

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday, April 23, 1975

The twentieth meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, April 23, 1975, at 12:00 noon in Room #345 in the Legislature Building.

Senator Helen Herr was in the Chair.

PRESENT WERE: Chairman Helen Herr  
 Vice Chairman Warren Monroe  
 Senator William Raggio  
 Senator Richard Blakemore  
 Senator Joe Neal\*  
 Senator Mary Gojack\*  
 Senator Jack Schofield\*

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Howard Hill, DMV  
 John Ciardella, DMV  
 V.L. Fletcher, DMV  
 James Lambert, DMV  
 Wayne Tetrault, Office of Highway Safety  
 Virgil Anderson, AAA  
 Darryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Association  
 Eldredge Porch, Nevada Highway Department  
 Donald Crosby, Nevada Highway Department  
 Robert Alkire, Kennecott Copper  
 Lou Paley, AFL-CIO  
 Richard Thomas - Teamsters Union  
 George Crapusci, State Farm Insurance Co.

## ACTION WAS THEN TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

SJR 28 Urges the President of the United States and administrators of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to give the Nevada State Implementation Plan one year to meet federal clean air standards under present state guidelines.

Robert Alkire of Kennecott Copper thanked the Committee for considering this measure. He stated that if Kennecott was not given this extension, it would have to close and the employment and fiscal impact on people in White Pine County would be extreme.

Mr. Lou Paley of the AFL-CIO testified that we needed to pass this measure because of the employment impact; and, the federal government has been unfair as Kennecott has met original requirements and they just keep informing Kennecott of further restrictions which Kennecott has not been able to keep up with. We don't need unemployment, we do need jobs.

\*Were present during part of the meeting.

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Dick Thomas of the Teamsters Union testified that they wished to be on record as in full support of the measure as it presently read.

After further detailed questions from Senator Neal:

Senator Monroe moved "DO PASS."

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all voting aye except Senator Neal who recorded not voting for lack of information.

Chairman Herr asked the Committee if they wished to concur with Amendment #7713 to SB 384 which was made by the Assembly. The Committee concurred. (See Attached.)

Senator Gojack then entered the meeting.

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

Howard Hill and John Ciardella of the Department of Motor Vehicles and Darryl Capurro of the Nevada Motor Transport Association submitted amendments to this measure (See Attachment.)

After a short discussion, Senator Raggio, suggested deletions and additions to these amendments. (Notes on Attached amendments)

Senator Neal left the meeting. Senator Schofield entered the meeting.

Senator Raggio moved "AMEND AND DO PASS."

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all voting aye except Senator Monroe who recorded a no vote.

SB 363     SIMPLIFIES CONVEYANCE TO STATE OF NEVADA OF INTERESTS IN LAND HELD BY TOWNS, CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Mr. Crosby and Eldredge Porch of the Nevada Highway Department testified as to the purpose of this bill and after a short discussion: \*

Senator Blakemore moved "DO PASS."

Senator Raggio seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

AB 439     INCLUDES TRAVEL TRAILERS IN REQUIREMENT FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE.

John Ciardella of DMV testified that this was a house-cleaning measure.

Senator Schofield moved that it be amended as suggested to resolve a conflict and "DO PASS."

Senator Monroe seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

\* See attached.

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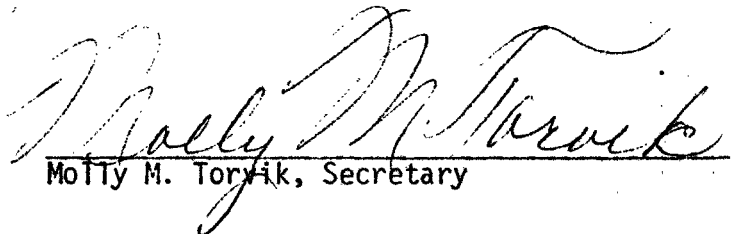
Senator Herr asked if the Committee would like to introduce two Resolutions relating to air pollution.

Senator Schofield moved to introduce BDR 1883  
Senator Monroe seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Raggio moved to introduce BDR 1882 and have it referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Resources.  
Senator Schofield seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 28, 1975 at 1:00 p.m. when SB 121 would be the only measure on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Molly M. Torvik, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
Senator Helen Herr, Chairman

ASSEMBLY / ~~SENATE~~ AMENDMENT BLANKAmendments to ~~Assembly~~ / SenateBill / ~~Joint Resolution~~ No. 384 (BDR 35-1361)Proposed by Committee on TransportationAmendment N<sup>o</sup> 7713

Amend section 1, page 1, line 3, after "408.465" insert:  
and Route 80 as described in NRS 408.805".

Amend the title of the bill, line 1, delete "Highway 17" and insert:  
"Routes 17 and 80".

Amendments to SB-504

*Line 5-  
NRS 698*

Page 1 - Delete lines <sup>6</sup> through 13.

— Page 2 - Delete lines 11 through 13 and add the following subsections:

(e) A signed declaration by the applicant that he has <sup>will maintain</sup> security required by NRS 698 covering the motor vehicle to be registered.

*Chapt 484*

*which chapter left to bill drafter delete*

~~(f) Possession of a valid registration certificate shall be prima-facie evidence that the applicant is in compliance with the requirements of subsection 3(e).~~

Page 2 between lines 16 and 17 add the new section 5:

Section 5 - Vehicles which are subject to the license fee and registration requirements of the Inter State Highway User Apportionment Act (NRS 706.801 to 706.861, inclusive) and which are based in this state, may be declared as a fleet, by the registered owners thereof, on the original or renewal applications for proportional registration.

Page 2 - Delete lines 31 through 33 and add the following language:

Provisions of this section shall include a signed declaration by the applicant that he has <sup>will maintain</sup> security required by NRS 698 covering the motor vehicle to be registered. ~~Possession of a valid registration certificate shall be prima-facie evidence that applicant is in compliance with requirements of this subsection.~~

*delete*

Page 3 - Delete lines 12 through 19 inclusive.

Add the following section:

Section 5 - This act to become effective January 1, 1976.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

APRIL 22, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Urges the President of the United States and administrators of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to give the Nevada State Implementation Plan one year to meet federal clean air standards under present state guidelines. (BDR 1875)



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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President of the United States and administrators of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to give the Nevada State Implementation Plan one year to meet federal clean air standards under present state guidelines.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to the latest figures available, Nevada's unemploy-
- 2 ment rate is 9.7 percent, thus exceeding considerably the nationwide
- 3 unemployment rate of 8.2 percent; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The latest figures available indicate that in the county of
- 5 White Pine, Nevada, the unemployment rate is approximately 11 percent,
- 6 unacceptably high even in this time of nationwide recession; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The economy of White Pine County is substantially depend-
- 8 ent on Kennecott Copper Corporation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Kennecott Copper Corporation, operating in White Pine
- 10 County, has developed an air quality control compliance plan, which has
- 11 been approved by the Nevada state environmental commission as being
- 12 in compliance with the federal "Clean Air Act"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Desiring a healthful environment for its citizens, the Nevada
- 14 state environmental commission, after extensive public hearings, moved
- 15 forthrightly to develop and implement those regulations mandated by
- 16 the federal "Clean Air Act"; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Nevada's state implementation plan of compliance with
- 18 the federal "Clean Air Act" includes regulations which are equal to, and
- 19 occasionally superior to, those required by the federal act; and
- 20 WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency has arbitrarily,
- 21 wrongfully and unwisely refused to approve the compliance plan of the
- 22 Kennecott Copper Corporation and those portions of the Nevada state
- 23 plan which apply to the company's operations; and
- 24 WHEREAS, The Kennecott Copper Corporation's operations are located
- 25 in a remote and sparsely populated area of the state and there is no

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**S. B. 504**

**SENATE BILL NO. 504—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

APRIL 9, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Requires persons registering motor vehicles to have certain no-fault insurance coverage; prohibits operation of motor vehicles without such coverage. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 57-1608)



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

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle insurance; requiring a person registering a motor vehicle to have certain no-fault insurance coverage; prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle without such coverage; providing a penalty; 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 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 1. *It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle registered*
- 4 *in this state without having security covering the vehicle as required by*
- 5 *NRS 698.190.*
- 6 2. *Any person stopped by a police officer while driving a motor*
- 7 *vehicle upon a public street or highway in this state shall present to such*
- 8 *officer upon demand the card issued to such person by an insurer, pur-*
- 9 *suant to the provisions of NRS 698.190. If he fails to present such card,*
- 10 *the officer shall issue a traffic citation.*
- 11 3. *Unless a person who has been issued a traffic citation under*
- 12 *subsection 2 provides the court with proof that he has the security*
- 13 *required by NRS 698.190, he is guilty of a misdemeanor.*
- 14 SEC. 2. NRS 482.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 15 482.215 1. All applications for registration, except applications for
- 16 renewal registration, shall be made as provided in this section.
- 17 2. Applications for all registrations, except renewal registrations,
- 18 shall be made in person, if practicable, to any office or agent of the
- 19 department.
- 20 3. Each application shall be made upon the appropriate form fur-
- 21 nished by the department and shall contain:
- 22 (a) The signature of the owner.
- 23 (b) His residence address.

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SENATE BILL NO. 363—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 20, 1975

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Simplifies conveyance to State of Nevada of interests in land held by towns, cities and counties for highway purposes. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 35-1236)

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

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AN ACT relating to highways; authorizing the direct conveyance to the state of interests in land held by towns, cities and counties when necessary for highway purposes; 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 408.990 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 408.990 1. When highways are constructed, reconstructed or  
3 improved in accordance with this chapter through towns and through  
4 cities, the department may require such towns and cities to acquire,  
5 through their governing bodies, and such towns and cities shall acquire  
6 in the name of the state, such real property, interests therein or improve-  
7 ments thereon for such highways as are determined to be necessary by  
8 the department in the same manner as if the property were being  
9 acquired by the state.  
10 2. The cost of [the same may be participated in] *acquisition may be*  
11 *shared* by such town or city and the department or may be paid for  
12 wholly by such town or city in accordance with agreements which shall  
13 first be entered into between the governing body of such city or town  
14 and the department.  
15 3. *With respect to real property, interests therein or improvements*  
16 *thereon held in the name of towns and cities, the local governing body*  
17 *may, by conveyance in the nature of quitclaim, transfer such interest to*  
18 *the state in accordance with agreements which shall first be entered into*  
19 *between such governing bodies and the department.*  
20 SEC. 2. NRS 408.995 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
21 408.995 1. When highways are constructed, reconstructed or  
22 improved by the state in accordance with this chapter outside of the  
23 limits of any unincorporated town or incorporated city, the department  
24 may require the boards of county commissioners of the counties in which



STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

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## MEMORANDUM

To The Honorable Senator Helen Herr, Chairman, April 23, 19 75  
Transportation Committee, Nevada State Senate  
From Donald J. Crosby, P. E., Deputy State Highway Engineer

Subject: Synopsis SB 363

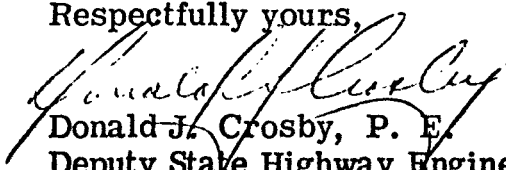
In compliance with your request of this date regarding the reason for the proposed change to N. R. S. 408.990, please be advised as follows:

The Department has experienced difficulty in the type of conveyance used by the different cities and counties to convey streets or roads under their jurisdiction requested by the Highway Department in furtherance of public projects. The legal staffs of the cities and counties are subject to frequent change and succeeding incumbents interpret the type of conveying document in different fashions. At times, Resolutions of Abandonment are suggested while at other times, with the change of legal staffs, petitions to abandon are deemed appropriate. When differing types of conveying instruments are capriciously imposed, confusion, delays and duplication occurs which increases the final cost to the taxpayer.

It was, therefore, our thought that if the governing state statute actually spelled out the type of document to be used in these matters, it would streamline and simplify the method of conveying the interest in streets and highways held by towns, cities and counties to the State for highway purposes. It is for this reason that we felt a quitclaim conveyance would be best suited for our needs and would transfer to the State only that interest held by the respective town, city or county.

Trusting that the above clarifies the reason for the proposed change, I am,

Respectfully yours,

  
Donald J. Crosby, P. E.  
Deputy State Highway Engineer

DJC/ETP:rm

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 439—COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 19, 1975

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Includes travel trailers in requirement for vehicle registration and  
payment of registration fee. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-283)

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

AN ACT to provide a fee for the registration of travel trailers.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 482.480 There shall be paid to the department for the registration  
3 or transfer of registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, fees  
4 according to the following schedule:  
5 1. For each stock passenger car, bus and each reconstructed or spe-  
6 cially constructed passenger car, regardless of weight or number of pas-  
7 senger capacity, a registration fee of \$5.50.  
8 2. For every motorcycle, the sum of \$3.50.  
9 3. For every motortruck having an unladen weight of 3,500 pounds  
10 or less, as shown by a public weighmaster's certificate, a registration fee  
11 of \$9.  
12 4. For every trailer or semitrailer having an unladen weight of  
13 1,000 pounds or less, a flat registration fee of \$2.50. For every trailer  
14 having an unladen weight of more than 1,000 pounds, but not more  
15 than 3,500 pounds, a flat registration fee of \$5.50. For every trailer or  
16 semitrailer having an unladen weight of more than 3,500 pounds and  
17 less than 4,000 pounds, fees according to the following schedule:  
18 3,501 to and including 3,549 pounds..... \$8  
19 3,550 to and including 3,649 pounds..... 10  
20 3,650 to and including 3,749 pounds..... 12  
21 3,750 to and including 3,849 pounds..... 14  
22 3,850 to and including 3,949 pounds..... 16  
23 3,950 to and including 3,999 pounds..... 18  
24 5. For every motortruck having an unladen weight of more than  
25 3,500 pounds and less than 5,050 pounds, fees according to the following  
26 schedule:

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