

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Sena  
Vice Chairman Glover  
Mr. FitzPatrick  
Mrs. Hayes  
Mr. Polish  
Mr. Prengaman  
Mr. Stewart  
Mrs. Wagner  
Mrs. Westall

GUESTS PRESENT

Larry Oakley, Amateur Radio Operator  
Gary F. Grant, Amateur Radio Operator  
Max Christiansen, Air Cond. & Sheet Metal Contractor  
Keith Henrikson  
J. E. Wood, Grayline Scenic Tours  
Leo Thomas, Las Vegas, Tonapah, Reno Stage  
H. K. Peterson, Nevada Public Service Commission  
Robert F. Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Assn.  
Daryl E. Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Assn.  
David Drew, Coca-Cola Company  
George M. Basta, National Oil & Burner Co.  
John Madole, Assoc. General Contractors  
Ed Frazer, 7-Up Bottling Company  
Jon Madsen, Washoe Keystone  
Barton Jacka, Dept. of Motor Vehicles  
Wink Richards, Motor Carrier Division  
Berle Miller, Nev. Electrical Contractors  
Joe Midmore

Mr. Sena called the meeting to order and announced that A.B. 465 would be the first bill to be heard.

A.B. 465 - Extends to trailers authority for special plates with owners' radio call letters.

Mr. Prengaman said that A.B. 465 adds four words to NRS 482.375 and would permit amateur radio clubs to have special license plates with the owners' radio call letters on trailers and travel trailers. Mr. Prengaman presented committee members with a memorandum from Larry E. Oakley who had requested this legislation. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Barton Jacka said the Department of Motor Vehicles has no objection to this legislation other than it involves the modification of approximately 15 programs in the automation section.

He does not believe such modification can be accomplished by July 1 and recommended an effective date of January 1, 1980. Mr. Jacka informed Chairman Sena that any costs involved in connection with A.B. 465 would be less than \$2,000.

Mr. Larry Oakley appeared in support of A.B. 465 and said it would also affect individuals or people who were in business who would like to have call numbers on their trailers or travel trailers.

Mr. Gary Grant also supported A.B. 465 and pointed out that many amateur radio operators carry emergency equipment and the special licenses would assist in identifying them in an emergency situation.

A.B. 468 - Authorizes personalized plates for motorcycles.

Mr. Henrikson stated that this legislation was drafted under the direction of the Department of Motor Vehicles and they have endorsed it although it was not drafted at their request and is not a part of their program. The United Motorcycle Riders of Nevada, Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists and Nevada Motorcycle Franchised Dealers' Association support A.B. 468.

Mr. Jacka said there was no fiscal impact in regard to this bill since dies have been purchased over the years in anticipation of this request. In response to Chairman Sena's question, Mr. Jacka said there are 20,665 motorcycles registered in Nevada.

Mrs. Hayes asked if the \$25 fee for personalized plates was set by regulation or law. Mr. Jacka said the fee was set by law in 482.367.

A.B. 476 - Makes various changes in law concerning motor vehicle carriers.

Mr. Jacka requested Mr. Richards, Chief of the Motor Carrier Division, to comment on the changes requested by A.B. 476.

Mr. Richards gave a brief background of motor carrier taxes and fee structures and said there were many problems with enforcement and administration as the law is presently written. A.B. 476 would generate approximately \$458,000 additional taxes from the motor carrier industry and the cost to the department would be \$8,687 the first year.

Mr. Richards discussed the bill section by section and explained the department's reasons for the suggested changes. A definition of "entertainers" has been included in 706 and Mr. Richards feels that entertainers should be exempt since they drive

short distances into Nevada and are normally hauling only personal property. Those listed in the exemption section are allowed to pay tax at the pump and not be required to purchase a \$10.00 48-hour temporary fuel permit which must be renewed every 48 hours.

Mr. Richards said there were problems in administration in determining "what is a farm vehicle". Such vehicles are exempt from paying tax but the definition is confusing in the present law. Mr. Richards cited examples of sod farmers and Christmas tree haulers as individuals who should not be exempted.

Mr. Richards discussed the proposed fees and the possibility of a county license plate at a reduced fee of approximately 50 percent which would eliminate the enforcement problems insofar as trying to enforce the 5-mile limit within the cities. Since the weight of vehicles has progressively gone up, the present statute should be changed to raise the weight limit to 8000 pounds. Taxicabs and towcars should be allowed to purchase a temporary license according to Mr. Richards.

Mr. Richards continued to discuss the various aspects of the proposals in A.B. 476 and the reasons for eliminating exemptions to vehicles operating within the corporate limits of a city, United States mail carriers operating star routes and private motor carriers operating within a 5-mile radius of the city limits.

Mr. James E. Wood, Grayline Scenic Tours, appeared in opposition to A.B. 476 in its present form. He objected to exempting entertainers since in most instances the vehicles used by them are leased on a commercial basis and the rates charged are higher than those charged by Nevada carriers. He further objected to this exemption on the ground that entertainers are very highly paid people. Mr. Wood did not believe that lines 44 on page 4 through line 12 on page 5 should be deleted since without this provision people's certificated rights are taken away from them each time the corporate cities extend their limits. If this section is deleted, Mr. Wood believes it should be moved to chapter 706. Mr. Wood also suggested that if United States mail carriers operating star routes are to be taxed, any vehicles operated by state, county, municipality, district or other political subdivision should be also.

Mr. Leo Thomas, President of Las Vegas-Tonapah-Reno Stage Lines, Inc., also opposed A.B. 476 for the same reasons as expressed by Mr. Wood.

Mr. David Drew, representing the Coca-Cola Company in Reno, opposed A.B. 476 and said that most of his trucks operate within the city on streets which are paid for by the taxpayers of the city. He felt the motor vehicle division would have difficulty in administering the 50 percent fee schedule.

Mr. George M. Basta, Owner of National Oil and Burner Company, objected to A.B. 476 since it would add tax to what he is now paying. Two-thirds of his vehicles sit idle during the summer months and this bill would cost him an additional \$3500 to \$4000 by deleting line 44, page 4, through line 12, page 5.

Mr. John Madole, representing Associated General Contractors, said that he objected to A.B. 476 for the same reasons pointed out by Mr. Basta.

Mr. Ed Frazer, 7-Up Bottling Company, expressed the same opposition to the bill, saying that his trucks operated mainly on city streets.

Mr. Jon Madsen, President of Washoe Keystone, also objected to the same provisions of A.B. 476.

Assemblyman Virgil Getto questioned the addition of the words "for human or animal consumption" on lines 13 and 14 page 2. It was his opinion that farmers hauled many necessary items not covered by this description. Chairman Sena suggested that Mr. Getto discuss this question with Mr. Richards.

Mr. Joe Midmore, representing the California-Nevada Soft Drink Association, said the major concern was deleting the 5-mile limit rule. This will place a new tax on vehicles that have not been taxed previously, and that is certainly unfair and unreasonable at this time when taxes should be cut.

Mr. Berlyn Miller, President of the Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, appeared as representative for the Nevada Electrical Contractors, Southern Nevada Homebuilders and Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors. Mr. Miller said these organizations are opposed to A.B. 476 in its present form but if amended in accordance with Mr. Richards' suggestions they would support the bill.

Mr. Harold K. Peterson, Public Service Commission, objected to the exemption for conventions contained in A.B. 476 and charters for conventions should be regulated.

Mr. Bob Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Association, also objected to conventions being exempted since this not only exempts them from payment of the use fuel tax but also exempts them from regulation by the Public Service Commission. Mr. Guinn also felt that entertainers are engaged in private commercial enterprise and the equipment used by them is in furtherance of that. If the half fee proposal is to be adopted, Mr. Guinn suggested that 706.511 should not be repealed so that the same privilege would apply to both private and for-hire carriers.

Mr. Guinn also objected to the proposal to increase the exemption from paying the motor carrier fee to 8000 pounds since it is very inequitable.

Mr. Daryl Capurro stated it was very important that the fiscal impact of carrying the exemption from the current 5000 pounds up to 8000 pounds be ascertained since there are fleets of hundreds of vehicles in Nevada who pay that fee.

Chairman Sena requested Mr. Guinn, Mr. Capurro and Mr. Glover to work with Mr. Richards in studying further the provisions of A.B. 476.

Chairman Sena closed the hearing on the above bills.

COMMITTEE ACTION

A.B. 465 - Mr. Glover moved Do Pass. Seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried.

A.B. 468 - Mr. FitzPatrick moved Do Pass. Seconded by Mr. Glover and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne  
Assembly Attache

January 10, 1979

TO: Paul Prengaman

FR: Larry E. Oakley

I talked with John Ciardella of the Department of Motor Vehicles concerning NRS 482.375. He was in agreement with the change and said to proceed with changing the current law.

The Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society has plans to license a travel trailer utilizing its amateur radio call sign to be affixed upon the travel trailer. We found that at the present time it is illegal to license the amateur radio plate to trailer and travel trailers.

By adding "trailer and travel trailer" to the existing NRS 483.375, this would become legal.

Thank you for accepting this as a bill to present for review and modification.

You may contact me at my home 825-2626, 4060 Jasper Lane, Reno 89509 or call me at my office 784-4071.

60TH NEVADA LEGISLATURE  
ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Date March 20, 1979

Subject A.B. 468

MOTION:

Do Pass  Amend  Indefinitely Postpone  Amend & Do Pass

Moved by Mr. FitzPatrick Seconded by Mr. Glover

AMENDMENT:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
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FitzPatrick	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Glover	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hayes	<u>Absent</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Polish	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Prengaman	<u>Absent</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sena	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stewart	<u>x</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wagner	<u>Absent</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Westall	<u>Absent</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed  Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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