

Meeting commenced at 2:00 P. M.

Present: Close, Jacobsen, Delaney, Kean, Parsons, Knisley, Olsen, Swobe, Rosaschi

Meeting was opened with public hearing on AB 159 - Civil Rights

MR. BAILEY, from the Commission of Equal Rights of Citizens spoke and introduced Mr. Tom West, Commissioner of the Reno-Sparks area, and Mr. Dan Walsh, legal advisor.

He stated that the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens would like to go on record as endorsing A. B. 159 with the following amendments:

Section 2, page 1, line 12 following the word "including" insert the words "but not limited to". This is included in the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Section 10, page 3, line 8 in place of the figure "25" they would suggest the figure "5".

In section 11, page 3, delete lines 35 and 36.

This is a minimum step and not a complete solution. Mr. Bailey re-emphasized the fact that housing is inadequate, and would like to propose a housing bill at a later date. In the opinion of the Equal Rights of Citizens committee A. B. 159 needs no substantial amendment.

MR. LLOYD JONES, U. S. Department of Labor and Nevada State Apprenticeship stated that they had no objection in changing the figure "25" to "5". He stated that he would like to have the present apprenticeship act recognized, giving local authorities a chance to work out their problems. Any apprentice has the right of appeal to local apprenticeship committee. If not satisfied they may appeal to State Apprenticeship, if still not satisfied then they may go the Civil Rights Court.

Mr. Jones passed out a copy of their application forms. Each applicant fills out one of these forms, which includes a rating slip. Applicant with the highest rating will be hired. Under the present system a check on each apprenticeship program in the State of Nevada is provided for at least once a year. These apprenticeship laws are purely voluntary, and Mr. Jones feels this is much better than compulsory laws.

Mr. Bailey stated that the NAACP felt there was some discrimination practices in the present apprenticeship program. He stated that the reason this bill had come up was so that nothing would go astray at the State level.

Mr. Jones stated that there were minority groups represented on this council; however, at the present time there are no Negroes. If applications are received consideration will be given as replacements for the next opening.

Mr. Jones pointed out the fact that in too many cases the Negro boys have not completed their high school education. This is one of the requirements necessary for apprenticeship.

Mr. Jones stated that it would take approximately 30 days from the date a complaint is initiated for it to go through the channels. First it would go to the appropriate apprenticeship committee involved, next to the State Apprenticeship Committee. If still not satisfied then wherever the law would agree.

Mr. Bailey: "This would be acceptable to the commission (30 days)".

Mr. Bailey stated that on behalf of the commission he would like to publicly thank this committee for inviting them. It is the first time the commission has had such an invitation.

Mr. Olsen asked the Attorney General if an immigrant is considered a minority group. The Attorney General stated that he vaguely recalls a bill stating you do not have to hire immigrants. Under Chapter 233 it says "all persons", but does not mention immigrants.

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At the conclusion of the hearing on AB 159, the regular meeting was held.

Minutes of the previous meeting held February 4th were approved.

Mr. Close stated there will be more meetings on Civil Rights, possibly later this week. He is hoping for a vote the middle of next week at the latest.

Mr. Close made the following assignments of members of the Committee to speak for various bills:

A. B. 102 Jacobsen

A. B. 83 Olsen

A. B. 35 Mr. Fike was unable to attend meeting to speak on bill. Bill was held over.

A. B. 208)
A. B. 209) Fire Protection District. Amendments not yet received. Held over.

A. B. 210 Separate property of spouse. Bill is not here. Held over.

A. B. 228 3rd Conviction of Petit Larceny

Mr. Close proposes amendment making two year time limitation on convictions. He feels the felony provision should stay in, leaving this up to either the court or the jury.

Mr. Knisley had no objection to amending to two year time limit, leaving in felony, but felt the individual being tried should be notified that he could be charged with a felony on three petit larceny convictions.

Mr. Jacobsen moved an amendment to this effect be made and referred back to the committee.
Mrs. Parsons seconded
Motion passed unanimously

A. B. 230 Permits court to authorize payment of fees to realtors upon sale of real property by guardians.

Mr. Olsen stated that this is one case where the judge does not have authority to award fees. Mr. Knisley was reluctant to vote on this legislation without a limit as to fees.

Mr. Knisley made a motion to amend and do pass with fee limited not to exceed 5% of the sale, plus actual cost.
Mr. Swobe seconded
Motion unanimously passed.

A. B. 233 Prohibits certain persons from making out federal income tax returns for a fee.

Mrs. Herr would like to give this bill more thought and see if she could speak to her people in Las Vegas.

A. B. 252 Establishes State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation

This bill will be deferred until Mr. Dickerson is available to speak on it.

S. B. 50 District Court Seal

Mr. Swobe will check further on this.

A. B. 229 Makes unlawful taking of a vehicle a felony

This was pulled, as there was some thought it might conflict with "joy riding" statute.

Mr. Close stated this has never conflicted before.

Mr. Swobe said the District Attorney would have option to file complaint on either joy riding or felony.

Mr. Kean made a motion to study the uniformity of penalties in relationship to the crime committed. Also to study the severity of penalty in regard to the dollar amount involved in the crime.

Mrs. Parsons seconded

Unanimously passed

A. B. 74 Theft and Misuse of Credit Cards

Mr. Knisley stated we will withhold approval pending re-evaluation of \$1.00 penalties with the thought in mind of reducing the \$300 recommendation to \$200.

A. B. 80 Land Subdivision Act

Mr. Knisley stated that we have not had a reply from Mr. Mann. Joe Williams of Sparks would like some discussion. Mr. Knisley would like this held for a few days.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P. M.