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MINUTES OF MEETING - TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 55TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION - FEBRUARY 27, 1969

Chairman Hafen convened the meeting at 10:30 and noted that witnesses present were Mr. James C. Bailey and Mr. William Fitzpatrick, Motor Vehicle Department and Mr. Grant Davis, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Discussion was held on the BDR's presented yesterday at the request of the PSC and the ICC and Mr. Bailey said it would be necessary for the committee to look at them very closely. Mr. Kean noted that the bill provided for the elimination of the 10 day trip and establishes temporary licenses and 48 hour trip permits. He noted it also provided for the fee to be raised from \$1 to \$2.50. Mr. Davis said this had been drawn by Mr. Bob Grayson, Deputy Attorney General with the Public Service Commission.

A.B. 271 was presented and opened for discussion. Mr. Bailey stated that if possible a complete study should be made of the motor vehicle statute to keep it in conformance with the other bills under study. He noted that there was now a sub-committee established for the study of safety measures and rules of the road.

Kean moved that there be drafted a concurrent resolution which would authorize the legislative commission to continue their studies for the purpose of constant revision of the law to keep up with the safety standards and to assure the conformity of Chapter 706 therewith. Motion unanimously carried. ✓

Mr. Kean then asked about A.B. 270, Drivers Licenses and asked how the license for a diesel operator was obtained at the present time. Mr. Bailey said the way the law is written now, a chauffeur licensee could operate a diesel. Mr. Kean then suggested the possibility of requiring an affidavit from prior employer rather than the written examination. Mr. Bailey said it was a very good idea and that the department could grandfather in those who were already working; for instance those with Wells Cargo, Savage, and others. Thereafter they could require the affidavit.

It was noted that Mr. Young had sent in a bill asking for a study of all drivers licenses and Mr. Bailey said he believed that would be taken care of in A.B. 270. It was the intention of the department to put the licenses in three classes:

Class 1:	Includes all vehicles.
Class 2:	Small commercial vehicles
Class 3:	Automobile drivers

Mr. Kean noted that the dividing line between Class 1 and Class 2 is very fine. The small commercial vehicles would include the 2 ton diesel truck and the driver of one of these has to know considerable about it.

Mr. Bailey replied that they were following very closely to the California law in the determination between the two classes. He said as long as they did not make this too tight, they could always go back and change it if it proves to be wrong. In the meantime the department will not be in any worse shape than they are now and it would improve when the problems are worked out. He noted however, that this program would require funds. He said an additional man, an expert on diesels, would be required and new examination forms would be necessary. They would need trained men to handle this in the field.

Kean said it would be hard for some people to believe there was a necessity for this close attention and additional expense for diesel drivers. However, he said if he brought a diesel truck down here and drove everyone on the committee around the block, they would understand the problem. He noted that even drivers for commercial companies require months of training before they are put out on the road by themselves.

Mr. Bailey said that it is necessary for the applicant to come to the department with a diesel which he can use during the test and it is sometimes difficult to get the truck. He said it would help if the commercial companies would let them borrow a diesel from time to time for the purpose of these tests.

Mr. Kean suggested possibly sub-contracting out these tests. Let the commercial companies who are qualified give the tests for the department. There are many in the state who are qualified and the little area of Mina right now has three qualified to give the test.

Hafen presented A.B. 267, Unfair Trade Practices and asked if it was part of the package on highway safety. Mr. Bailey said it was not.

Mr. Davis stated that there are several states now who have this as a law and explained the purpose of it. When manufacturers send brochures to the dealers, it is required that they use this as advertising materials and pay for same. If A.B. 267 were to pass, the dealer would be able to say "No, we have our franchise but we don't have to use your advertising material."

Mr. Hecht had stated he felt it was covered in the federal act but Mr. Davis believed that it was not. He said he would obtain a copy of the federal act for the committee to use during their consideration of the bill.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.