed capacity.

3. Nevada State Children's Home -

The purpose of the Children's Home is to care for neglected and dependent children committed by District Court order. This facility is located at Carson City and has seven cottages, each designed to accommodate ten children.

4. Southern Nevada Children's Home -

This facility is located in Boulder City and is under the general supervision of the superintendent of the Children's Home in Carson City. There are seven cottages designed to hold ten children each.

5. Nevada Youth Training Center -

The Youth Training Center at Elko provides custody, training and rehabilitation treatment for boys committed as delinquent by the District Courts. At capacity the seven units can accommodate 160 boys.

6. Nevada Girls Training Center -

The Girls Training Center at Caliente provides custody, training and treatment for girls committed to the institution as delinquent by the District Courts. There are five living units at the Training Center which will accommodate twenty girls each.

7. Home of the Good Shepherd -

This is a home for delinquent girls located in Las Vegas. The District Court commits girls to this institution as an alternative to placement in the Nevada Girls Training Center. The State provides budgetary support for 50 girls.

Although not specifically designated in A.B. 749, the Home of the Good Shepherd is an example of an institution that would qualify for special Fishing Permit Badges in accordance with subsection (g) of the Act,

Since 1967, a maximum of 30 such permits, at \$1 each, have been issued annually to the medical director of the Nevada State Hospital for use by patients. Extension of this privilege to children assigned to the institutions mentioned would provide an excellent form of recreation.