

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMERCE COMMITTEE - 55TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY
SESSION, MARCH 27, 1969

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Present: Wood, Mello, Bowler, Capurro, Hafen, Torvinen,
Espinoza.

Absent: None

Guests: Mr. Echeverria, Attorney; Mr. Laxalt, attorney;
V. Anderson, California Automobile Assoc.; Oliver
Bolton, Independent Insurance Agents; John Lindsey,
Employment of the Handicapped; Mr. Thomas Metegar,
Chrysler Corp.; Mr. Pat Hillings, Ford Motor Co.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wood at 10:45 am.

SB-200 - Prohibits monopoly financing of motor vehicles.

Mr. Thomas Metegar, Chrysler Corporation: He pointed out that he thought the bill was discriminatory because it singles out the automobile industry and the substance of the bill is already will covered by existing law. I also feel that some of the provisions of the bill may be in conflict with certain provisions of the Federal Anti Trust Laws; specifically in Sections 6 and 7. With the inclusion of Sections 6 and 7, there is a possibility we will not be able to operate in Nevada because of financial arrangements. We have not had an opportunity to look at the bill very closely in relation to antitrust laws and federal court decisions.

Mr. Pat Hillings, Ford Motor Company: The above reflects our views. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are all operating under this.

It was questioned whether these problems existed in other states. It was determined that Sections 6 and 7 were not in the other state laws. It was asked if there were any other benefits if the dealers finance through you; no, only have incentive programs on sales.

A consent decree copy to be given to each member of the committee.

Mello moved to "indefinitely postpone".; Torvenin seconded; motion carried unanimously.

AB-99 - Limits application of automobile and aircraft "guest statutes."

Mr. Laxalt: He wished to state that he was speaking in his own behalf and not for any group. He pointed out that this was the only bill on which he has ever made a presentation before a legislative committee. He stated that the "guest statutes" presently law are bad for the public, courts, laws. About the only people it is good for is insurance companies and attorneys. He felt it was wrong to say that the insurance rates were going to change because of this legislation.

Mr. Laxalt further discussed some court cases.

Mr. Echeverria: He stated that he agreed with Mr. Laxalt's statements. He further discussed a case that had been in courts with appeals, not settled yet, for four and one half years. He stated that the "guest statutes" had been effected in the 30's because of hitchhikers.

Virgil Anderson: If this bill passed, it would result in an increase in recovery and definitely result in an increase in the rates of insurance to the public. Definitely against this legislation passing.

Oliver Bolton: We are against this bill. They will get their foot in the door to get rid of as much of this bill as possible and next year they will try to do away with the entire bill.

Mr. Anderson corrected and said that it would not increase recovery but would increase the number of claims.

SB-140 - Implements Nevada racing commission's multiple racing program by authorizing greyhound racing on tracks holding a minimum of 25 days of horse racing each 90-day period.

Mr. Wood pointed out that he had sent to the bill drafters requested amendments that will not be ready until this afternoon.

No further action will be taken on this bill until Tuesday, April 1, 1969, at the regular meeting.

AB-517 - Requires public building plans to conform to American Standard for physically handicapped persons.

J. Lindsey: He would like to do something with this bill as this is something that has been neglected for a long time. He discussed the Capitol building as an example and said that the ramp was so steep that a handicapped person could not enter the building independently. He also suggested that a handicapped person could not accept a job if the place of employment were on other than the ground floor. He stated that they were not asking for money, merely to get this on the books.

It was suggested that AB-416 in public resources committee has a similar bill.

Committee meeting recessed until 1:30.

AB-711 - Modifies rate structure applicable to installment loans.

Mr. Torvenin clarified various points with Mr. Sanford and Mr. Tidwell regarding interest rates, limit on the loans etc.

Line 67, page 9; Torvenin moved to limit to 4,000; Mello seconded; Capurro moved to amend to \$5,000; Hafen seconded; vote on the amended motion: Motion carried to \$5,000 with Espinoza, Torvinen and Mello opposed.

Page 9, line 7; delete "in which the principal is \$1,000 or less."

Capurro moved for this amendment; Mello seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Page 10, lines 3 & 4, delete in its entirety.

Mello moved to this amendment; Capurro seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Page 4, line 35; delete "the equivalent of the greater of".
Page 4, line 44; delete "Eighteen percent per year on the unpaid balances of principal."

Capurro moved for this amendment; Mello seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Capurro moved a "do pass" on AB-711; Hafen seconded; motion carried with Mello not voting.

AB-517 - Requires public building plans to conform to American Standard for physically handicapped persons.

Torvinen moved to indefinitely postpone; Hafen seconded; motion carried unanimously.

On the agenda for the next meeting will be AB 92, 99, 397, 620, 410, 706, 707, 722(Daykin to report back).

Meeting adjourned.