

The meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. in the Legislative Building, Room 323.

Senator Blakemore in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman
Senator Wilbur Faiss, Vice Chairman
Senator William Hernstadt
Senator Lawrence Jacobsen
Senator Clifford McCorkle
Senator Joe Neal

ABSENT: Senator Keith Ashworth

The Committee had a work session on the following bills:

A.B. 11 EXCLUDES ADULT DRIVERS OF MOTORCYCLES AND THEIR PASSENGERS FROM REQUIREMENT TO WEAR HEADGEAR AND OTHER PROTECTIVE DEVICES.

Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick spoke on A.B. 11. He gave some additional statistics that he had obtained from the Information Director of the Colorado State Division of Highway Safety. He said the relative cost in the State of Colorado for all motorcycle accidents was \$22,000,000. He spoke of an estimate given by the National Safety Council that the cost to society as a whole for any highway accident that involves a fatality is \$135,000. He referred to figures given to the Committee by John Borda, Office of Traffic Safety (see Exhibit A). Assemblyman Fitzpatrick went on to say that 60 percent of motorcycle fatalities are alcohol related.

Senator McCorkle moved that A.B. 11 "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Neal.

Motion carried.

Senator Jacobsen voted "no."

BDR 35-315 Authorizes the issuance of bonds to complete highway construction projects.
(SB 260)

Senator Hernstadt moved that BDR 35-415 be introduced by the Committee.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

A.B. 19 EXTENDS PROHIBITION OF PARKING NEAR A FIRE HYDRANT TO 20 FEET IN PLACES WHERE ANGLE PARKING OF VEHICLES IS PERMITTED.

Senator Blakemore read a letter from Sam Mamet of Clark County (see Exhibit B) and after discussion by the Committee, the following action was taken:

Senator Jacobsen moved that A.B. 19 "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

S.B. 30 PROHIBITS USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO MEASURE VEHICLE SPEED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

Senator Neal distributed a newspaper article "Faster Than A Speeding Tree" (see Exhibit C).

Senator McCorkle suggested that S.B. 30 be amended to keep it in city limits and keep it off the highways. After discussion Senator McCorkle suggested that S.B. 30 be amended to exempt school zones and city limits from the purpose of the bill. Senator Blakemore requested the bill be held for Committee amendment and heard again on March 1, 1979.

S.B. 47 CREATES NEW CATEGORY OF MINOR COUNTY ROADS.

No action was taken on S.B. 47. A subcommittee is to be appointed from both houses for consideration of this bill.

S.B. 52 PROVIDES FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE IF OPERATOR IS STOPPED AND LACKS PROOF OF REQUIRED INSURANCE.

Senator McCorkle moved that S.B. 52 be Indefinitely Postponed.

Seconded by Senator Hernstadt.

Motion carried.

S.B. 57 STRENGTHENS ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIRED INSURANCE ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

This bill was held for further discussion.

S.J.R. 3 PROPOSES TO AMEND NEVADA CONSTITUTION TO BROADEN PERMISSIBLE USES OF STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

Senator Hernstadt moved that S.J.R. 3 be Indefinitely Postponed.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

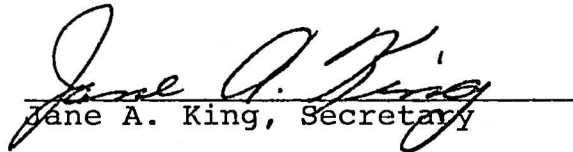
S.B. 67 AUTHORIZES CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REQUIRE PAYMENT
OF PARKING CITATIONS BEFORE RENEWAL OF VEHICLE
REGISTRATION.

This bill was held for further discussion.

A committee was appointed comprised of Senator Hernstadt,
Senator McCorkle and Senator Jacobsen to draft a bill concerning
enforcing overweight truck law.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned
at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane A. King, Secretary

APPROVED:


Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman




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GovernorJOHN W. BORDA
DirectorM E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Richard Blakemore
Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: John W. Borda, Director 

DATE: February 21, 1979

RE: MOTORCYCLE INFORMATION FROM COLORADO

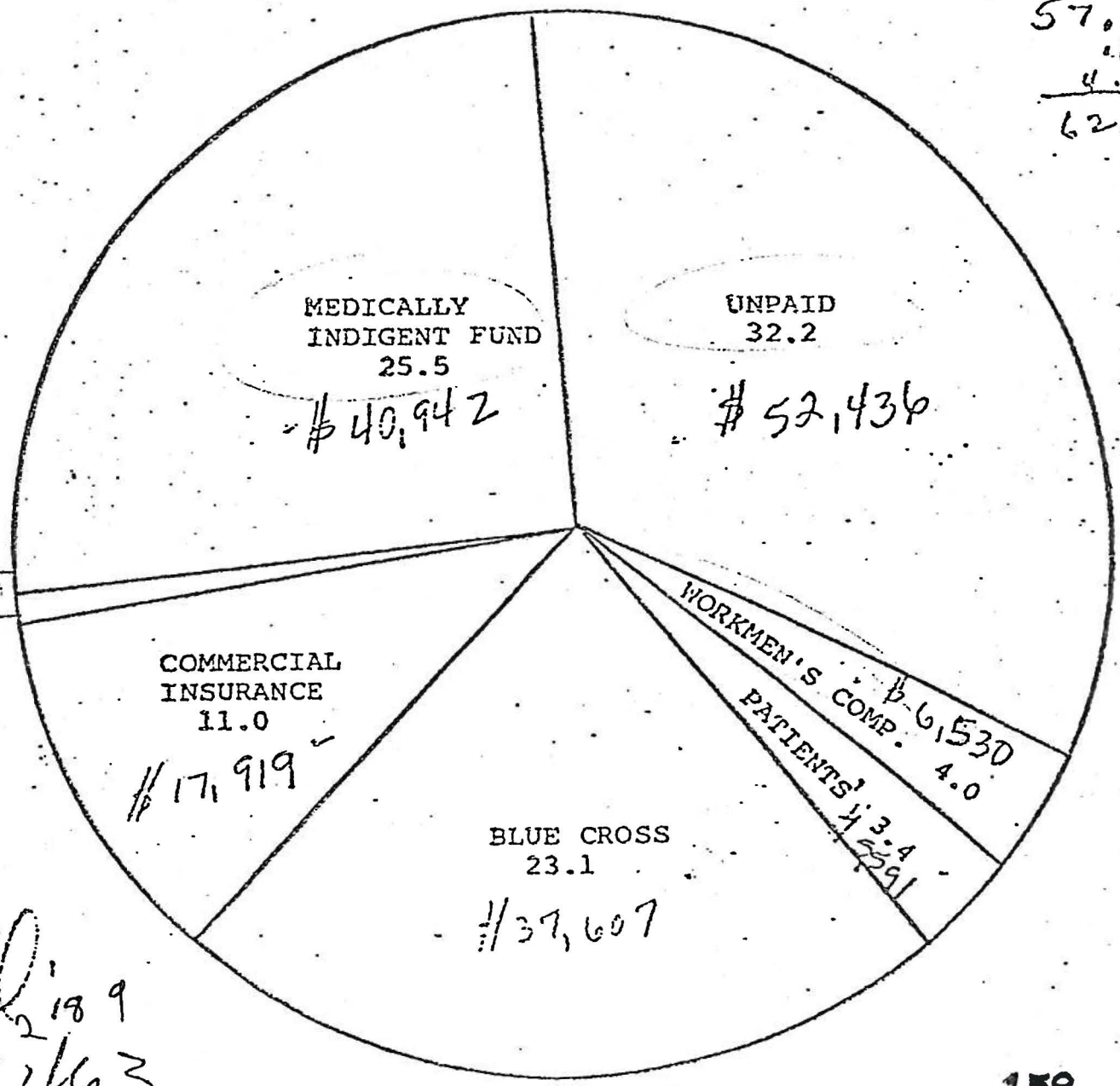
As per your request, I am forwarding the attached motorcycle accident information received yesterday from Colorado.

JWB/tai

71 MOTORCYCLISTS' HOSPITAL BILLS
 Denver General Hospital
 July 1976 - June 1977
~~Costs~~ Percentage Distribution
 According to Financial Responsibility

57.7
 .8
 4.0

 62.5



Handwritten calculations and notes:

57.7
 2.189
 2
 62.463
 1.4
 2
 4
 2
 1.4
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 36.563

EXHIBIT A
HOSPITALIZATION COSTS OF COLORADO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CASES

ADMITTED TO CRAIG HOSPITAL

1976 and 1977

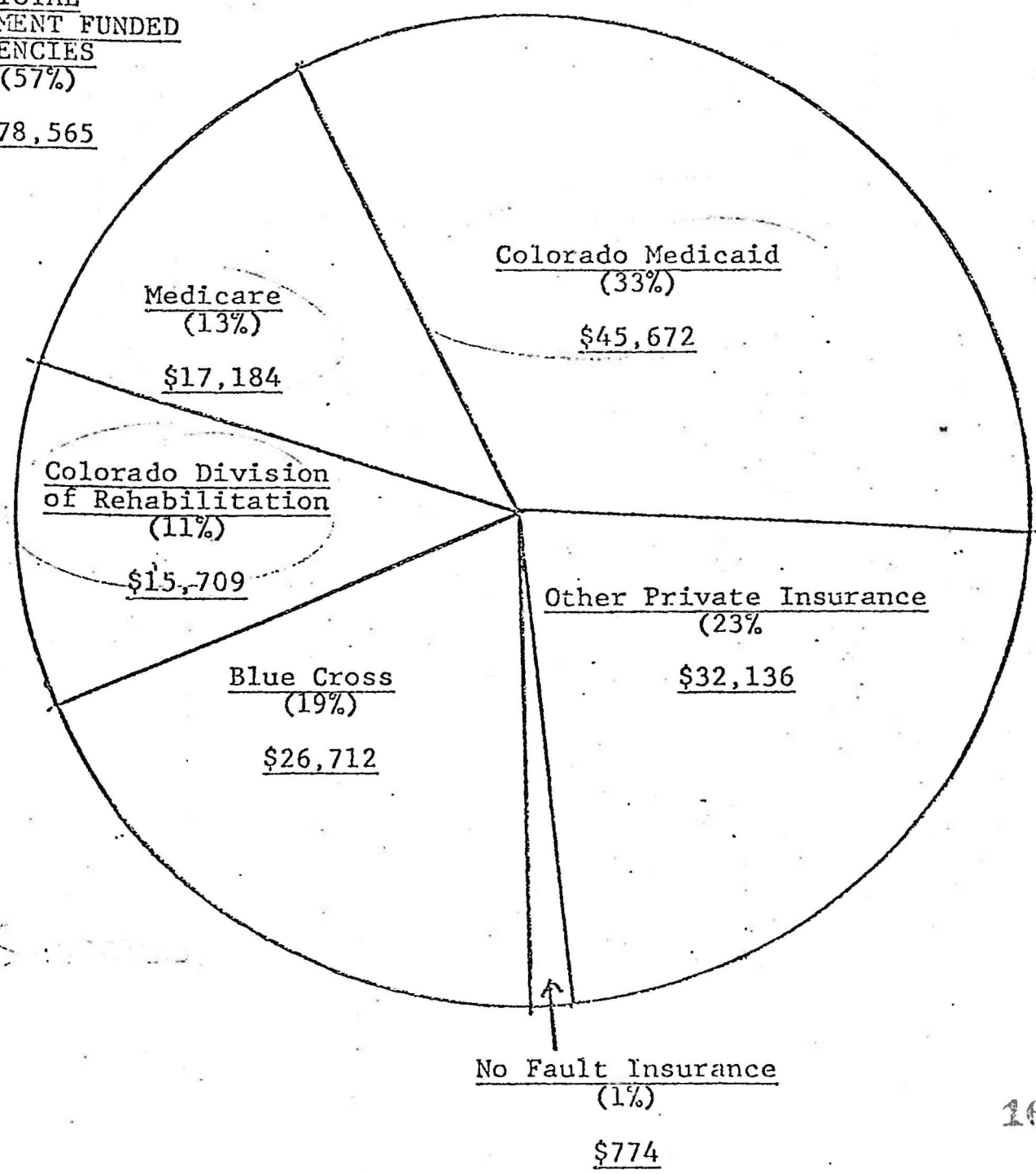
13 CASES - TOTAL COST = \$138,187

Colo. RESIDENTS

Rehabilitation

TOTAL
- GOVERNMENT FUNDED
AGENCIES
(57%)

\$78,565



In Summary

AVERAGE COST/PATIENT = \$10,630

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF HOSPITALIZATION COSTS
OF COLORADO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT CASES
ADMITTED TO CRAIG HOSPITAL

1976 and 1977

SPONSORING AGENCIES	YEAR - 1976		YEAR - 1977		TOTALS	
	(Cases)	Total Costs	(Cases)	Total Costs	(Cases)	Total Cos
<u>GOVERNMENT FUNDED AGENCIES</u>						
Medicaid (Title XIX)	(2)	\$14,712	(1)	\$30,960	(3)	\$45,672
Medicare (Title XVIII)	(1)	4,499	(1)	12,685	(2)	17,184
Colorado Division of Rehab.	(-)	--	(1)	15,709	(1)	15,709
TOTAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED AGENCIES .	(3)	\$19,211	(3)	\$59,354	(6)	\$78,565
<u>HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCES</u>						
Blue Cross	(1)	\$ 1,733	(2)	\$24,979	(3)	\$26,712
No Fault Insurance Carriers.	(1)	774	(-)	--	(1)	774
Other Private Insurance Carriers	(1)	8,575	(2)	23,561	(3)	32,136
TOTAL HOSPITAL. INSURANCES	(3)	\$11,082	(4)	\$48,540	(7)	\$59,622
TOTALS.	(6)	\$30,293	(7)	\$107,894	(13)	\$138,187



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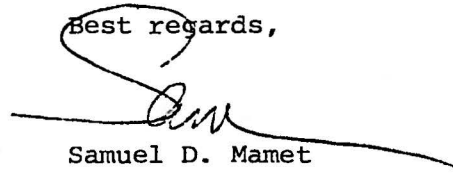
Dear Senator Blakemore:

I am sorry that I was not in attendance on Tuesday when you discussed A.B. 19, First Reprint. This legislation was proposed by the Clark County fire department and simply allows local governments to pass ordinances to allow for a greater parking distance away from a fire hydrant.

The reason for this legislation is because the fire department in Clark County has experienced that the existing 15 foot clearing around hydrants is not always sufficient to maneuver long fire trucks near the hydrants. In areas where horizontal or diagonal parking is permitted they would like authority through local ordinance to enlarge the parking distance from the fire hydrant.

This bill has the support of various fire departments who we contacted around the state and so we know of no opposition to the legislation. We would appreciate your committee's favorable consideration of this bill at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,


Samuel D. Mamet
Management Analyst

SDM/mg

cc: Senate Transportation Committee Members

Faster than a speeding tree!

MIAMI (AP) — Motorists caught speeding by radar-type devices used by the Florida Highway Patrol and other police in Dade County had their trials postponed Wednesday after judges were shown a film in which a tree was clocked at 86 mph.

In another example shown to Judge Alfred Nesbitt and other county judges, a house was clocked at 28 mph.

The films were made by reporters for Miami television station WTJV, which is broadcasting a series on potential problems, including the accuracy, of the radar-type speed detection devices.

"Acting in my capacity as administrative judge, I have ordered that radar ticket cases be postponed until both sides have an opportunity to present evidence in court," Nesbitt said.

He said a test case would be selected soon in which defense attorneys and representatives of the Highway Patrol or other police agencies would be called to testify about the accuracy of the devices.

It could not immediately be determined what kind of devices were used in the television demonstration.

The order applied only to Dade County — Florida's most populous — but Nesbitt said he wouldn't be surprised if judges in other counties took similar action.

Bob Mayer, a reporter for WTVJ, said the series showed that the most common devices used by the Highway Patrol could be adversely affected by radio

transmissions from Citizens' Band radios and other devices.

Florida Highway Patrol Director Eldrige Beach said in Tallahassee that he wanted any questions about the devices' accuracy resolved, but he was confident that no serious problem existed.

"There's some doubt in their (judges') minds, but there's no doubt in our minds," Beach said. "We're going to continue using the radar."

Asked what the effect could be on cases in which motorists caught by radar were recently convicted, Nesbitt said, "They could petition for a rehearing and those petitions would be heard at the same time as the new ones will be."

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