

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - MINUTES
February 10, 1977
3:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hayes Mr. Harmon
Mr. Demers Mr. May
Mr. Glover Mrs. Westall

MEMBER EXCUSED: Mr. Jacobsen

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. John Medue
Mr. Dennis Tatum, Office of Traffic Safety
Mr. Virgil P. Anderson, AAA
Mr. John Borda, Office of Traffic Safety
Mr. Joseph Dini, Assemblyman
Mr. Bill Engel, State Highway

AJR 13 Assemblyman Dini, a sponsor of the bill, said this legislation was merely an expression from the people of Nevada that they did not like living under the 55 mile per hour speed limit although they do believe in conserving fuel and improving traffic safety.

In the rural areas, the many miles between communities, 55 miles per hour becomes a boring, objectional type of thing. Nevada should petition Congress to raise the speed limit to 65 miles per hour. As the law is written, if the Federal Government raises the speed limit, Nevada's automatically raises with it.

In response to a question from Mr. Harmon, Mr Dini said, other states were expressing their dislike of the 55 mile limit by charging minimum penalties for violations.

Mrs Westall stated, for the record, that she was not asked to put her name on the bill as one of the sponsors.

Mr. Harmon moved to Do Pass AJR 13; Mr. Demers seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

AB 7 Mr. Glover proposed an amendment affecting insurance coverage in motorcycle accidents, with an explanation. (See EXHIBIT A)

Mr. Demers liked the amendment and thought it was proper but he was under the impression one could not get insurance on motorcycles.

Mr. Glover explained with liability insurance one could add medical coverage for motorcyclists and their passengers..

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Mr. Demers moved to Do Pass the amendment; Mr. May seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hayes objected to the sexist terms in lines 8 and 9. The wording should be changed to include women. This had been done on other bills, by the Judiciary Committee. Also, on line one of the enactment clause wording should be changed to read "excluding adult drivers and adult passengers".

Mr. Glover suggested taking out the portion of line 8 that dealt with 18 year olds and changing it to read "16 year olds. This distinction of ages was too hard to enforce.

Chairman Hayes spoke in favor of leaving it as it is, stating that the idea was that if they started out wearing helmets when they were minors, they would continue the practice.

Mr. Demers said the basic principal of AB 7 was freedom of choice for adults.

Mr. Harmon stated that if the 18 year old age limit was taken out he would have to withdraw his support of the measure.

Mr. Demers stated a great many accidents occurred in off-road areas where the helmet law did not apply.

Mr. May moved to pass AB 7, amended by striking on page 1 line 8 the word "he" and substituting appropriate non sexist language. On line 9, strike "his", substituting appropriate non sexist language; in the first line of the enacting clause, add "adult" between the words "and" and "passenger".

Mrs. Westall seconded the motion; the motion carried with Chairman Hayes, Mr. Demers, Mr. Harmon, Mr. May, and Mrs. Westall voting "aye"; Mr Glover voted "no".

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Extensive medical testimony has been presented on the extent to which head injuries are aggravated as a result of not wearing protective headgear when riding a motorcycle.

In the event that this legislation passes to permit the motorcycle rider to exercise his own freedom of choice on the matter, this amendment will properly make him assume his own risk-and not shift the cost of the added risk of injury onto the rest of the public.

Evb A

Amendment to AB7

Add a new subsection 6 to read as follows:

6. In any civil action brought for the recovery of damages for personal injury arising as a result of being an operator or passenger on a motorcycle, the effect of not wearing protective headgear may be considered in evidence for the purpose of mitigating the extent of damages sustained by such injured person.

Footnote-Underlined language is new.

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SUBJECT AB-7

MOTION:

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By May Seconded By Westall

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
HAYES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEMERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
HARMON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
JACOBSEN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WESTALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY:

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SUBJECT A.S.R-13

MOTION:

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone Reconsider

Moved By Harmon Seconded By Demers

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

Yes

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

HAYES

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