

**MINUTES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Seventy-fourth Session
May 29, 2007**

The subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security was called to order by Chair Dennis Nolan at 2:43 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412E, 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chair
Senator John J. Lee
Senator Joyce Woodhouse

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicholas Marquart, Intern to Senator Nolan
Matt Szudajski, Committee Policy Analyst
Sharon Wilkinson, Committee Counsel
Lynette M. Johnson, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael W. Lawson, Traffic Information Division Chief, Nevada Department of Transportation

CHAIR NOLAN:

We will begin the meeting with two Senate bills that have been amended in the Assembly. The first bill we will discuss is Senate Bill (S.B.) 106.

SENATE BILL 106 (3rd Reprint): Revises provisions concerning the release of certain confidential and restricted documents relating to potential acts of terrorism. (BDR 19-300)

This bill relates to homeland security. The Assembly added a provision requiring that an employee of a firefighting, law enforcement or public health agency

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must be designated by the head of their agency to have operational need to know in order to have access to confidential documents. I agree with the amendment based on the Committee's discussion during our hearing. Also, I spoke with Mr. Casey of the Office of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, and he agreed with the amendment. Do any subcommittee members have comments?

We will close the discussion on S.B. 106 and open the discussion on S.B. 450. I will have Mr. Szudajski provide information on this amendment.

SENATE BILL 450 (2nd Reprint): Makes various changes to provisions relating to the regulation of oversized and overweight vehicles. (BDR 43-1140)

MATT SZUDAJSKI (Committee Policy Analyst):

This bill relates to the permit process for oversized and overweight vehicles. This was a Committee bill brought forward in cooperation with Mr. Holloway of the Associated General Contractors. Mr. Holloway did concur with the amendment that made four changes to the original bill. The first provision would require the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to adopt regulations for issuing a permit for an oversized or overweight vehicle or equipment to drive, occupy or proceed on any highway in a county with a population less than 400,000 or a city in a county with a population less than 400,000. The second provision will require the NDOT, upon request, to notify a county or city immediately after a permit has been issued for an oversized or overweight vehicle or equipment to proceed upon any highway under the jurisdiction of that county or city. The third provision provides that a county or city may recommend certain routes by which oversized or overweight vehicles may proceed through a city or county. Also, the city or county may notify the NDOT if the issuance of the permit would negatively impact the highway facility, traffic safety or flow of traffic. Finally, the amendment requires the NDOT, upon notification by the county or city, to consider a recommendation of that county or city to revoke a continuous or multiple trip-limited time permit to operate an oversized or overweight vehicle or equipment if it is causing substantial highway distress. The amendment was offered by Mr. Fontaine of the Nevada Association of Counties.

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SENATOR LEE:

It is my understanding that when the NDOT issues a permit for an oversized or overweight vehicle, they fax a copy to the affected city or county. Is this the only notification the city or county receives?

MICHAEL W. LAWSON (Traffic Information Division Chief, Nevada Department of Transportation):

Yes, that is the process currently in place at the NDOT.

SENATOR LEE:

How soon after someone receives their permit are they able to move the overweight or oversized vehicle? Are there procedures in place to move equipment on an emergency basis?

MR. LAWSON:

The NDOT allows emergency moves without a permit. The permit is obtained after the fact. Under normal circumstances, we issue the permit the same day we receive the request. They can move that load as soon as they receive the permit.

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CHAIR NOLAN:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 450 and resume it as soon as the full Committee convenes. There being no further comments or business, this subcommittee meeting for the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security is adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lynette M. Johnson,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chair

DATE: _____