

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Eighty-second Session
May 19, 2023**

The Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure was called to order by Chair Dallas Harris at 11:58 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023, in Room 2144 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dallas Harris, Chair
Senator Pat Spearman, Vice Chair
Senator Julie Pazina
Senator Scott Hammond
Senator Ira Hansen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristin Rossiter, Policy Analyst
Jessica Dummer, Counsel
Vicky Lind, Committee Secretary

CHAIR HARRIS:

I will open this meeting by appointing Senator Scott Hammond as Honorary Chair for today's meeting.

HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

We will open today's work session with Assembly Bill (A.B.) 144.

ASSEMBLY BILL 144 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the sale of certain lighting products. (BDR 58-621)

KRISTIN ROSSITER (Policy Analyst):

I will read from the work session document [\(Exhibit C\)](#) for A.B. 144.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 144.

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SENATOR PAZINA SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR HANSEN:

I will vote against A.B. 144. Last year in Nevada, there were 1.8 million fluorescent bulbs sold. There is a consumer demand for them. If there were no legislation, they would phase themselves out naturally as technology improves. I cannot support regulating the production and distribution of these; it makes no sense to me. For us to decide on what light bulbs Nevadans can or cannot use is out of our league of expertise. Lastly, section 6 of the bill has so many exemptions that it is going to be impossible for anybody who is a supplier or retailer to know what products to carry.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS HAMMOND AND HANSEN VOTED NO.)

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HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

We will close the work session on A.B. 144 and open the work session on A.B. 316.

Ms. ROSSITER:

I will read from the work session document ([Exhibit D](#)) for A.B. 316.

ASSEMBLY BILL 316 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing motor vehicles (BDR 43-154)

SENATOR SPEARMAN MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 316.

SENATOR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

We will close the work session on A.B. 316 and open the work session on A.B. 408.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 408 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to reckless driving. BDR 43-95)

Ms. ROSSITER:

I will read from the work session document and amendments ([Exhibit E](#)) for A.B. 408.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 408.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

We will close the work session on A.B. 408 and open the work session on A.B. 456.

ASSEMBLY BILL 456 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to railroads. (BDR 58-974)

Ms. ROSSITER:

I will read from the work session document and amendments ([Exhibit F](#)) for A.B. 456.

SENATOR SPEARMAN MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 456.

SENATOR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR HANSEN:

This is an interstate commerce issue that should be handled exclusively by the federal government. During the hearing, we heard from one proponent of this bill who mentioned that safety on the railroads has gone up by 40 percent. I did some research on statistics from the federal government, which found that overall railroad accidents have decreased by 44 percent since the year 2000. In addition, accidents caused by track and equipment problems are also trending downward since the late 1970s, and derailments themselves have decreased by

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more than 75 percent. The railroad is in the process of installing scanning devices in key areas.

This bill could potentially increase the cost for consumers because when you start limiting the lengths of trains, you limit the amount of cargo and shipping costs will go up. I am going to vote no on A.B. 456.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS HAMMOND AND HANSEN VOTED NO.)

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HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

We will close the work session on A.B. 456 and open the work session on A.B. 303.

ASSEMBLY BILL 303 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the towing of a motor vehicle under certain circumstances. (BDR 58-113)

Ms. ROSSITER:

I will read from the work session document and amendments (Exhibit G) for A.B. 303.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 303.

SENATOR PAZINA SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR HANSEN:

My understanding is that the towing companies still feel this is unfair to them. Therefore, I will be a no vote.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS HAMMOND AND HANSEN VOTED NO.)

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HONORARY CHAIR HAMMOND:

Having nothing further to come before the Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, we are adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Vicky Lind,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dallas Harris, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit Letter	Introduced on Minute Report Page No.	Witness / Entity	Description
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	B	1		Attendance Roster
A.B. 144	C	1	Kristin Rossiter	Work session document
A.B. 316	D	2	Kristin Rossiter	Work session document
A.B. 408	E	3	Kristin Rossiter	Work session document
A.B. 456	F	3	Kristin Rossiter	Work session document
A.B. 303	G	4	Kristin Rossiter	Work session document