

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
March 6, 1975

Members Present: Messrs. Glover, Howard, Dini, Dreyer  
Jacobsen, and Mrs Hayes

Members Absent: Mr. May (excused)

Guests: Representing

J.L. Fletcher	Dept Motor Vehicles
Bill Fitzpatrick	Dept Motor Vehicles
Howard Hill	Dept Motor Vehicles
John Ciardelli	Dept Motor Vehicles
Grant Bastian	Highway Dept
Daryl Capurro	Nevada Motor Transport
James Lambert	Nevada Highway Patrol
Mr. Lien	Nev Tax Commission
Virgil Anderson	AAA
Dan Quinan	State Fire Marshal
B.W. Firth	
Homer Rodriguez	Carson City Assessor
Don Peckham	Washoe Co Assessor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glover at 3:10 p.m.  
The first bill discussed was:

A.B. 272 -- Required drivers to yield right of way to persons  
or vehicles engaged in highway construction or  
maintenance

Grant Bastian, State Highway Engineer, explained the purpose of this bill was to get legal authority to protect the Highway's vehicles and men while working. He stated that there had been 20 accidents in the past year. He also presented an amendment (see attached) to include that the workman must also use caution and care. Mr. Dini questioned line 8--What is a clearly marked area. Mr. Bastian stated that "men working" signs and 25mph signs must be posted. Mr. Jacobsen asked if the workers and trucks are visible but no signs are posted yet, is the driver still to yield the right of way. Mr. Bastian said the signs must be posted.

Virgil Anderson of AAA then spoke for the bill and stated he and his group approved of the Bill and its amendment.

The next bill discussed was:

A.B. 277 - Modifies driver's license renewal procedure

Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick, Chief of Driver's License Division, spoke for this Bill. He stated the change of wording in line 6, line 17 and page 2, line 5&6 was merely housekeeping, but also his Dept wanted page 2, lines 20-25 deleted. The reason for the deletion was to be sure military personnel at least had their eyes checked every few years upon renewing their license. Mrs. Hayes questioned the meaning of the words "good cause" page 2, line 6.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated if a person had 3 or more violations within a license period he would have to take all tests over. Mr. Jacobsen said he would like to keep lines 20-22 in so military personnel licenses would not expire.

The next bill discussed was:

A.B. 301 -- Provides for a mobile home trip permit in lieu of registration and licensing requirements

Jim Lien, Nevada Tax Commission, spoke in favor of the Bill. He said the Tax Commission feels this 5 day trip permit is a way to solve some of the tax problems they have because it would eliminate some people escaping the payment of taxes. It would also prevent misuse of license plates and the illegal transferring of them.

Homer Rodriguez, Carson City Assessor, stated that he was in favor of bill but would like the word "deputy assessor" inserted on line 25, Sect 5 page 2.

Don Peckham, Washoe County Assessor, said he and also the Clark County Assessor, did not want to get involved again with the Motor Vehicle Dept. They did not want to get involved with the collection of the trip permit and the work involved. He suggested that maybe an amendment be drawn to eliminate counties over 100,000 in population. This would then eliminate Clark and Washoe Counties. Mr. Dini said this would create a mess if the law was not consistent in every county.

Mr. Dan Quinan, State Fire Marshall, then ask committee if he might use this bill as a vehicle to get a job done that is not being done now. He would like to add a subsection 4 on page 2 after line 33 stating "co assessor shall also supply any pertinent state regulations pertaining to the installation and anchoring of the mobile home."

Mr. Ciardelli, DMV, also stated that he was in favor of the Bill and the permit idea so these taxes could be paid.

Jim Lien, Nevada Tax Commission, said that he would not be in favor of excluding the two large counties from the bill.

The next bill discussed was:

S.B. 124 --Revises provision on motor vehicle head lamps

Mr. James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol, spoke in favor of the bill. He said it changes the wording and refers back to the wording of NRS 484.549, so there would be a definite regulation established for the height of head lamps.

As there was no other discussion, Chairman Glover excused the guests and announced a 5 minute recess.

After the Recess the Following Action was taken:

- A.B. 272 Mr. Dini moved a "Do Pass and amend" with Grant Bastian's Amendment. Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was unanimous.
- A.B. 277 Mr. Dini moved to amend by moving the brackets on pg 2 line 20 to line 22 to precede the word "The" and then a Do Pass. Mr. Howard seconded. Mrs. Hayes stated she did not want to exempt the wife and children of military personnel. Mr. Dini withdrew his motion. Mrs Hayes moved a "Do Pass" and amend leaving subsection 5 page 2 in the Bill. Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was passed unanimously.
- A.B. 301 Mr. Dreyer moved "Do Pass" as amended by adding the word "deputy"; Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was passed unanimously. The Fire Marshall's request was disregarded.
- S.B. 124 Mr. Jacobsen made a motion for "Do Pass" Mr. Dreyer seconded, and it was passed unanimously.
- A.B. 7 Mrs. Hayes moved a "Do Pass." Mr. Dreyer seconded, but it was defeated with Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Dini, and Mr. Glover voting No. Mr. Dini moved for "Indefinite Postponement"; Mr. Jacobsen seconded, and it was passed unanimously with Hayes and Dreyer dissenting.
- A.B. 153 Mr. Jacobsen made a motion to Amend and Do Pass. Mr. Howard seconded, and the motion was unanimous.
- A.B. 115 Mr. Dini moved for Indefinite Postponment; Mr. Dreyer seconded, and it was unanimous.
- S.B. 63 Mr. Dini made a motion for Do Pass but it died for lack of a second. Mr. Jacobsen stated that he had checked with both the Douglas and Carson Sheriffs' offices and both said there wasn't any advantage to having false I.D.s. He suggested getting in some men from the Narcotics Division to testify and also someone from the Gaming Control Board.
- S.B. 118 Mr. Dreyer moved a Do Pass, but then withdrew his motion. Mr. Jacobsen made a motion to Kill; Mr Dini seconded, but it was defeated with Howard, Glover, Hayes, and Dreyer voting NO. No Action was taken.

Chairman Glover adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Camille Lee  
Assembly Attache

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON.....TRANSPORTATION.....

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Date Thursday, March 6 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 214

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

- A.B. 272                      Requires drivers to yield right of way to persons or vehicles engaged in highway construction or maintenance. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-927)
  
- A.B. 277                      Modifies driver's license renewal procedure. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-293)
  
- A.B. 301                      Provides for a mobile home trip permit in lieu of registration and licensing requirements. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-100)
  
- S.B. 124                      Revises provision on motor vehicle head lamps. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-319)

AB 7  
 AB 153  
 AB 115  
 SB 63  
 SB 118

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

AMENDMENTS TO AB272

Add a new subsection three to read as follows:

3. The provisions of this section shall not operate to relieve any such person or the driver or operator of any vehicle actually engaged in such work, construction or maintenance from the duty of using due care for his safety nor from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

SECTION 1. NRS 484.621 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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484.621 1. Every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, equipped with a windshield shall be equipped with a self-operating windshield wiper [, which shall be kept in good operating condition] system and which shall be so constructed as to be controlled [or operated] by the driver.

2. [When any such motor vehicle was originally equipped with two windshield wipers such wipers shall be kept] The windshield wiper system with which the vehicle is equipped shall be maintained in good operating condition [.] and capable of effectively clearing the windshield so as to provide clear vision through the windshield for the driver under all ordinary conditions of rain, snow, or other moisture.

3. [Every such motor vehicle manufactured after July 1, 1969, which is equipped with a windshield shall be equipped with two windshield wipers, one mounted on the right half and one on the left half of the windshield.] The wiper system shall be operated while the vehicle is being driven during conditions of rain, snow, or other moisture that obstruct or reduce the driver's clear view through the windshield.

4. [This section] Section 1 shall not apply to [snow removal equipment] highway maintenance vehicles, special mobile equipment, implements of husbandry, or vehicles manufactured prior to July 1, 1935, with adequate manually operated windshield wipers.