

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

March 6, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Bremner, Mr. Barengo, Mrs. Cavnar, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner, and Mr. Webb.

ABSENT: Mr. Mann

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey, Deputy Budget Director; Steve Robinson, Budget Office; Barton Jacka, Department of Motor Vehicles; Sharon Alcamo, Chief, Driver's License Division; Leonard Winkelman, Director, Administrative Services; Colonel Barney Dehl, Nevada Highway Patrol; Dick Baker, Department of Public Works; W. W. Richards, Chief, Motor Carrier Division; and John Ciardella, Chief, Motor Vehicle Registration Division.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Jacka said that this budget provided for the management personnel in charge of the overall operation of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and that the current strength of the DMV is 542 3/4 people. Mr. Jacka said that DMV was responsible for the collection of \$41,000,000 in revenue in the last fiscal year and it is estimated that in the next biennium the Department will collect \$108,000,000.

Mr. Jacka said that the high cost, in the first year of the biennium, for print duplicating copy of \$7,396 is due to the reproduction of the NRS Code Book. Mr. Jacka said that out-of-state travel consists of funds for the chief and his staff to attend the American Motor Vehicle Association convention, and that the in-state travel is for the director's travel throughout the State. Mr. Jacka stated that the Deputy Director is no longer assigned to the Carson City office, but is now at the Las Vegas office due to the large responsibilities in that area. He said that this should save the director some administrative time in the Las Vegas area.

Mr. Jacka explained that the legal and court expense includes witness fees, and salaries furnished to the two Deputy Attorney Generals (one in the Carson City office and one in the Las Vegas office).

Mr. Jacka said that the budget office had eliminated the office furniture and equipment request, but that there is a necessity for \$1,500 to be added (\$750 in each year of the biennium) for furniture and office equipment. Mr. Glover asked about the kind of furniture needed. Mr. Jacka said that funds are requested to purchase the dictating system currently being leased, and to purchase desks and chairs.

Mr. Barengo asked where the money is shown from the Nevada Research Program. Mr. Jacka said that this money goes into the Highway Fund and that the contract for this work expires in October, 1979. Mr. Jacka said he would like to renegotiate a tighter contract for the future.

Mr. Barengo said that it was his understanding that DMV can furnish this service instead of using an independent contractor. Mr. Jacka said that DMV has been advised that this service is legal, and that if the Department furnished this same information, a fee would be charged. He added that if any person has a problem with this service, investigation by the Department is available.

Mr. Bremner asked how much additional revenue could be generated if DMV took over these services. Mr. Jacka said that fees would have to be raised from those presently charged of \$1.50 to \$2.50 to help offset some of the costs. Mr. Jacka said this service would generate about \$40,000 per year. Mr. Jacka expressed concern about employees of Nevada Research having access to direct records which could be removed.

Mrs. Wagner asked if DMV had considered having their own system ready to go when the present contract expires in October. Mr. Jacka said that this plan had not been discounted, but that the budget office had not approved the funds for this service. He said that they could get this program put together by October, 1979.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 79-20--ADDITION TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES BUILDING, CARSON CITY

Mr. Jacka said that there is a drastic need for additional space in the present building, and that the request from the Department of Public Works involves 78,400 sq. ft. He explained that it is the intention of the DMV to modify the present building and move the Driver's License Division, Registration Division, Motor Carrier Division, and the Director's Office to the new building. The Highway Patrol would then expand into the existing Driver's License and Registration areas. The field office of the Highway Patrol would also be brought back to the present DMV building from their current housing at the Carson City Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jacka continued that the present building has some very serious problems, bad layout, heating and air-conditioning problems, and leaky roof.

Mrs. Wagner inquired as to when the building was constructed. Mr. Jacka said that DMV moved into the building in 1967.

Chairman Mello asked if most of the monies for the new building would come from the General Fund. Mr. Jacka said that the request is for a one-shot General Fund appropriation.

Chairman Mello asked how the present motor vehicle fees in Nevada compare with those in other states. Mr. Jacka said that Nevada has low fees compared to other states. The Highway Department has suggested that the fees be increased. Mr. Jacka said that the Department charges \$6.00 for individual driver's licenses that cost \$3.86 to produce. Other states average a \$10.00 charge for driver's licenses. Nevada charges \$6.00 for license renewal while the national average runs \$9.50. Nevada charges \$2.00 for duplicate licenses while the comparable national average is \$2.21. Currently Nevada registration fees are \$5.50 while the national average is \$11.00. Chairman Mello said that a list of the proposed changes in fees has been requested from the Highway Department.

Mr. Jacka said that another requested raise was on fuel tax, from .06¢ a gallon to .08¢, and that commercial vehicles now \$5.50 would have a new rate schedule based on weight.

Chairman Mello commented that on the highways, most of the wear is on the outside lanes due to truck usage. Mr. Jacka said that it is a real concern that the multi-million mile users pay a reduced rate on the per mile cost which creates an inequity.

Mr. Glover said that after hearing the Highway Department's concern for the present deterioration of the highway system, this area really needs to be looked into with regard to the trucking companies paying more money for highway usage. He added that the justice court fines are too small to be effective when trucks are cited for overweight violations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Mr. Jacka introduced Mr. Leonard Winkelman, Division Director. Mr. Jacka said that the primary responsibilities of this Division are revenue accounting and distribution, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, expenditure control, and control of the equipment inventory.

Mr. Jacka said that the two new positions being requested are to assume some responsibility for auditing and revenue accounting in the Las Vegas and the Reno offices. These positions are an Account Clerk, in Reno, and a Principal Account Clerk in the Las Vegas office.

Mr. Jacka said that the request for communications includes postage, freight, telephone rental, and telephone toll calls.

Chairman Mello asked about the item for other building rents. Mr. Jacka said that the Elko office is expanding to house the Highway Patrol, Motor Carrier, Registration, and Driver's License Divisions. Mr. Jacka said that negotiations are underway in Fallon to find larger quarters which would possibly require an increase of \$10,800 each year of the biennium. He added that Fallon has only 200 sq. ft. which is not sufficient for three highway patrolmen, motor carrier people, and registration. Mr. Jacka repeated the request to increase the rental category in other building rent by \$10,800 each year of the biennium to take care of problems in the Fallon area and in some of the other areas.

Mr. Hickey said that there are problems with DMV in Las Vegas regarding improper maintenance and poor service. Mr. Jacka said that on a recent visit to Las Vegas, he had visited this building, which is located in a shopping center, and that the driver's licensing function is being administered out the back door through a storage room. He said debris is stored in part of the buildings, and that there are inadequate temporary counters. Mr. Jacka said that a more suitable location should be investigated in the near future. Mr. Jacka said that arrangements might be made for a lease operation and furnished these approximate figures for 7,800 sq. ft. on 2 1/2 acres: \$325,000 to build, and .65¢ a square foot to lease, or about \$65,000 a year.

HIGHWAY PATROL

Chairman Mello introduced Colonel Barney Dehl, Nevada Highway Patrol.

Mr. Jacka said that the requested one-shot of \$128,427 is recommended to continue funding for the law enforcement communications network from March, 1979 through June 30, 1979. The funds would provide for a mechanical switch presently being installed in DMV, and for teletype and radio communications throughout law enforcement agencies in Nevada. Mr. Jacka said that six positions would be transferred from LEAA to the Highway Patrol and that there is a current need for ten additional dispatchers in Carson City. These six plus the hiring of two new dispatchers, and two more through the transfer of funds from the Gaming Board to NHP to furnish dispatch services for Gaming's Las Vegas operation would fill this need for ten people, said Mr. Jacka. Another benefit of this operation, said Mr. Jacka, would be a reduction of positions and a savings of \$116,177 from the past level of program activities.

Colonel Dehl said that the requested \$128,427 is not the correct figure, but should be \$116,177 due to \$12,250 in Federal funds being received from LEAA. Mr. Jacka said that 14 positions would be eliminated through the implementation of this program.

Chairman Mello asked if there are any Federal funds involved in this program. Mr. Jacka said there will not be.

Mr. Bible asked if the State is now assuming any responsibility that was formerly Federally funded. Mr. Jacka said that the State is not, from an employees standpoint, but is assuming responsibility for the operation of hardware and paying for the switch to complete this grant program.

Colonel Dehl explained that the State assumed the whole cost of the statewide teletype system, then Federal money was used until September, 1978, at which time various regions in the State raised \$70,000 to support this center, and Mr. de la Torre of Law Enforcement obtained \$12,250 in Federal funds to sustain the program.

Mr. Jacka said that five tactical officers are requested as new positions and explained that their responsibilities would be commercial enforcement; to check size, weight, load violations; pollution control violations; school bus and two truck inspection. Mr. Jacka said that the pay for these officers will be about 15% less than that paid to patrolmen. He said that they will drive pickups, and will not work traffic accident investigation or other enforcement-type activities. Mr. Jacka said that two officers would be assigned to Reno, two in Las Vegas, and one in Elko.

Chairman Mello said that Mr. Borda of Traffic Safety had stated that three positions concerned with school bus inspection are being transferred to Highway Patrol. Mr. Jacka said a request was made for these transfers, but that this was not allowed in the Governor's recommendation. Chairman Mello said that this function of school bus inspection was formerly Federally funded.

Mr. Webb inquired about the weight control system for trucks entering Nevada. Mr. Jacka said that this is done on a limited basis by the Motor Carrier Division with the scales and the manpower they have available. Mr. Jacka said that with the requested positions, monies will be generated to more than pay for program improvements.

Chairman Mello commented about possible duplication in services between DMV and the Office of Traffic Safety and asked if the Office of Traffic Safety functions could be administered by the Highway Patrol. Mr. Jacka replied that the Nevada Revised Statutes provide that all responsibility for traffic safety is with the DMV and that nobody else should administer the program.

Chairman Mello asked if DMV could assume this function and save the taxpayers some money. Mr. Jacka said that DMV could assume this responsibility and could save costs.

Chairman Mello requested that Mr. Jacka work out such a program for the Committee to consider.

In discussing the revenue portion of the budget, Mr. Jacka said that \$26,458 in the first year of the biennium and \$27,963 in the second year of the biennium is a reimbursement from Gaming which will be used to fund two dispatchers requested to handle Gaming's business. Mr. Jacka said that two new dispatcher positions are requested for the Highway Patrol, along with the transfer of six from LEAA. Mr. Jacka added that the Equipment Mechanic II is a pilot program requested in an effort to try to reduce maintenance cost. He said that these individuals would do minor maintenance with one mechanic being in Reno and one in Las Vegas. Mr. Jacka said that if these two positions are not approved, the vehicle maintenance budget would have to be increased by \$50 - \$60,000.

Mr. Jacka indicated that two new Storekeeper positions are requested to control about \$2,000,000 of Highway Patrol property, to maintain specialized equipment such as breathalysers, and would be also utilized as general utility personnel. He also said that these individuals would be paid 25% less than the patrolmen currently performing these functions, thus freeing up the patrolmen for patrol duty.

Chairman Mello asked about the position of Equipment Mechanic II requested by the agency only in the second year of the biennium in the Reno office while the Governor recommended it for both years. Mr. Jacka explained that the correct request is for a mechanic in Reno in the first year of the biennium and a mechanic in Las Vegas in the second year of the biennium, but that he would prefer to have these two mechanics for both years.

Mr. Jacka said that in the overtime category, after the budget was prepared, Personnel had granted payment for court pay for a minimum of four hours as compared to the previous pay for two hours which will cause a shortfall of about \$30,000 per year for the Highway Patrol. Mr. Jacka suggested that this sum be added to the budget, and that the court pay be broken down as a separate line item in the future.

Mr. Jacka explained that out-of-state travel involves attendance at the National Association of the Chiefs of Police--regional, local, and national--conferences, Motor Vehicle Administrators conference, Communication Operations workshop, microwave training, and some training workshops for troopers.

Mr. Jacka said that in-state travel includes academy attendance, travel supervision inspections, and movement of personnel to respond to critical accidents outside their districts.

Mrs. Wagner noted that the agency requested amounts for travel substantially greater than those recommended by the Governor. She asked the purpose of the additional funds requested but not recommended. Chairman Mello asked if this request was based on additional positions being approved. Mr. Jacka said that the in-state travel request of \$112,170 was for 15 additional patrolmen which would have been an academy operation. He added that this request for patrolmen was placed in the Highway Patrol special fund.

Mr. Webb asked why all the highway patrolmen are not in the same budget--why is there a separate budget for 70 patrolmen? Mr. Alastuey said that the Highway Patrol special fund is set up apart from the budget as the law specifically provides that patrolmen can be hired from this special fund and provides that the total number of patrolmen cannot exceed 151.

Mrs. Wagner inquired about the rationale for setting up this separate fund. Mr. Jacka said that there is a \$3 special fee that is imposed for additional highway patrolmen and this fund had at one time been combined with the main highway patrolmen fund. Since a greater number of men were hired than the legislature had specified, a separate fund was established.

Mr. Jacka said that the amounts recommended under other contract services of \$18,951 and \$20,467 are not sufficient to pay for leases for 29 mountain-top sites, Zenith 1-2000 (emergency number on the highway for citizens), line costs to utilities, and other services. He said that in 1978, \$25,560 was spent which does not take into consideration any increases in the next two years. Mr. Jacka said that this amounts to a shortfall of almost \$7,000 the first year and slightly over \$5,000 the second year, and that the actual cost figure of \$25,560 should be budgeted for each year of the biennium.

Mr. Jacka explained that other furniture and equipment includes vests for troopers, electronic sirens, mobile radios, scanners, citizen's band radios (less expensive than the call box system), and a 20 channel tape recorder for the Elko area.

Mr. Bremner asked about the policy regarding the troopers taking patrol cars home. Mr. Jacka said that each trooper is assigned an automobile and that it is more expedient to take the cars home.

Mr. Bremner commented that this policy causes adverse criticism of the Highway Patrol.

Chairman Mello asked Dick Baker, Department of Public Works--who was called over to the meeting--what is being done about the leaking roof of the DMV building? Mr. Baker said that there are no plans at this time to work on this building. Mr. Baker explained that this problem is caused by the stucco walls and metal studs, and that the roof itself does not leak but that water comes in through the walls and runs down.

Chairman Mello asked who planned and designed this building. Mr. Baker said that the design of this building was approved by the Public Works Board.

Chairman Mello asked about the cost of repairing the building. Mr. Baker did not have an estimate and said that this type of stucco construction was used successfully in homes in the area. He repeated that the problem is in the walls and not the roof.

Chairman Mello said that DMV told the Committee that the roof is leaking and requested that Public Works send someone over to the building today to see what repairs are necessary and to report back to the Committee.

Mrs. Wagner expressed concern with problems of this and other buildings in view of the number of projects proposed for the Capital Improvements program.

Chairman Mello commented that the Kinkead Building also has many problems.

Mr. Webb said that costs are running \$80 and \$90 a square foot which are far beyond common sense. Mr. Webb said that the cost quoted by Mr. Jacka for a new DMV building in Las Vegas by a private contractor is about one-fourth the average cost per square foot of buildings from the Department of Public Works. He added that a lid must be put on spending.

Chairman Mello said that Nevada should be able to construct a building with taxpayer's money that would last a reasonable length of time, and added that the Public Works Board is accepting dreams of architects to experiment with taxpayer's dollars.

Mr. Bremner stated that part of the problem with the heating and air-conditioning systems is the proliferation of partitions and individual offices which is not the fault of the Public Works Board. Mr. Bremner added that a letter has been sent to Building and Grounds stating that no more partitioning will be done without the approval of the Public Works Board.

Mr. Baker concluded his testimony and Mr. Jacka continued with the budget. He explained that the scope assessment is an assumption on the part of the State, through the highway fund, of the costs related to a computer process operated by the Metropolitan Police Department in Las Vegas. Mr. Jacka said that the communications board assessment is the fee proposed for the Highway Patrol's use of the microwave system.

Mr. Jacka said that the original number of vehicles to be purchased was 30, but with the increased cost of vehicles since preparation of the budget, the recommended funds would permit purchase of 28 cars in the first year of the biennium and 27 cars, plus a snowcat for mountain access, in the second year of the biennium.

Mr. Jacka said that self insurance is a pilot program to try to reduce the cost being paid for collision insurance, as only 21% of insurance premiums had been paid out by insurance companies in the past.

HIGHWAY PATROL SPECIAL

Mr. Jacka said that this fund is used to hire additional highway patrolmen. Mr. Jacka said that 10 new positions are requested the first year of the biennium, and 10 additional positions in the second year of the biennium. He said that these positions would be allocated as to accident ratio to the Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko offices.

Mr. Jacka furnished the Committee with a handout (Exhibit "A") showing comparative data including number of vehicles registered, accidents investigated, citations, and other information. Mr. Jacka said that there is a bill before the Senate to change the complement of the Highway Patrol based on the number of registered vehicles.

Chairman Mello asked if the fee structure would be changed or would it need to be raised from \$3 to \$4 in the next biennium. Mr. Jacka said that according to Colonel Dehl's projections, the current rate of growth would not make an increase necessary.

Mr. Bible asked if the 90 patrolmen recommended in 1980-81, if approved, would be supported in the next biennium without an increase in the \$3.00 fee. Mr. Dehl replied that they would.

Mr. Jacka said that the vehicle operations item amount of \$354,800 in the first year as the Governor recommends is too high, and that \$292,190

is the amount needed. The Governor recommendation of \$431,010 in the second year is also too high and \$365,190 is the amount needed.

Mr. Jacka said that the recommendation for other furniture and equipment is not sufficient, as it costs \$5,000 to equip a patrolman and that the figure of \$40,672 the first year of the biennium should be changed to \$90,000, and the second year figure of \$25,050 should be changed to \$75,000. Mr. Jacka explained that this increase is necessary for equipping the 10 additional patrolmen.

Mr. Glover asked if the State furnished the patrolmen's weapons. Mr. Jacka replied that they do.

Mr. Bremner asked if comprehensive insurance is included in self-insurance. Mr. Jacka said that comprehensive and public liability is paid by the Highway Patrol. Mr. Bremner asked if substantial savings could be realized by dropping comprehensive insurance coverage. Colonel Dehl said that comprehensive claims are quite high due to broken windshields, and there would not be a savings by dropping this from the policy.

Mr. Jacka said that highway patrol vehicles calls for \$201,500 each year of the biennium from which 19 replacements and 10 new cars each year will be purchased.

HIGHWAY PATROL GRANT ACCOUNT

Mr. Jacka said that these monies are received from Federal grants and that the trooper trainee program is a program whereby funds are received from Highway Safety to place cadets in a training status at the Academy. Mr. Jacka added that if the cadets complete training and there are no openings, the Federal government funds them for nine months. Mr. Jacka said that no cadets are in training now and that the Highway Patrol is authorized 10 slots.

Mr. Jacka said that there are three school bus inspectors for the inspection program. He explained that the grants in this program expire September 30, 1979. The Selective Traffic Enforcement positions are the statistical clerks assigned to develop the data based on accidents to relate to the proper assignment of personnel. He said that the Training Systems Support are project programs and that SPEAR is a selective enforcement program whereby patrolmen are paid overtime for intensive enforcement in high traffic localities. Mr. Jacka said that the Highway Patrol Coordinator coordinates all the Federal grants that are run through the Highway Department, and that this position will be retained as there will be \$440,000 to be administered next biennium. Mr. Jacka said that the Hazardous Material Program was for seminars about hazardous materials that are transported on the highways.

DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION

Mr. Jacka addressed the one-shot of \$81,938, and said that this appropriation is recommended for the Drivers License Division to fund eight positions from the Highway Fund, and will be used to accommodate increased citizen demand for service especially during periods before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jacka furnished the Committee with a handout (Exhibit "B") showing the work backlog as of February 16, 1979. Mr. Jacka said that when he became Administrator of DMV there was a backlog of over 2,000 Driving Under the Influence suspensions whose licenses should have been suspended.

Mr. Bremner asked if registrations could also be suspended to stop individuals from driving without a license. Mr. Jacka said that this could be done.

Chairman Mello stated that he had been given estimates that 25% of the people driving did not have licenses. Mr. Jacka agreed with this estimate and added that 49% do not have insurance.

Mr. Jacka introduced Ms. Sharon Alcamo, Chief of the Drivers License Division. Mr. Jacka said that this Division has four major functions:

drivers license field operations service to conduct original and renewal license examinations, the license withdrawal section, the records section, and the financial responsibility section. Mr. Jacka said that the shift differential indicates that there will be a night shift in Las Vegas which is incorrect and explained that this would be a pilot program to keep the office open until 8:00 p.m., but if not sufficient to meet the needs, would be discontinued.

Mr. Jacka said that the additional positions being requested for the first year of the biennium include: two Administrative Aides in the headquarters office, two Drivers License Clerks in the Las Vegas office, and 1 1/2 Drivers License Clerks in the North Las Vegas office. He added that in the second year of the biennium, there will be a reduction of one Administrative Aide in the Carson City office, which totals 6 1/2 new positions in the first year, and 5 1/2 in the second year of the biennium.

Mr. Jacka said that the out-of-state travel of \$500 both years will be used to send a drivers license supervisor to Northwestern University to gain expertise in training. Mr. Jacka explained that in-state travel is used for traveling throughout the State to monitor the various field offices and for field drivers license examiners to travel to remote areas each month at a given time.

Mr. Jacka said that other contract service shows an increase due to leasing a microfilm system for getting drivers license records micro-filmed.

He explained that three additional vans are being requested to transport drivers license examiners throughout the State.

Mr. Jacka said that photo license in-house service had formerly been in the automation budget, but is now separate to provide a more cost-effective approach.

He said that the cost of contractual services has increased due to the cost of drivers license pictures, which are now .28¢ and may go as high as .55¢. He added that the amounts requested are based on .45¢ per picture which may have to be increased when a new contract is signed.

Mr. Barengo inquired into the possibility of having another agency having microfilming capabilities such as Management Services, do the Department's microfilming. Mr. John Ciardella, Chief of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division, explained that the random entry process is necessary for retrieval capabilities, while the Management Services uses a closed-in system.

Mr. Barengo referred to an item in the handout (Exhibit "B") for bad check cancellation, and asked if an individual's drivers license is cancelled and if a registration is cancelled in the event that a check proves to be no good. Ms. Alcamo said that the drivers license is cancelled. Mr. Ciardella said that the registration is cancelled and cannot be renewed.

MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION

Mr. Jacka introduced Mr. Wink Richards, Chief of the Motor Carrier Division, to the Committee.

Mr. Jacka said that this Division is concerned with the administration, collection, and enforcement of motor carrier laws, licenses, fees, and taxes, special fuel dealers and dealer taxes, proration of registration, and privilege taxes as they pertain to the interstate operation of motor carriers. Mr. Jacka added that the Division consists of the Tax Administration Section, the Audit Section, and the Enforcement Section. He said that this Division processed \$16,251,033 of fees collected in 1978. Mr. Jacka said that there are 19 vendor stations who collected \$2,957,891 in 1978, with .75¢ being paid back to those vendors for every certificate issued, for a total of \$237,009.

Mrs. Wagner asked about the positions being requested in this budget. Mr. Jacka explained that 5 field agents are requested to work random scale enforcement, coordinate weight enforcement with the Nevada Highway Department, provide commercial road block activity, and assume normal field agent responsibilities as assigned to maintain the standards of the Highway Safety Act.

Chairman Mello inquired about two agents being needed in Elko. Mr. Jacka said that the budget office placed them there, but that they can be used in any other area as needed.

Mr. Bremner said that complaints have been received by him regarding lack of service in the Tonopah area. Mr. Jacka said that some of these agents would travel to the remote areas on a regular basis.

Mr. Rhoads inquired about use of motor carrier cars for non-business-related purposes. Mr. Jacka said that there is a mileage limit enforced as to the distance the cars may be driven to the agents' homes.

Mr. Jacka called the Committee's attention to a large increase in the print duplicating copy item and explained that this is caused by an increase in motor vehicle insurance rates so that more citation and receipt books had to be ordered.

Mr. Jacka said that medical and dental expense is for blood alcohol tests administered by Motor Carrier. Mr. Jacka said that he stresses to all the agents that they are not policemen. Chairman Mello asked if these agents could take any action if they witnessed speeding or drunk driving violations. Mr. Jacka said that they could notify the Highway Patrol, but would take action with an obvious drunk driver situation.

Mr. Hickey questioned the statement he had heard in Transportation that 99% of the overweight trucks are being cited. Mr. Richards said that a very high percentage of truckers are being caught.

Mr. Rhoads asked for some information about the out-of-state audit item. Mr. Jacka said that field auditors have to check trucks coming into Nevada to verify that their book activity agrees with their report to the State.

REGISTRATION DIVISION

Mr. Jacka introduced John Ciardella, Chief of the Motor Vehicle Registration Division, to the Committee.

Mr. Jacka said that the function of the Registration Division is to register and license all passenger vehicles, trucks, motorcycles, mobile homes, and travel trailers. He added that the Division also issues certificates of ownership and maintains the title and registration records. He said that in 1978 the Registration Division collected \$27,167,491 for the Highway Fund.

Mr. Jacka said that a total of 10 1/2 new positions are requested for the first year of the biennium, and 14 1/2 are requested for the second year to keep pace with the work load.

Mr. Jacka said that in other furniture and equipment a laminating unit had been requested, but should now be deleted (leaving \$7,450 in 1979-80 and -0- in 1980-81) as a bank note-type certificate would be more satisfactory. Mr. Jacka said that print duplicating copy should be changed to \$78,496 in the first year of the biennium, and in the second year of the biennium the correct figure should be \$89,210, which when added to the requested equipment charges, amounts to a savings of \$16,958.

Mr. Jacka said that in raw materials, there has been a tremendous increase in the price of aluminum and the reflectorized material for producing license plates. He said that the price of aluminum is now \$2,000 per ton.

Chairman Mello requested a listing of all the proposed changes. This was later supplied and is attached as Exhibit "C."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

March 6, 1978

DATE: 5-6-74

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
GUEST LIST

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL COMPARATIVE DATA

<u>AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Sworn Personnel: (Troopers & Supervisors)	121	141	151	151	151	151	151	(161)	(171)	(171)
Support Personnel:	45	50	50	53.5	53.5	60.5	60.5	(81)	(81)	(81)
Total:	166	191	201	204.5	204.5	211.5	211.5	(242)	(252)	(252)
<u>TOTAL REGISTERED VEHS:</u>	446,663	488,105	510,627	518,434	568,107	624,403	670,162	(717,073)	(767,268)	(820,976)
<u>NO. OF REGISTERED VEHICLES PER TROOPER:</u> (includes Chief & Supv.)	3,691	3,461	3,381	3,433	3,762	4,135	4,438	(4,453)	(4,486)	(4,800)
<u>TOTAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED:</u>	5,881	6,429	5,091 ^(a)	5,745	5,355 ^(b)	5,940	7,698			
<u>TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED:</u>	39,353	60,142	77,520	116,225	117,890	106,899	110,822			
<u>D.U.I. ARRESTS:</u>	<i>Not Available</i>		2,507	2,417	2,433	2,692	2,721			
<u>TOTAL ARRESTS:</u>	3,831	5,519	7,868	7,968	8,211	8,342	8,999			
<u>MOTORIST ASSISTS:</u>	14,362	20,547	38,644	52,013	43,996	44,352	40,117			
<u>TOTAL CONTACTS MADE:</u>	157,606	214,920	524,771	752,766	726,493	654,247	596,802			

Note: The figures for years 1979, 1980, and 1981, are projected at a registration increase of 7% per year from the base year of 1978. The figures for these years also include the requested increase in Troopers and Support Personnel for the biennium. Figures in parenthesis are projected figures.

(a) Start of 55 mph Speed Limit

(b) RESTEP Selective Enforcement Program

NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
COMMUNICATIONS STATISTICAL DATA

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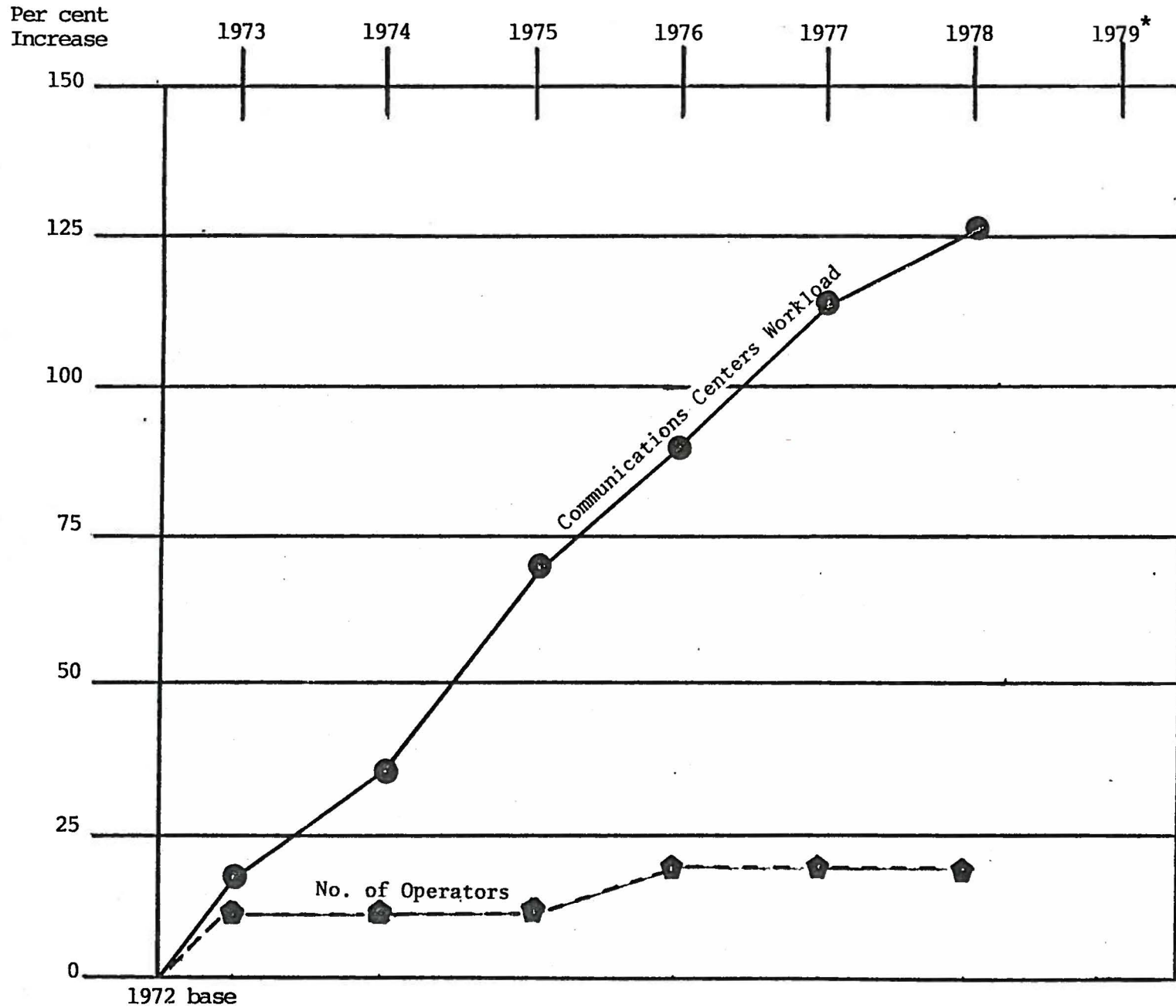
ZONE	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
HEADQUARTERS							
Radio messages received	215,899	24,583	50,796	67,536	113,788	164,443	299,508
Telephone messages received	57,343	39,300	57,379	64,566	70,256	107,418	139,114
NAWAS Hotline	36,398	18,407	21,931	31,523	40,439	38,855	40,088
Teletype messages relayed	130,971	123,980	96,426	76,720	6,447	49,853	57,040
Teletype messages received	69,555	62,592	67,570	63,099	11,451	49,151	61,878
Teletype messages originated	5,874	8,242	11,627	9,254	3,219	17,401	25,147
TOTAL	<u>516,040</u>	<u>277,104</u>	<u>305,729</u>	<u>312,698</u>	<u>243,600</u>	<u>427,121</u>	<u>622,775</u>
Record check requests	1,532	21,423	56,289	68,479	67,707	94,468	128,558
Statistical reports processed	31,620	27,579	53,693	60,387	5,315	-----	-----
RENO							
Radio messages sent/received	113,954	331,471	354,141	373,486	555,360	868,140	897,441
Telephone messages sent/received	10,118	77,083	63,413	62,822	48,061	57,539	81,396
Teletype messages sent/received	522	1,814	3,368	3,494	32,530	107,151	157,111
TOTAL	<u>124,594</u>	<u>410,368</u>	<u>420,922</u>	<u>439,802</u>	<u>635,951</u>	<u>1,032,830</u>	<u>1,135,948</u>
LAS VEGAS							
Radio messages sent/received	357,554	387,196	438,693	694,615	906,160	939,512	948,272
Telephone messages sent/received	126,263	135,536	169,279	196,064	157,403	207,192	215,732
Teletype messages sent/received	15,118	24,878	31,426	39,100	40,018	30,578	23,302
TOTAL	<u>498,935</u>	<u>557,610</u>	<u>639,398</u>	<u>929,779</u>	<u>1,105,581</u>	<u>1,177,282</u>	<u>1,187,306</u>
ELKO							
Radio messages sent/received	127,315	159,356	247,701	523,031	796,071	868,140	793,475
Telephone messages sent/received	29,045	39,946	44,124	50,393	52,355	57,539	53,353
Teletype messages sent/received	17,690	31,410	45,340	58,643	91,020	107,151	179,568
TOTAL	<u>174,050</u>	<u>230,712</u>	<u>337,165</u>	<u>632,067</u>	<u>939,446</u>	<u>1,032,830</u>	<u>1,026,396</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>1,346,771</u></u>	<u><u>1,524,796</u></u>	<u><u>1,813,196</u></u>	<u><u>2,443,212</u></u>	<u><u>2,997,600</u></u>	<u><u>3,764,531</u></u>	<u><u>4,100,983</u></u>
Total number of operators	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>

Per cent increase in workload, all Zones, 1974 through 1978 - 126%

Per cent increase in operators, all Zones, 1974 through 1978 - 12%

EXHIBIT "A"
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COMPARATIVE DATA
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS



Message and work units ●
Number of operators ◆

*It is impossible to project future work loads because the Nevada Highway Patrol is assuming additional responsibilities of state wide communication switcher system.

	Received	Completed	Backlog
FILES			
Data Cards	5,362	6,282	41,720
Originals	1,788	2,100	13,008
Name Changes	152	198	5
Deceased	34	34	0
Citations (In-State)	2,960	504	89,635
Citations (Out-of-State)	1,400	0	13,306
No Matching Records	224	41	634
Accident Memos	267	0	26,123
Purge List (names)	0	0	27,798
TERMINALS			
Citations	362	2,229	19,954
No Matching Records	142	7	3,125
Name Changes	158	688	2,360
21'ing (Inactivate Licenses)	1,221	939	19,341
WITH-DRAWAL			
FTA Clearances	43	43	0
No Matching Records	4	180	72
Problems	0	53	0
Returns to court	60	60	0
Returned Mail	51	51	59
DUI's (In-State)	24	24	0
Restricted License Letters	11	10	1
Point System Suspensions	0	9	136
Returned Mail (filing)	145	302	261
Rescissions	3	3	0
Out-of-state citations (alph'd)	0	1,400	8,895
No Matching Record - DUI's	0	0	1,050
Daily citations to be processed	2,960	8,211	0
Driving Under Revocation/Suspension	176	384	2993
Out-of-State DUI's	0	0	350
Confiscation Order	0	0	149
Returned Licenses	26	25	12
Implied Consent Suspensions	26	25	0
Letters	10	10	0
Findings	4	0	4
I.C. Problems	0	0	0
Manslaughter Withdrawal	4	4	0
Felony DUI Withdrawal	0	0	0
Cancellations	0	0	611
Illegal Aliens	0	0	0
45-day Letters		Moratorium	
Fraudulent Licenses			18

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	Received	Deleted	Log
WITH-DRAWAL			
Return Receipts (filing)	0	0	282
Deferred Licenses	0	0	0
Bad Check Letters	0	0	0
Bad Check Cancellations	0	0	10
Drive records to other states	0	0	0
Drive records from other states	0	0	2,014
Citations to code	7,112	0	7,112
T.S.S. completion forms	164	95	551
Reinstatement letters	Moratorium		
Restricted licenses	5	5	8
SAFETY			
Police Reports	428	315	428
RESPONS. Driver's-Reports of Accidents	188	0	2,053
Orders of Suspension	8	8	17
Reinstatements	0	0	15
Correspondence	174	141	118
Place on Notice	0	5	222
SR 22's & 26's & Closures	93	93	0
SPECIAL SERVICES			
Physicals to be entered	123	219	122
Physicals to be filed	219	83	5,781
Yearly Medical Letters	0	0	480
Daily Remittance Reports	41	45	48
Physicals checked	123	123	0

201 - 4706 Director's Office

	79/80	80/81
Office Furniture and Equipment		
Governor Recommends	\$ 500.00	-0-
Requested Increase	\$1,500.00	-0-
New Request	\$2,000.00	-0-

201 - 4714 Administrative Services

Other Building Rent		
Governor Recommends	\$88,560.00	\$ 91,560.00
Requested Increase	\$10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00
New Request	\$99,360.00	\$102,360.00

201 - 4713 Highway Patrol

Overtime		
Governor Recommends	\$ 71,691.00	\$ 75,276.00
Requested Increase	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
New Request	\$101,691.00	\$105,276.00

Other Contract Services		
Governor Recommends	\$18,951.00	\$20,467.00
Requested Increase	\$ 6,609.00	\$ 5,093.00
New Request	\$25,560.00	\$25,560.00

201 - 4718 Registration

Printing-Duplicating-Copying		
Governor Recommends	\$52,696.00	\$61,210.00
Requested Increase	\$25,800.00	\$28,000.00
New Request	\$78,496.00	\$89,210.00

Other Furniture and Equipment		
Governor Recommends	\$50,208.00	\$28,000.00
Move to Printing	(\$25,800.00)	\$28,000.00
New Request	\$ 7,450.00	-0-
Net Savings	\$16,958.00	-0-

201 - 4715 Automation

In House		
Governor Recommends	\$285,773.00	\$281,878.00
Requested Increase	\$ 18,768.00	\$ 18,768.00
New Request	\$304,541.00	\$300,646.00

Facility Charges		
Governor Recommends	\$306,434.00	\$264,909.00
Requested Increase	\$ 25,061.00	\$ 7,247.00
New Request	\$331,495.00	\$272,156.00

276 - 4707 Highway Patrol Special Fund

	79/80	80/81
Vehicle Operation		
Governor Recommends	354,800.00	431,010.00
Requested Decrease	(62,610.00)	(65,820.00)
New Request	292,190.00	365,190.00
Other Furniture and Equipment		
Governor Recommends	40,672.00	25,050.00
Requested Increase	49,328.00	49,950.00
New Request	90,000.00	75,000.00
Reserve		
Governor Recommends	496,359.00	248,988.00
Requested Increase	13,282.00	15,870.00
New Request	509,641.00	264,858.00

101 - 4719 Failure to Appear

Total Funds Available		
Governor Recommends	91,074.00	95,462.00
Requested Decrease	91,074.00	95,462.00
New Request	-0-	-0-

Additional Request:

Place 2 out of 4 positions (1 driver's license clerk-1 key punch operator) currently funded by the Failure to Appear program in the Drivers License budget, Account 201-4716. This would increase salaries and payroll cost in the Drivers License budget by approximately \$20,804 in 79/80 and \$22,006 in 80/81. This would create an approximate general fund savings of \$50,270 in 79/80 and \$53,455 in 80/81. Any remaining unused fees collected would revert to the General Fund when the program ceased operation.

Recap

	79/80	80/81
Office of the Director	\$ 1,500.00	-0-
Administrative Services	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
Highway Patrol	\$36,609.00	\$35,093.00
Registration	(\$16,958.00)	-0-
Automation	\$43,829.00	\$26,015.00
Failure to Appear	(\$50,270.00)	(\$53,455.00)
Total Increase	\$25,510.00	\$18,453.00