ROADS AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING -- FEBRUARY 18, 1971

The Roads and Highways Committee met in room 535 at 2:45 P. M. on February 18, 1971. Chairman Dierdorff called the meeting to order and all members were present except Representatives Davis, Dugan and Gray, all excused.

Conferees were Representative Ernest Unruh; Roy Bowman,
Springfield, Illinois, representing Dek Processing of Ft. Wayne;
M. A. (Guss) Wood, Atchison, Police Chiefs Association.

Steve Mosley, Topeka, was a guest.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1127 - AN ACT relating to the uniform motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' license act; requiring a colored photograph on licenses issued; amending KSA 8-243, and repealing the existing section.

Mr. Unruh told the committee that he appreciated the additional time to appear before the committee. The Police Chiefs Association met today and they passed a resolution supporting this type of legislation. Mr. Unruh said that he has tried to stay away from the identification angle. He said it bothers him that the committee might combine the eye examination and and the colored photographs on the driver license.

Guss Wood, Legislative Chairman of the Peace Officers
Association, told the committee the Chiefs went on record today
unanimously in favor of this.

Roy Bowman Said that they have been in the business for twelve years for making photos for driver's licenses. He read the attached letter from the Department of Revenue, Denver, Colorado and read the list of states now having photographs on driver licenses. (See attached sheet "ITEMS INCLUDED ON OPERATORS

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Mr. Bowman said that Missouri is working on a bill similar to this one. They have 780,000 licenses issued annually. They are planning to add 20 employees. Minnesota is going to add 28. They issue 900,000 licenses yearly.

Mr. Bowman demonstrated that the equipment was very light to carry and it takes about ten seocnds to take a picture. The machine will take as many as 1,000 pictures before changing the cartridge. Within 72 hours there would be a finished picture for the Department. He took pictures of the committee members.

Chairman Dierdorff appointed a <u>sub-committee consisting of Gray, Chairman; Arbuthnot, Hughes, Davis and Weaver</u> to study <u>House Bill 1127 and report back to the committee</u> on their recommendations.

Mr. Ratner explained that the Motor Carriers asked for some legislation to permit the <u>obtaining of special permits by telephone where they were previously acquired by telegram</u>. With the poor telegraph service, that is impractical.

Mr. Ratner made a motion, second by Dr. Hughes, that the legislation be introduced as a committee bill. Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the Opponents of House Bill 1158 would be heard on March 2, 1971.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fran Stafford, Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

ARDEN DIERDORFF, CHAIRMAN February 19, 1971

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State of Colorado

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STATE CAPITOL ANNEX 1375 SHERMAN STREET DENVER, COLORADO 80203

IN REPLY REFER TO

November 30, 1970

Mr. Nelson Howarth, Mayor City of Springfield Room 200, Municipal Building Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Sir:

The Department issues an ID card to a person sixty-five years old or older who is not licensed as a motor vehicle operator, or to such a person if he wishes to surrender a valid Colorado driver license in exchange for an ID card; or to a person who is at least eighteen years old but not yet sixty-five who cannot qualify for a driver license because of physical and/or mental disability.

ID cards are produced on the equipment used to photograph and process a driver license.

There is a high degree of acceptance of the color driver license and ID card by the citizens of the state. Similarly, retail merchants are enthusiastic about them as a positive identification for check cashing and other purposes. As you know, either a photographic license or ID card in color is quite difficult to alter or forge. Attempts to alter or forge either a driver license or ID card are extremely rare.

We maintain a negative file which, over the years, has proved to be a great value to all law enforcement agencies in their criminal investigation efforts. Over the years the FBI, Secret Service, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, the Colorado State Patrol, Denver Police Intelligence Agency, and many other police departments have relied heavily upon our negative file to provide pictures of individuals suspected of crimes. Additionally, the Denver agency produced a color photographic file of all known criminals in this area. This file was compiled from our driver license picture file. In 1969 we provided 2,099 negatives to all enforcement agencies.

Colorado began the production of photographic driver licenses in 1959. The contractor for this program has always been Dek Processes, Inc. of Fort Wayne, Indiana. We are now in our third 5-year contract with them.

Mr. Nelson Howarth - continued

November 30, 1970

If additional information is needed we shall try to supply it.

Sincerely yours,

William A Cassell Chief

William A. Cassell, Chief MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

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ITEMS INCLUDED ON OPERATORS LICENSE

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3/ The Excist Security number is the license number.

h/ Minore licenses are of a distinctive color; in New Mexico, a profile photograph is required on a minor's license.

2/ Applicant's name and birthlate are included in the license number.