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**Transportation Committee Meeting – January 31, 2012**

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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Jim Prochniak, Superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I will be giving an overview of SB 2371, Section 2, as it relates to oversized permits.

SB 2371 regarding multi-trip permits was passed during the 2011 Special Session. The purpose of the legislation was to create an option for the motor carrier industry to have some additional flexibility when requesting movement of certain oversized loads. Most of the increased demands associated with permits have been tied to the increased oil activity.

In crafting legislation, the motor carrier industry was particularly interested in the ability to purchase an oversize permit that was valid for an extended period of time and could be used for more than one movement.

The NDHP along with the NDDOT worked with the trucking industry (J&S Heavy Haul and Haliburton) as well as the below listed stakeholders to seek input for this legislation. The stakeholders included:

- a. North Dakota Motor Carrier Association
- b. North Dakota Petroleum Council
- c. North Dakota Contractors Association

Strong consideration was given to the tremendous investment that is being made into the highway infrastructure and the impact such legislation may cause.

A recap of section 2 to SB 2371 (created a new subsection to NDCC 39-12-02) allows for issuance of multi-trip oversized and overweight truck permits for nondivisible loads traveling specific routes identified in the permit application. The fee is the single trip permit fee (\$20) multiplied by the number of days the permit is valid. This permit is not available for special mobile equipment or loads over 150,000 pounds. Section 2 is effective through December 31, 2013.

The multi-trip permit was implemented via NDHP e-permits and Permits Section on Thursday, January 12. In addition to posting the announcement on our website, an email message was sent to 9,743 email addresses in an effort to market the new permit option. Soon, an advertisement in the Bakken Breakout will follow.

What do we anticipate this bill to accomplish?

- a. Reduces industry costs and workload for industry personnel.
  - 1) Less time on the phone or computer completing permit requests.
  - 2) Trucks not tied up waiting for permit.
- b. Slight reduction in workload for HP personnel is anticipated.
- c. Assists industry in planning since routes will be figured more in advance.

As of Monday, January 30, we have sold 40 multi-trip permits at a cost of \$3,220.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my comments regarding the permit legislation that was passed during the Special Legislative Session. I would gladly answer any questions the committee may have.