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Legislative Update 12 – 16, 2007

NMTA Legislative Reception a Success

On Monday the Nevada Motor Transport Association Members, friends, and legislators got together for the first annual NMTA Legislative Reception. This provided an opportunity for our members and key decision makers to meet and talk about issues important to the industry. We would like to thank all those who attended, and hope to build on the success of this reception in the years to come.

Staggered Registration Bills Considered in Assembly Committee on Transportation

On Thursday, February 15th, the Nevada Motor Transport Association testified in favor of two bills, A.B. 5 and A.B. 39, both of which would allow 100% Nevada based carriers to register their fleets at various times throughout the year. A.B. 39 was a bill introduced on behalf of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, working with the Nevada Motor Transport Association. A.B. 5, sponsored by Assemblyman Joe Hardy, will likely be amended to address issues surrounding the registration of special mobile equipment. Currently all carriers must re-new their registrations on January 1st. These bills would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to set regulations allowing 100% Nevada based carriers to register on either March 31st or September 30th. This is a win-win situation for both the DMV and the affected trucking companies, as it spreads out the burden on the Department of Motor Vehicles throughout the year, and allows trucking companies to better manage their cash flow. This is the fourth time that this measure has been brought before the Legislature. We are optimistic that we will be able to get this legislation passed in 2007.

Truck Lane Prohibitions

The Nevada Motor Transport Association continues to watch for a bill to prohibit trucks from traveling in the left hand lane. While the Nevada Motor Transport Association opposes this measure, sponsored by Assemblyman Mo Dennis, we are in discussions with the bill's sponsor to see if there are any other avenues to address the problem of gridlock in Clark County.

Other Key Issues

Highway funding and the Transportation Services Authority continue to be big topics of discussion this legislative session. Keep watching as news develops on these important issues.

Final Notes

The Nevada Motor Transportation Association would like to thank Commercial Troopers, John Protain and Chris Kelly of the Nevada Highway Patrol, Steve Williams and Myron Jones of Pro Group Safety Services and all those who attended our Northern Nevada safety training class. Our next class will be February 21, 2007 in Southern Nevada at Nevada Beverage. The schedule for our upcoming classes can be found below:

March. 15, 2007	NMTA in Reno	8:00 a.m.	Hazard Communication
	NMTA in Reno	10:00 a.m.	Personal Protective Equipment
	NMTA in Reno	1:00 p.m.	DOT Preventing Driver Injuries
	NMTA in Reno	2:45 p.m.	Hours of Service Regs. (FMCSA)
March. 21, 2007	Nevada Beverage in Las Vegas	8:00 a.m.	Hazard Communication
	Nevada Beverage in Las Vegas	10:00 a.m.	Personal Protective Equipment
	Nevada Beverage in Las Vegas	1:00 p.m.	DOT Preventing Driver Injuries
	Nevada Beverage in Las Vegas	2:45 p.m.	Hours of Service Regs. (FMCSA)