MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

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The Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor was called to order by Chairman Thomas R. C. Wilson, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 1981, in Room 213 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Thomas R. C. Wilson, Chairman Senator Richard Blakemore, Vice Chairman Senator Melvin D. Close Senator Don Ashworth Senator William Hernstadt Senator William Raggio Senator Clifford McCorkle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank W. Daykin, Legislative Counsel Betty Steele, Committee Secretary

Mr. Frank Daykin, legislative counsel, was present to testify on Senate Bill No. 121, Senate Bill No. 122 and Senate Bill No. 126. He said the bills were designed to remedy inconsistencies in the Nevada Revised Statutes.

SENATE BILL NO. 121--Removes inconsistent statutory provisions concerning registration of hospital pharmaceutical technicians and renewal of certain permits.

Mr. Daykin stated the most substantive change in <u>Senate Bill No. 121</u> was substituting the word "biennial" for "annual" throughout the bill.

Senator Blakemore moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 121</u> be reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Senator Ashworth seconded the motion. (See <u>Exhibit C</u>.) Motion passed unanimously.

SENATE BILL NO. 122-- Removes conflicting statutory references to certain former powers of Nevada industrial commission.

With regard to <u>Senate Bill No. 122</u>, Mr. Daykin stated in the 1979 session, <u>Assembly Bill No. 84</u> transferred hearing responsibilities from the Nevada industrial commission to a new core of hearing officers. He remarked there is a bill being drafted which would restore the power of subpoena to the commission. If that bill is passed, it would necessitate other changes in the law in order to conform correctly. Mr. Daykin said <u>Senate Bill No. 122</u> would do just that. Senator Wilson suggested the committee hold <u>Senate Bill No. 122</u> until the other bill comes from the bill drafter's office and then consider the two bills together. The committee agreed to this.

SENATE BILL NO. 126--Removes obsolete statutory reference to a repealed chapter of NRS.

Mr. Daykin stated <u>Senate Bill No. 126</u> removes conflicting statutory references in regard to "no-fault" insurance.

Senator Blakemore moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 126</u> be reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion. (See Exhibit D.).

The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Raggio moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 121</u> and <u>Senate Bill No. 122</u> be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senator Hernstadt seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL NO. 130--Allows public service commission to enter into agreement with Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. John Clark, administrative assistant, public service commission, testified on <u>Senate Bill No. 130</u>. He stated the bill would allow the public service commission to enforce federal safety standards with regard to hazardous liquid pipelines in the state of Nevada. He remarked the language of the bill refers to "intrastate" pipelines and he noted he is not aware of any intrastate pipelines.

Mr. Clark requested the language be changed to read "interstate" pipelines. He said there would be no need for additional funding to enforce the laws; the enforcement is funded 50 percent by federal grants. Mr. Clark stated the federal government only has 2 pipeline inspectors for the 14 western states.

Senator Blakemore asked if the federal government is willing to pay the state for providing these services and Mr. Clark affirmed they would provide 50 percent of the funding. Senator Hernstadt asked Mr. Clark if the public service commission has enough available personnel to carry out these inspections. Mr. Clark answered that only one additional person would need to be hired.

Senator McCorkle inquired who is presently overseeing and inspecting the interstate pipelines in Nevada. Mr. Clark replied the federal inspectors are, when they have the time. Senator McCorkle then asked, if this legislation is enacted, would the federal inspectors still have overall jurisdiction.

Mr. Walter Hernandez, also representing the public service commission, answered Senator McCorkle's question. He stated the federal government checks about once a year on safety standards. McCorkle wanted to know what this legislation would accomplish if the federal inspectors would still check on the safety standards only once a year. Mr. Clark replied the federal inspectors would not necessarily inspect the pipelines themselves; but they would make sure the state's inspection program is adequate. In response to Senator McCorkle's question why natural gas is excluded from the legislation, Mr. Clark said it is included in the federal laws dealing with natural gas pipelines. He said there are two laws on the federal level; one deals with hazardous liquids including petroleum and petroleum products, the other deals only with natural gas. He said the public service commission now has the authority to inspect intrastate natural gas pipelines; but it would require a separate bill to allow the commission to contract with the federal government for the inspection of interstate natural gas pipelines.

Senator Wilson commented instead of drafting a new bill to include interstate natural gas pipelines, the committee could amend <u>Senate Bill No. 130</u> to include the interstate natural gas lines. Mr. Clark stated that would be agreeable to him. Senator Hernstadt pointed out that liquefied natural gas is transported in pressurized containers, not pipelines; so he felt it inappropriate to amend the bill to include the provisions for natural gas. Mr. Clark suggested that perhaps the bill could be amended to include language providing for the jurisdiction to inspect transportation or storage

facilities. Senator Wilson remarked a possible amendment would be to insert, after "the safety of", the words "storage facilities and", on line 5; and delete the words "or facilities" on line 6. The amendment would also include deletion of the word "excluding" on line 8, substituting the word "including" in its place. Mr. Clark commented it was important to leave in the language which refers to pipeline facilities because that is how the federal statutes are drafted.

With no further testimony, Chairman Wilson closed the public hearing on <u>Senate Bill No. 130</u>.

SENATE BILL NO. 63--Removes upper limit on number of directors for savings and loan associations.

Senator Virgil Getto testified on <u>Senate Bill No. 63</u>. He said the bill was requested, by a savings and loan company which was expanding their offices to southern Nevada. He said the expansion really necessitated an increase in the number of directors.

Senator Wilson inquired if anybody knew why there was a cap on the number of savings and loan directors. Mr. Norman Okada, acting savings and loan commissioner, stated the only reason he could see was, if the number grows too large, the administration of the institution might become unwieldy. He suggested, if the cap on the number of directors is lifted, there should be a requirement making it mandatory for the number of directors to be an odd number. He reminded the committee that, if a savings and loan institution were to change the number of their directors, they would have to have that change approved by the savings and loan commissioner.

With no further testimony, Chairman Wilson closed the hearings on <u>Senate Bill No. 63</u>.

SENATE BILL NO. 82--Provides exemption from requirement of continuing education for nurses and provides for certain fees.

Senator Virgil Getto stated the main purpose of page 1, of <u>Senate Bill No. 82</u>, is to exempt recently-graduated registered nurses or licensed practical nurses from having to conform to the continuing education requirements passed in the 1979 session. He said if they had just graduated, they should be exempt from having to go right back to school for continuing education.

Ms. Pat Gothberg, Nevada Nurses' Association, also testified on the bill. She addressed the language on line 7, page 1, which

refers to an accredited school of professional nursing. She said those schools are training students to be registered nurses, while a school of practical nursing trains licensed practical nurses. She stated Senate Bill No. 82 does not mention schools of practical nursing and she felt that it should. Ms. Gothberg also suggested, on line 26, page 2, the word "duties" should be changed to "acts" to comply with NRS 632.010. She commented the new language in lines 40 through 48 merely allowed the board of nursing examiners to charge fees for the time and expenses incurred in approving continuing education courses.

With no further testimony, Chairman Wilson closed the hearing on Senate Bill No. 82.

Senator Hernstadt moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 63</u> be reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Senator McCorkle seconded the motion. (See Exhibit E.)

The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Don Ashworth moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 82</u> be reported out of committee with a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion. (See Exhibit F.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Blakemore moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 130</u> be reported out of committee with "Amend, and Do Pass as Amended" recommendation.

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion. (See Exhibit G.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Hernstadt moved that <u>Senate Bill No. 129</u> be reported out of committee with the recommendation "Re-refer to the Committee on Government Affairs".

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The committee agreed to honor bill draft requests from the insurance commission to have bills drafted on the following subjects:

- --to provide for certain technical wording relating to casualty insurance.
- --to provide that no insurer would be eligible for a transaction of surplus lines insurance unless the insurer has established a reputation of financial integrity.
- --to provide an increase in the minimum amount of the U.S. trust fund for alien insurers from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.
- --to provide that only a resident general lines broker may be licensed as a surplus lines broker and requiring a written examination of each applicant for a surplus lines license.
- --to provide for a county signature of renewal of policies and insurance contracts produced by non-resident licensees.
- --to provide the isolation of Section 683A of NRS to clarify the definition of "administrator".
- --to provide for the clarification of NRS 683A.180, to specifically exclude non-resident brokers or solicitors from agent examination exemption.
- -- to provide for the repeal of notification requirement to insurers.
- --to provide for a uniform age limit for licensing of agents in Nevada.
- -- to provide for clarification of laws regarding the filing of policy forms.
- --to provide for a stamp on every insurance contract delivered as surplus lines coverage.

Chairman Wilson presented the following bill draft requests for committee approval.

- (SB 191) BDR 53-250--Removes limit on number of appeals officers.
- (SB AL) BDR 23-324--Allows travel and moving expenses to certain state employees recruited from outside state.
 - BDR 54-116--Re-establishes real estate division of department of commerce; changes fees and duties of division and brokers.

The committee approved introduction of the bill draft requests presented for approval.

The committee then had an informal discussion on the public service commission. Senator Wilson remarked some of the questions the committee should be considering include: 1) should the public service commission be given the jurisdiction to enlarge the service area of a particular utility, 2) should the public service commission be given the authority to permit the installation of insulation, and 3) should a public utility have the right to mandate acquisition of water rights.

Senator Wilson commented he feels it is constitutional to give the PSC the authority to enlarge the area of a public utility; but before that request is made, the PSC should take into account the criteria of financial feasibility and public need. He recommended the committee request a bill to provide the public service commission with the authority to enlarge a public utility's service area.

Senator Close moved the committee request a bill to provide the public service commission with authority to enlarge a public utility's service area. (BDE 58-1381-58 570)

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

With respect to water rights, Senator Wilson said the question is whether a public utility ought to be given the right to mandate the acquisition of water rights to ensure an adequate supply of water to consumers in the service area of a public utility. He asked if the power of condemnation of water rights should be conditional on public service commission approval. Senator Close felt the PSC should be kept out of it as much as possible. Senator Blakemore expressed concern over investing that much authority in a privately-owned company.

Senator Wilson commented that all over Reno and Washoe Valley there are small water companies that are going bankrupt. He said the consumers living in the subdivisions supplied by those water companies are having to pay tremendous rates for water. Senator Wilson said the water companies are unwilling to move or extend their service boundaries. Senator Close remarked they had good reason for that because they would not be able to obtain the water rights they would need to expand their boundaries.

Senator Close moved that the committee request a bill to provide public utilities the authority to obtain water rights to meet local demand.

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senator Blakemore voted "No".)

Senator Hernstadt wished the record to reflect that he voted "Yes" but without any commitment to support the bill once it is drafted.

Senator Blakemore moved that the committee request a bill to create a water district in the Truckee Meadows Basin.

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Senator Close moved that the committee request a bill to invest general authority in the public service commission to appear before the federal power commission.

Senator Don Ashworth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The committee then agreed to request a bill allowing the public utilities to finance the installation of insulation, without an official motion to that effect.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

	Respectfully submitted,
APPROVED:	100/2
MM	Betty Steele, Committee Secretary
Senator Thomas R.C. Wilson, Cl	nairman
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EXHIBITS - MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 1981

Exhibit A - is the Meeting Agenda.

Exhibit B - is the Attendance Roster.

Exhibit C - is Senate Bill No. 121.

Exhibit D - is Senate Bill No. 126.

Exhibit E - is Senate Bill No. 63.

Exhibit F - is Senate Bill No. 82.

Exhibit G - is Senate Bill No. 130

SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXHIBIT	A
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Committee	on	Commerce	and	Labo	or		•	Room	213	_ •
Day _	Wedr	esday	_,	Date	February	4	,	Time	1:30 p.	m.

Committee Bill Draft Requests

- S. B. No. 121--Removes inconsistent statutory provisions concerning registration of hospital pharmaceutical technicians and renewal of certain permits.
- S. B. No. 63--Removes upper limit on number of directors for savings and loan associations.
- S. B. No. 122--Removes conflicting statutory references to certain former powers of Nevada Industrial Commission.
- S. B. No. 126--Removes obsolete statutory reference to a repealed chapter of NRS.
- S. B. No. 82--Provides exemption from requirement of continuing education for nurses and provides for certain fees.
- S. B. No. 130--Allows Public Service Commission to enter into agreement with Secretary of Transportation.

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SENATE BILL NO. 121—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

JANUARY 29, 1981

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Removes inconsistent statutory provisions concerning registration of hospital pharmaceutical technicians and renewal of certain permits. (BDR 54-45)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION-Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to pharmacy; conforming the time for registration as a hospital pharmaceutical technician and for the renewal of certain permits to the provision in NRS 639.170 for biennial registration and renewal fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. NRS 639.210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 639.210 The board may [proceed administratively to] suspend or revoke:

3 1. Any certificate or current renewal thereof, any license or current renewal thereof, any permit or current renewal thereof, and deny the application of any person for a certificate, license or permit, who:

(a) Is not of good moral character;

(b) Is guilty of habitual intemperance;

(c) Becomes or is intoxicated or under the influence of liquor, any depressant drug or a controlled substance as defined in chapter 453 of NRS, unless taken pursuant to a physician's prescription, while on duty 10 in any establishment licensed by the board;

(d) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct or conduct contrary to the public interest;

(e) Is addicted to the use of any controlled substance as defined in 15

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chapter 453 of NRS; 16 (f) Has been convicted of a violation of any law related to controlled 17 substances as defined in chapter 453 of NRS, of the Federal Government 18 or of this or any other state;

(g) Has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral

turpitude, dishonesty or corruption;

(h) Has willfully made to the board or its authorized representative any false written statement which is material to the administration or enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter;

(i) Has obtained any certificate, certification, license or permit by the filing of an application, or any record, affidavit or other information

in support thereof, which is false or fraudulent;

(j) Has violated any provision of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or any other federal law or regulation relating to pre-

scription drugs;

(k) Has violated, attempted to violate, assisted or abetted in the violation of or conspired to violate any of the provisions or terms of this chapter or any law or regulation relating to the practice of pharmacy, including laws and regulations governing controlled substances and dangerous drugs, or has permitted, allowed, condoned or failed to report a violation of any of the provisions of this section committed by a registered pharmacist in his employ;

(1) Has failed to renew his certificate, license or permit by failing to

pay the renewal fee therefor;

(m) Has had his certificate, license or permit suspended or revoked in another state on grounds which would cause suspension or revocation

of a certificate, license or permit in this state; or

(n) Has, as a responsible managing pharmacist, violated any provisions of law or regulation concerning recordkeeping or inventory requirements in a store over which he presides as responsible managing pharmacist or has allowed a violation of any provision of this chapter or other state or federal laws or regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy, including statutes governing controlled substances and dangerous drugs, by personnel of the pharmacy under his supervision as responsible managing pharmacist.

2. Any permit or current renewal thereof for the issuance of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit, or for the issuance of a current renewal of a permit to supply or operate vending machines or devices for distribution of any prophylactic issued to any person, or to deny the

application of any person who has applied for a permit who:

(a) Has willfully made to the board or its authorized representative any false written statement which is material to the administration or enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter;

(b) Has obtained any permit by the filing of an application, or any record, affidavit or other information in support thereof, which is false

or fraudulent;

(c) Has violated, attempted to violate, assisted or abetted in the violation of or conspired to violate any of the provisions or terms of this chapter applicable to such permit; or

(d) Has failed to renew his permit by failing to pay the [annual]

renewal fee therefor.

SEC. 2. NRS 639.2325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.2325 1. A hospital pharmaceutical technician may only be

employed in a hospital pharmacy, in accordance with such regulations as may be adopted by the state board of pharmacy.

2. A hospital pharmaceutical technician [shall] must not be

345 employed in:

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(a) The outpatient section of a hospital pharmacy; or
(b) Any pharmacy other than a hospital pharmacy.

3. All work done by a hospital pharmaceutical technician [shall]

must be under the direct and immediate supervision of a registered pharmacist, who [shall be] is responsible for all work so performed.

9 4. A hospital pharmaceutical technician [shall register annually] 10 must register biennially with the board and pay the required registration 11 12

SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

SENATE BILL NO. 126—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

JANUARY 29, 1981

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Removes obsolete statutory reference to a repealed chapter of NRS. (BDR 57-46) FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in Italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to casualty insurance policies; removing an obsolete statutory reference to repealed chapter 698 of NRS; and providing other matters prop-

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. NRS 687B.145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 687B.145 1. Any policy of insurance or endorsement providing coverage under the provisions of NRS 690B.020 [or chapter 698 of NRS] or other policy of casualty insurance may provide that if the insured has coverage available to him under more than one policy or provision of coverage, any recovery or benefits may equal but not exceed the higher of the applicable limits of the respective coverages, and the recovery or benefits must be prorated between the applicable coverages in the proportion that their respective limits bear to the aggregate of their limits. Any provision which limits benefits pursuant to this section must be in clear language and be prominently displayed in the policy, binder or endorsement. Any limiting provision is void if the named insured has purchased separate coverage on the same risk and has paid a premium calculated for full reimbursement under that coverage.

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2. Insurance companies doing business in this state must offer uninsured motorist coverage equal to the limits of bodily injury coverage sold to the individual policyholder. Uninsured motorist coverage must include a provision which enables the insured to recover any amount of damages for bodily injury from his insurer to which he is legally entitled but which exceeds the limits of the bodily injury coverage carried by the owner or operator of the other vehicle.

SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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S. B. 63

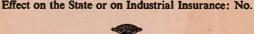
SENATE BILL NO. 63—SENATOR GETTO

JANUARY 22, 1981

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Removes upper limit on number of directors for savings and loan associations. (BDR 56-361)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to savings and loan associations; raising the upper limit on the number of directors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. NRS 673.207 is hereby amended to read as follows:
673.207 1. The business and affairs of every association [shall]
must be managed and controlled by a board of not less than five nor
more than [15] 25 directors, of which not more than a minority, but not
more than three, may be full-time officers of the association. The persons
designated in the articles of incorporation [shall] are the first directors.

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2. Vacancies in the board of directors [shall] must be filled by vote of the stockholders at the annual meetings or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The board of directors may fill vacancies occurring on the board, such appointees to serve until the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

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SENATE BILL NO. 82—SENATORS GETTO, GLASER, FAISS AND WAGNER

JANUARY 27, 1981

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Provides exemption from requirement of continuing education for nurses and provides for certain fees. (BDR 54-160)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in ttalies is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to nursing; providing an exemption from the requirement for continuing education; providing for certain fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1	SECTION 1. NRS 632.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2	632.343 1. The board shall not renew any license issued under this
3	chapter until the licensee has submitted proof satisfactory to the board of
4	completion, during the 2-year period before renewal of the license, of 30
5	hours in a program of continuing education approved by the board. The
6	licensee is exempt from this provision for the first biennial period after
7	graduation from an accredited school of professional nursing or practical
8	nursing.
9	2. The board shall review all courses offered to nurses for the com-
10	pletion of the requirement set in subsection 1. The board may approve
11	nursing and other courses which are directly related to the practice of
12	nursing as well as others which bear a reasonable relationship to current
13	developments in the field of nursing or any special area of practice in
14	which a licensee engages. These may include academic studies, work-
15	shops, extension studies, home study and other courses.
16	SEC. 2. NRS 632.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:
17	632.345 1. The board shall establish and may amend a schedule of
18	fees and charges for the following items and within the following ranges:
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S. B. 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

JANUARY 29, 1981

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Allows public service commission to enter into agreement with Secretary of Transportation. (BDR 58-276)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



EXPLANATION—Matter in ttalies is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the public service commission; allowing the public service commission to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Transportation relating to enforcement of certain statutes and regulations concerning pipelines; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 703 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

The commission may enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Transportation which will authorize the commission to enforce compliance with federal statutes and regulations which govern the safety of storage facilities and interstate pipelines which transport:

(a) Petroleum or any petroleum product; or

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(b) Any substance which is in a liquid state, including liquefied natural gas, when transported by pipeline or pipeline facilities and which may pose an unreasonable risk to life or property when transported by pipeline or pipeline facilities.