

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 1973; Thursday

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 1973.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT:	Senator Helen Herr	Senator William Raggio
	Senator Richard Blakemore	Senator Carl Dodge
	Senator Archie Pozzi	Senator Joe Neal

ABSENT: Senator Warren Monroe

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Joe Ferrara	CAP, Sparks
Kirk Loury	CAP, Sparks
Bob Lusk	TWA, San Francisco
Erle A. Taylor	McCarran International Airport
R. J. Ronzone	Clark County Commissioners
O.B. Carter	City of Reno - Airport
Gene Juilfs	City of Reno - Airport
Al Senger	Motor Vehicle Manufacturing Association
Bob Warren	Nevada Municipal Association
Ted Ehrlich	Poloroid
Norm Salem	Aviation Service Inc.
Daryl Capurro	Nev. Franchised Auto Dealers Association
	Nev. Motor Transport Association
Keith Burns	Local Group of Bicycle Riders
David Willow	Local Group of Bicycle Riders
Al Veglia	Consultant, Sacramento
Stephen C. Moss	Legislative Intern, Sparks
W. W. Richards	DMV - Motor Carrier
Bill Fitzpatrick	DMV - Driver's License
Len Winkelman	DMV - Internal Auditor
John Ciardella	DMV - Registration
Howard Hill	DMV - Director
James Lambert	Chief, Nevada Highway Patrol

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 573\* Senator Blakemore testified on this bill as he was the introducer. Because of some errors in the drafting of the bill and misunderstanding amongst the airplane owners of the State, plus, the fact that it was so late in the session to be doing any extensive amending, he then made the following motion:

Senator Blakemore moved "Do Kill"  
Seconded by Senator Neal.  
Motion Carried.

SB 620\* James Lambert testified against this bill due to the fact that he felt it was unenforceable. Senator Pozzi brought in evidence and testified as to the merits of the bill. Much discussion followed and then the following action took place:

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Senator Blakemore moved "Do Pass."  
Seconded by Senator Raggio  
Motion Carried.

SB 226\* After a great deal of discussion and testimony with the Department of Motor Vehicles who were afraid of this bill because of the unknown cost factors, Senator Pozzi asked that the bill be deferred until Tuesday, April 17; asked the DMV to have cost breakdowns at that time and he would make necessary changes in the amendments he was proposing.

AB 695\* John Ciardella testified as to the purpose of this bill.

Senator Blakemore moved "Do Pass"  
Seconded by Senator Dodge  
Motion Carried.

AB 926\* Winston Richards and Daryl Capurro testified as to the purposes  
AB 927\* of these bills.

AB 928\*

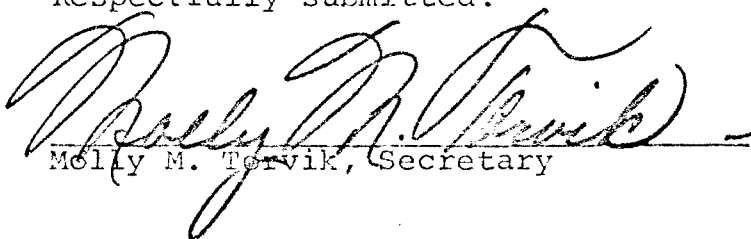
AB 926: Senator Pozzi moved "Do Pass"  
Seconded by Senator Blakemore  
Motion Carried

AB 927: Senator Blakemore moved "Do Pass"  
Seconded by Senator Raggio  
Motion Carried.

AB 928: Senator Blakemore moved "Do Pass"  
Seconded by Senator Dodge  
Motion Carried

The meeting was then adjourned until Tuesday, April 17, 1973 at 12:00 NOON.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

SENATE BILL NO. 573—SENATORS BLAKEMORE  
AND HERR

MARCH 29, 1973

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Transportation and Taxation

SUMMARY—Enacts aviation fuel excise tax and provides for disbursement of such tax by state aviation board for air safety. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 44-1659)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to aviation; creating the state aviation board; providing the powers and duties of such board; creating the state aviation fund; enacting an excise tax on aviation fuel; changing the source of funds for the Civil Air Patrol fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Title 44 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a  
2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6,  
3 inclusive, of this act.
- 4 SEC. 2. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:  
5 1. "Air navigation facility" means any facility, other than one owned  
6 and operated by the United States, used in, available for use in, or  
7 designed for use in, aid of air navigation, including any structures, mech-  
8 anisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other instru-  
9 mentalities, or devices used or useful as an aid, or constituting an  
10 advantage or convenience to the safe taking off, navigation and landing of  
11 aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport,  
12 and any combination of any or all of such facilities.
- 13 2. "Board" means the state aviation board.
- 14 SEC. 3. 1. The state aviation board is hereby created.
- 15 2. The board shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by  
16 the governor as follows:  
17 (a) One member shall be a private pilot.  
18 (b) One member shall be an executive pilot.  
19 (c) One member shall be a fixed base operator pilot.  
20 (d) One member shall be an air lines pilot.  
21 (e) One member shall be a military pilot.
- 22 3. On July 1, 1973, the governor shall appoint three members for  
23 a 2-year term and two members for a 1-year term. Thereafter all members

SENATE BILL NO. 620—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 6, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Prohibits sale or use of bicycles without certain reflective equipment after specified date. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-2186)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend NRS 484.513, relating to traffic laws, by prohibiting sale or use on public streets of any new bicycle after January 1, 1975, unless it is equipped with certain reflective material; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 484.513 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 484.513 1. Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped  
3 with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a dis-  
4 tance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear  
5 of a type approved by the department of motor vehicles which shall be  
6 visible from all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet to the rear when  
7 directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle.  
8 A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the  
9 rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.  
10 2. No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell  
11 or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at  
12 least 100 feet, but a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any per-  
13 son use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.  
14 3. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the  
15 operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.  
16 4. *No person shall sell at retail any new bicycle after December 31,*  
17 *1974, unless it is equipped with a minimum of 20 square inches of white*  
18 *reflective material on each side of the bicycle. The material shall be vis-*  
19 *ible at night from a distance of at least 500 feet when viewed directly in*  
20 *front of lawful upper beams on a motor vehicle and shall indicate as*  
21 *nearly as possible the continuous circular shape and size of the wheels or*  
22 *tires of such bicycle.*  
23 5. *No person shall operate on any public street or highway any*  
24 *bicycle purchased new after December 31, 1974, unless the bicycle is*  
25 *equipped as required by subsection 4.*

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SENATE BILL NO. 226—SENATOR POZZI

FEBRUARY 13, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Entitles senior citizens without drivers' licenses to receive official identification cards. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-517)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT entitling every senior citizen without a driver's license to obtain an identification card; providing for preparation and issuance of the cards by the department of motor vehicles with the cooperation of the aging services division of the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act.

3 SEC. 2. *The legislature finds and declares that:*

4 1. *A need exists in this state for the creation of a system of identifica-*  
5 *tion for senior citizens who do not hold a driver's license.*

6 2. *These citizens should be provided a convenient means to identify*  
7 *themselves, as well as their spouses, so that they may take full advantage*  
8 *of various public and private services, privileges, discounts and other ben-*  
9 *efits for which appropriate identification is required.*

10 3. *To serve this purpose, official identification cards should be pre-*  
11 *pared for issuance to those senior citizens and their spouses who wish to*  
12 *apply for them. The cards should be designed in such form, and distrib-*  
13 *uted pursuant to such controls, that they will merit the general accepta-*  
14 *bility of drivers' licenses for personal identification.*

15 SEC. 3. As used in this act:

16 1. *"Identification card" means a card issued in accordance with this*  
17 *act to provide senior citizens and their spouses a convenient means of*  
18 *personal identification.*

19 2. *"Senior citizen" means a person who is 60 years of age or older*  
20 *and a resident of this state at the time he applies for an identification card.*

21 SEC. 4. 1. *Every senior citizen who does not hold a Nevada driver's*  
22 *license and makes an application as provided in this act is entitled to*  
23 *receive an identification card.*

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 695—MR. BARENGO

MARCH 19, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Postpones requirement for motorcycles to be equipped with turn signals. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-1680)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; postponing the requirement that motorcycles be equipped with turn signals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 486.251 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 486.251 1. Every motorcycle upon a highway of this state at any  
3 time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and  
4 at any other time when, because of insufficient light or unfavorable  
5 atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not  
6 clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead shall display lighted  
7 lamps and illuminating devices as respectively required in this chapter.  
8 2. Every motorcycle upon a highway shall be equipped with stop  
9 lights. [and turn signals to be lighted in the manner prescribed for the  
10 use of such devices.]  
11 SEC. 2. NRS 486.271 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
12 486.271 1. Every motorcycle manufactured after January 1, [1972,]  
13 1973, shall be equipped with electric turn signal lamps.  
14 2. Such lamps shall be located on the front and rear and shall indi-  
15 cate an intention to turn by flashing lights in the direction toward which  
16 the turn is to be made.  
17 3. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted on the same level  
18 and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall  
19 emit white or amber light, or any shade of light between white and amber.  
20 4. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level  
21 and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and, when signaling, shall  
22 emit red or amber light, or any shade of light between red and amber.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 926—COMMITTEE  
ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Removes certain distinctions between resident and nonresident motor vehicle operators. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-503)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicle operators; removing the distinction between resident and nonresident operators with respect to special fuel users' licenses and temporary motor vehicle carrier licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 366.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 366.220 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlaw-  
3 ful for any special fuel dealer or special fuel user to sell or use special fuel  
4 within this state unless such special fuel dealer or special fuel user is the  
5 holder of a special fuel dealer's or special fuel user's license issued to him  
6 by the department.  
7 2. **[A nonresident]** *Any* owner or operator of a motor vehicle com-  
8 ing within the provisions of this chapter may apply for a temporary spe-  
9 cial fuel license which shall be purchased from the first available vendor.  
10 **[upon entry into the state.]** The fee for such license shall be \$10 for each  
11 motor vehicle. Such license shall satisfy the requirements of this chapter  
12 and authorize the operation of such motor vehicle or combination of  
13 vehicles upon the highways of this state for a period of 48 consecutive  
14 hours. Such license shall allow purchase of special fuel tax free from a  
15 licensed special fuel dealer. Upon request, the department shall allow  
16 credit for such licenses purchased, provided the applicant applies to the  
17 department and is licensed as a special fuel user within 60 days after the  
18 purchase of the first such license within a licensing year. Such application  
19 shall be considered received on the date shown by the post office cancel-  
20 lation mark stamped on the envelope containing such application prop-  
21 erly addressed to the department. Such license shall be evidenced by a  
22 sticker displayed on each self-propelled vehicle in a manner specified by  
23 the department.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 927—COMMITTEE  
ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Provides for quarterly reporting to department of motor vehicles for special fuel tax users and motor vehicle carriers. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-505)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the department of motor vehicles; changing the period for reporting for special fuel tax users and motor vehicle carrier purposes to quarterly reporting; increasing minimum amount of excise tax due; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 366.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 366.370 1. The excise tax imposed by this chapter with respect to  
3 the use or sale of special fuel during any calendar [month] *quarter* shall  
4 be due and payable on or before the 25th day of the immediately suc-  
5 ceeding calendar month following the [monthly] *quarterly* period to  
6 which it relates.

7 2. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the  
8 next secular or business day shall be the final due date.

9 3. Such payment shall be considered received on the date shown by  
10 the post office cancellation mark stamped upon an envelope containing  
11 such payment properly addressed to the department.

12 SEC. 2. NRS 366.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 366.380 1. On or before the 25th day of [each month,] *January,*  
14 *April, July and October in each year,* each special fuel dealer or special  
15 fuel user shall file with the department a [monthly tax return,] *quarterly*  
16 *tax return for the preceding quarter,* regardless of the amount of excise  
17 tax due, on a form prescribed by the department, together with supporting  
18 schedules.

19 2. The return shall show such information as the department may  
20 reasonably require for the proper administration and enforcement of this  
21 chapter.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 928—COMMITTEE  
ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various technical changes in law relating to  
motor carriers. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-504)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to motor carriers; making various technical changes in provisions  
relating to reports, size limits, and registration and licensing of vehicles.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 706.196 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 706.196 1. The department may:  
3 (a) Require such reports and the maintenance of such books, papers  
4 and records as it determines necessary for the administration and enforce-  
5 ment of this chapter and NRS 484.739.  
6 (b) Examine, at any time during the business hours of the day, the  
7 books, papers and records of any common, contract or private motor car-  
8 rier doing business in this state.  
9 2. [A report is considered delinquent when it has not been received  
10 by the department by the due date of the following month's report, or  
11 quarterly report, or as otherwise prescribed by this chapter or by rules  
12 and regulations of the department. Such report shall be deemed received  
13 on the date shown on the post office cancellation mark stamped on an  
14 envelope containing such report, properly addressed to the department, if  
15 such date is earlier than the date of actual receipt.  
16 3.] The fact that such books, papers and records are not maintained  
17 in this state shall not cause the department to lose any right of exam-  
18 ination under this chapter when and where such books, papers and rec-  
19 ords become available.  
20 SEC. 2. NRS 706.271 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
21 706.271 No vehicle shall be licensed or permitted to operate on the  
22 highways of this state under the provisions of this chapter when such  
23 vehicle exceeds the size, *height*, weight or load limit weight provided by  
24 the laws of this state.  
25 SEC. 3. NRS 706.556 is hereby amended to read as follows: