

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY AND CITY AFFAIRS
54th Session, Nevada Assembly, February 10,
1967.

Present: Hilbrecht, Garfinkle, Dini, Tyson, Bryan Hafen, Smith,
McKissick, Wooster, Roy Young.

Absent: None.

Meeting convened at 12:00 noon.

Chairman Hilbrecht opened announced agenda by calling upon Mr. Wooster to report back his findings on AB 60 relative to omission in the bill of reference to three Nevada counties.

Mr. Wooster reported that the omitted counties did not need the corrective action for which the bill is intended.

Mr. Wooster moved Do Pass AB 60.
Mr. McKissick seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked for a report from Mrs. Tyson's subcommittee on AB 83. Mrs. Tyson reported that the bill would be reported upon on Monday, February 13.

Chairman Hilbrecht introduced Assemblyman Webb to present for consideration his bill AB 198 designating officially the state bird and state flower. Discussion developed that although the designations have been recognized that no action to date made anything official. Mr. Webb urged that the committee act upon the bill designating sagebrush as the state flower and the mountain bluebird as the state bird.

Mr. Garfinkle moved Do Pass AB 198.
Bryan Hafen seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht called upon Mr. Hal Smith to report the subcommittee findings on AB 54 and AB 59.

Mr. Smith, reporting first on AB 54, indicated that all of the letters sent by the subcommittee had received Do Pass recommendations in response with the exception of a suggested amendment from Mr. Guild Gray, City Manager, Boulder City. The suggested amendment would delete line 28, section 3, page 2 by inserting "bination of the purposes stated above in this section and"; and
"5. For the payment of any other expenses of the municipality regardless of whether or not they appertain to another undertaking". Mr. Smith explained that this change would allow the cities to use the money.

Mr. Smith moved Do Pass AB 54 with the amendment: 185.
Roy Young seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked Mr. Smith to handle the floor action on this bill.

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Mr. Smith reporting on AB 59 stated that Russ McDonald has requested that the bill be held in abeyance. 29

Mr. Smith moved AB 59 continued for consideration until a future date to be determined.

Mr. McKissick seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Blyth of the Nevada Municipal Association was asked for the progress on AB 145 and 146 together with other bills covering publication legislation. He stated that other new bills were still incoming and they would like to make presentation at that time.

Mr. Blyth also reported to the committee on other municipality, tax allocation measures that may have bearing on consideration of political subdivision merger measures as well as urban renewal bills.

Following discussion, hearings on the urban renewal bill, AB 141, were moved by Mr. McKissick to be held Friday, February 24.

Chairman Hilbrecht appointed Mr. Wooster and Bryan Hafen to study and report back on AB 144 and AB 143, respectively. Roy Young was asked to do the same with AB 185 and Senate Bills 89 and 87.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated that he would undertake to report back on AB 167 which has to do with limiting sale, transportation and distribution and use of explosives.

Chairman Hilbrecht introduced Senator Archie Pozzi on behalf of A.J.R. 28 of the 53rd Session proposing a constitutional amendment to allow Legislature to consolidate Carson City and Ormsby County.

Senator Pozzi outlined the problems unique to Ormsby County and Carson City and traced in detail the work that had been done by the Legislative Counsel and the lay committees within Ormsby County to effect this resolution. He urged the committee's Do Pass action with regard to it. Mr. William E. Dial, Ormsby County Commissioner, supported Senator Pozzi's presentation. Mr. Curtis Blyth also stated that the Nevada Municipal Association had supported Senator Pozzi and Commissioner Dial. He further indicated that with regard to other pending merger proposals he would like to meet and discuss further the association's "annexation" proposals.

Chairman Hilbrecht named a subcommittee including himself, Mr. Wooster, Mr. Dini, Mr. Roy Young to meet later in the afternoon with Mr. Blyth and interested parties on this measure.

Chairman Hilbrecht then introduced Mayor Christensen of Sparks to make his presentation with respect to pending legislation covering a possible consolidation of the cities of Reno and Sparks.

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Mr. Blyth announced that he had heard from Mayor Roy Bankofier of Reno who regretted he would be unable to appear at this time. 30

Mayor Christensen informed the committee that the pending legislation had been introduced without the appraisal of the city governments involved. He stated further that he agreed with Chairman Hilbrecht's expressed opinion that the legislative function on this type of measure could best be served by setting up enabling procedures whereby consolidations or mergers could be effected without undue recourse to each proposal at each legislative session. He said he felt the proper method would be the enacting of general legislation so that when cities and counties decide that they want to join together that enabling legislation be placed in the statutes and they can initiate that action.

Chairman Hilbrecht thanked Mayor Christensen for his presentation and agreed that he had expressed the feelings of a majority of the members of the committee.

Mr. Smith moved Do Pass A.J.R. 28.

Mrs. Tyson seconded.

Motion passed with Chairman Hilbrecht dissenting.

Chairman Hilbrecht expressed his disapproval of the type of legislation represented by A.J.R. 28 and indicated it was "regrettable" that it had been found necessary.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.