

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 1975

The eighteenth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, April 16, 1975, at 12:00 p.m. in Room #345 of the Legislative Building

Senator Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT WERE: Chairman Helen Herr  
 Senator Jack Schofield  
 Senator Richard Blakemore  
 Senator William Raggio  
 Vice Chairman Warren Monroe

ABSENT WERE: Senator Joe Neal  
 Senator Mary Gojack

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Noel Clark, PSC  
 Senator Carl Dodge  
 John Ciardella, DMV  
 Freddie Little, DMV  
 Bernard Diehl, DMV  
 Howard Hill, DMV  
 Vern Fletcher, DMV  
 Virgil Anderson, AAA  
 Stan Warren, Nevada Bell  
 Robert Guinn, NMTA  
 Darryl Capurro, NMTA  
 Pete Kelley  
 Perry Burnett, Counsel - Legislative Counsel  
 Grant Bastian, Highway Department  
 Mel Beauchamp, Highway Department Counsel  
 George Crapusci, State Farm  
 Richard Garrod, Farmers Insurance Exchange

ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SB 496      CLARIFIES COMMON OR CONTRACT MOTOR CARRIER PENALTIES.

Noel Clark of the Public Service Commission testified in support of this Bill stating that the measure cleaned up penalty requirements for PSC franchised motor carriers brokers. He stated that there was a drafting error on page 1, line 2, inasmuch as there should be no bracket before broker, a comma should be placed after broker and the bracket should come before "which" on line 3.

Senator Carl Dodge testified that this bill was drafted because of problems they had been experiencing particularly with hay haulers who were not giving service by the time they had contracted for. This bill would get these people to do what they had agreed to do.

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SB 496 (Continued)

It was determined by the Committee to hold this bill until Monday, April 21, 1975, for further study.

SB 488      ENABLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE SPEED LIMIT.

Perry Burnett, Legislative Counsel testified on this measure, stating that the nature of the power granted by the Legislature to the Highway Board was well within the limits of authority. He did feel that the one area which he had some reservation about was in Section 1, subsection 4; but, felt that this could be corrected by adding to line 24 of page 1 the following: . . . ."on the basis of energy conservation and/or safety."

He did say he would submit a legal opinion on SB 488 to Chairman Herr.

Grant Bastian and Mel Beauchamp restated their concerns on SB 488. Robert Guinn, representing himself, said that he was concerned with the legal repercussions.

Senator Herr read a letter from U.S. Senator Howard Cannon in which he said that the Federal Government was going to do a study of the western tourist states regarding the speed limit; that there was some concern as to whether they should not have a higher speed limit in those states, i.e. Nevada, Colorado.

Senator Raggio then moved we "AMEND AND DO PASS"  
 Senator Schofield seconded the motion  
 Motion carried with all voting aye except Senator Monroe who voted nay.

SB 504      REQUIRES PERSONS REGISTERING MOTOR VEHICLES TO HAVE CERTAIN NO-FAULT INSURANCE COVERAGE: PROHIBITS OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT SUCH COVERAGE.

After much discussion and testimony from Stan Warren of Nevada Bell, John Ciardella, DMV, Robert Guinn, NMTA, George Crapusci, State Farm and Richard Garrod, Farmer's Insurance Exchange, it was decided that the measure needed some amendments. (See Attachment) It was agreed that the Motor Vehicle Department would make some inquiries as to how the State of Utah was living with a similar measure and would report back to the Committee on Monday, April 21, 1975.

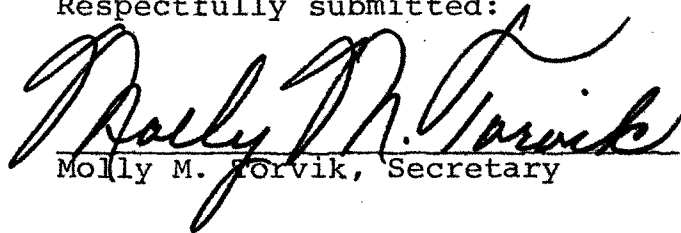
The Bill was then held by the Committee until that date.

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Chairman Herr then asked that SB 120 should be ready for final hearing on Monday, April 21, 1975, and it was the consensus of the Committee that that Bill be held until that date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

## Possible Amendments To SB-504

Page 2, Line 13 should have the following language:

Delete (.) after insurance and add the words and shall certify on a form provided by the department he will continually maintain insurance on his vehicle throughout the period of registration.

Page 2, Line 30 through 33 delete the language and add the following language:

All renewal applications except those for trailers mailed or presented in person to this department <sup>OR THEIR AGENTS</sup> under the provisions of this section shall contain a self-certification clause which shall allow the applicant to certify under penalty of law that he has the required security pursuant to NRS 698.190 and will continuously maintain the required security while operating a motor vehicle throughout the period of registration. The registration form shall be designed to allow the applicant to write in the company name, policy number, effective date of commencement by day, month and year and the name of the insured. The form shall bear the following language: False certification is punishable ~~by~~ <sup>AS</sup> a ~~felony~~. GROSS MISD.

Page 3 - Amend NRS 698.190 by adding the following language:

4- All violations concerning false certification of security required by NRS 698.190 shall be punishable by a felony. GROSS MISD.

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**S. B. 488**

**SENATE BILL NO. 488—COMMITTEE  
ON TRANSPORTATION**

**APRIL 7, 1975**

**Referred to Committee on Transportation**

**SUMMARY—Enables board of directors of department of highways to establish statewide speed limit. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 35-1672)**



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

**AN ACT relating to vehicular speed limits on state highways; enabling the board of directors of the department of highways to direct the establishment of a particular statewide maximum speed limit; 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 408.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:**
- 2     **408.125 The board may:**
- 3         **1. Adopt such rules, bylaws, motions and resolutions, not inconsistent**
- 4         **with this chapter, as may be necessary to govern the administration, activi-**
- 5         **ties and proceedings of the department.**
- 6         **2. On behalf of the State of Nevada, enter into agreements with any**
- 7         **adjoining state, or any proper agency of such state, for the construction,**
- 8         **reconstruction, improvement, operation and maintenance by any party**
- 9         **to such agreement, in such manner and by such means as may be pro-**
- 10        **vided in the agreement, of bridges over interstate waters, and may enter**
- 11        **into like agreements with respect to construction, reconstruction, improve-**
- 12        **ment, operation and maintenance of highways within the State of Nevada**
- 13        **or such adjoining state, when such highways are at or near the common**
- 14        **boundary of the states.**
- 15        **3. Authorize the department to join associations of highway officials**
- 16        **of other states and other organizations which have been heretofore or**
- 17        **may hereafter be established, having as their purpose the interchange of**
- 18        **information, establishment of standards and policies relating to highway**
- 19        **construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and adminis-**
- 20        **tration.**
- 21        **4. *If it determines that the establishment of a particular statewide***
- 22        ***maximum speed limit is in the best interest of the public health, welfare***
- 23        ***and safety of the people of the State of Nevada, direct the department to***
- 24        ***establish such a speed limit on the state highway system.***

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