

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Price  
 Vice Chairman Polish  
 Mr. Beyer  
 Mr. DuBois  
 Mr. Glover  
 Mr. Mello  
 Mr. Prengaman  
 Mr. Schofield  
 Mrs. Westall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Sue Wagner, Senator  
 Hale Bennett, Chief of Registration, Dept. of M.V.  
 Herman E. Molen, American Ex-Prisoners of War  
 Orin R. Miller, " " " "  
 John F. Gioni, " " " "  
 George Churchyard, " " " "  
 Martin S. Reidy, " " " "  
 Dana Greenleaf, Disabled American Veterans  
 Leonard E. Dickerson, " " " "  
 Manuel G. Nevarez, " " " "  
 Nelva J. Greenleaf, Disabled American Veterans  
 Auxiliary

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Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SB 216: Provides special license plates for prisoners of war.

Sue Wagner, Senator, Washoe District #1, testified first as prime sponsor of the bill. She said the bill is very clear; it is to allow ex-prisoners of war the opportunity to have a special license plate. Currently 13 states have provided for this kind of a plate, and bills are pending in 20 other states at this time. She said the bill was amended in the Senate to designate an ex-prisoner of war with three or four consecutive numbers. The fiscal note attached is for \$1,000, basically for the initial die to be made, and no other expense is expected. This is not a free license plate, just a designated one for people who have contributed a great deal to this country.

Mrs. Westall asked about part of the old language that says one license plate per individual and asked if there is any reason for limiting this on the new proposal and how does it relate to the special parking permit.

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Hale Bennett, Chief of Registration for the Department of Motor Vehicles, explained that the reason for it initially was that when the DAV plates were issued, there were also some special parking privileges that go with these plates. The Legislators felt that this person could only be in one vehicle at one time, and if additional plates were issued, other members of the family would be driving the vehicles. Mrs. Wagner pointed out that this section applies to the same provision for the DAV plates and it might not make any difference to DMV on the number issue except for the parking privileges.

Speaking next in support was Mr. Herman Molen, National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. who distributed material to the committee members, attached as EXHIBIT A. Additionally, he presented to Chairman Price a copy of a study that was directed by Congress, a report from the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense.

Mr. Molen referred to EXHIBIT A, which includes a list of states which have POW license plates and those with pending legislation. He said he just received a call that Georgia and Wisconsin should be added to the pending list.

He said these plates have been a morale boost for the Ex-Prisoners of War, and added they are not asking for a handout, just recognition.

Mrs. Westall asked again if he thought just one plate would be enough. Mr. Molen answered that there was much pro and con for more than one plate. However, he would like to state that if more than one was issued, they would not abuse the privilege.

Mr. Schofield asked if the MIA people (missing in action) within the scope of this bill had been taken care of. Mr. Molen responded that they had not been included. He said another group not included are the civilian prisoners. He said the bill only addresses ex-military prisoners. He said there were no more than 10 or 12 in this group in the state. He said that he doesn't want to "rock the boat" at this time, but that he would like to see further legislation that would cover any American citizen held as prisoner.

Dana Greenleaf, Chairman of the Disabled American Veterans for the State of Nevada, noted they support the SB 216 100 percent.

Mr. Mello moved DO PASS of SB 216, seconded by Mr. DuBois and Vice Chairman Polish.

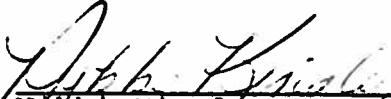
Vice Chairman Polish noted a classmate in the audience, George Churchyard, and he wanted to give his wholehearted support of this bill for him.

The motion carried unanimously.

It should be noted that Mr. John Giomi was also present today. A prisoner of war in Germany, he had been a former legislator here in Nevada.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Nikki Kinsley  
Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday

Date April 8, 1981 Time Noon Room 214

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

SB 216

Provides special license plates for  
prisoners of war.

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.



# Ex-POW License Plates



## HAVE POW PLATE

- ARKANSAS
- KANSAS
- LOUISIANA
- MISSISSIPPI
- NEW MEXICO
- NORTH CAROLINA
- OHIO
- SOUTH CAROLINA
- TENNESSEE
- TEXAS
- ILLINOIS
- OKLAHOMA
- MISSOURI
- IOWA
- WEST VIRGINIA

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- WISCONSIN
- ALABAMA
- GEORGIA