

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. in Room 323 in the Legislative Building.

Senator Blakemore in the Chair.

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles  
Bill Macdonald, District Attorney of Humboldt County

A.B. 283 REQUIRES SECURITY FOR MOTOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO  
REGISTRATION IN THIS STATE.

Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke on A.B. 283. He stated this bill is a departmental bill which was requested because the district attorneys and attorneys general felt the law requires, at present, that an affidavit be signed on which it is stated that insurance will be maintained on the vehicles registered, such as, dealer reported sales or with a demo permit. Since there is no enforcement for these vehicles, the language has been made to require that these vehicles be registered making the law all inclusive.

Chairman Blakemore closed the hearing on A.B. 283.

A.B. 284 MAKES ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN REGISTRATION OF  
VEHICLES.

Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke on A.B. 284. He stated this bill is a departmental bill also. He said this bill would allow vehicles of 3,500 pounds or less or motortrucks of 5,000 or less to be registered on a staggered basis. The bill also allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge a \$2.00 fee for each certificate of title issued.

Chairman Blakemore closed the hearing on A.B. 284.

A.B. 282 PROVIDES NEW REGISTRATION CODE FOR LICENSE PLATES.

Mr. John Ciardella, Department of Motor Vehicles, spoke on A.B. 282. He stated this bill is a departmental bill too. He said the bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to reverse the positions of license plate codes, the first three digits would be numbers and the last three digits would be letters, when the present codes are exhausted. Mr. Ciardella also brought the attention of the Committee to page 3, section 4, line 47 and the balance of the

bill. He said this is new language and should have been printed in italics. Senator Hernstadt said he felt this should be corrected before the bill went to the floor of the Senate.

Mr. Bill Macdonald, District Attorney of Humboldt County, said he hoped the number of license plates would never warrant the loss of county designation. He said they were not only a matter of pride but often made law enforcement easier such as in interscholastic games in different counties and the possibility of ensuing fights. Mr. Ciardella said that the code reverse would allow at least 10 more years before this would be necessary.

Chairman Blakemore closed the hearing on A.B. 282.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

A.B. 282 Senator Ashworth moved that A.B. 282 be amended and "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 283 Senator Hernstadt moved that A.B. 283 "Do Pass."

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.B. 284 Senator Ashworth moved that A.B. 284 "Do Pass" as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane A. King, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Richard E. Blakemore, Chairman