

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY, CITY AFFAIRS
54TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION, FEBRUARY 27, 1967

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Meeting convened by Chairman Hilbrecht in Room 43.

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

Absent: None.

Chairman Hilbrecht announced that due to the long weekend pending that the committee would meet again on Tuesday at which time he would ask for a reconsideration of AB 205 and AB 206.

Mr. Roy Young asked that consideration on AB 269 be continued until a later date.

Geraldine Tyson reported on SB 120 stating that Senator Farr had introduced the bill as an aide to the State Fire Marshal in his investigatory capacity. When arson cases are investigated an unmarked automobile is less conspicuous and allows for the desirable anonymity required.

Geraldine Tyson moved Do Pass SB 120.
Roy Young seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Bryan Hafen reported to the committee that the amendment to AJR 11 regarding annual sessions of the legislature had been drawn but that he was not sure that the amendment was desirable in allowing the Legislative Commission the increase the agenda of the session beyond money or budgetary matters. Mr. Howard Barrett was present and was asked for his comments on the proposal.

Mr. Barrett stressed the desirability of annual consideration of budget matters. He cited the difficulties encountered by the University of Nevada as an example. Their projected budget requests now being considered for the 1968-69 biennium were arrived at one year ago. With the fast growth problems the state faces and the fast development in conditions, the difficulty of budgeting in a timely manner becomes very difficult when the considerations are made every two years. Also the continual changes in federal programs are a prime consideration for so much of the budget is contingent upon federal funds. He stated that a shorter time period would lead to a more realistic appraisal.

The committee discussed AJR 11 and the other proposals for annual sessions. Mrs. Tyson said that it was becoming increasingly apparent that annual sessions would be necessary.

Mr. Barrett was excused and was thanked by the committee for his observations.

Mrs. Tyson moved Do Pass AJR 11 with the amendment.
Mr. Young seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. Tyson was excused from the meeting.

Mr. Smith reported on AB 268 explaining that Mr. Close had been asked to introduce a bill that set a procedure for creation of unincorporated towns from an unincorporated area for from a disincorporated city to allow the area an entity for consideration from the county commissioners. The Enterprise and Paradise areas had been the focal point from which the request came. Mr. Close investigated the circumstances in that area and found that whereas the situation differed from that which had been initially represented there was nonetheless a need for some measure to be taken.

Mr. Smith said he felt the bill was a fair and equitable one. It provides that a majority of the people representing a majority interest in the value of the area would be given recourse to the county commission.

Garfinkle moved Do Pass AB 268,
McKissick seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht reporting on AB 167 announced that the amendment embracing the objections to the original bill had been drawn following the meetings he and Mr. Smith had had with the interested parties. The Inspector of Mines' functions with regard to the use of explosives, their storage, etc. at mine sites is excluded from the effects of the bill. Also, the objections of the common carriers were overcome by the amendment. The bill in effect satisfies the intent requested by the fire marshal to get information into the hands of dynamite and other explosive users outlining the proper procedures that should be followed for the safe handling and use of the products.

Mr. Roy Young and Mr. Dini expressed the opposition voiced by small ranchers to the restrictions and licensing provisions. Mr. Hal Smith suggested that the committee members read the original statute and give consideration to the new amendment and the bills provisions of improvement over that statute. Mr. Hilbrecht stated that the problem sought to be overcome was a city problem primarily and the bill cures the present defects and that the fire marshal's office recommended it.

Further consideration of AB 167 was continued until the members had time to read the new amendment and consider the entire statute.

In the absence of Mrs. Tyson Chairman Hilbrecht that this bill does two things. In the Las Vegas township there are two justices of the peace. This bill requires that they be put on a fixed salary and marriage fees are returned to the general fund. The bill's effect would be on the Las Vegas township

only. Another thing the bill does is to require that in this case the justices of the peace would be required to be attorneys.

Discussion of the bill revealed that it was felt there is merit in allowing justices of the peace to remain as selected laymen because of the small claim areas involved. Again the uniqueness of the Las Vegas township problem developed that the judicial workload there is largely concerned with the criminal cases and a sound knowledge of the rules of evidence is required to prevent the miscarriage of justice due to rulings that cannot be upheld. Mr. Hal Smith stated that this fact had led him to approve of the bill despite his objection to the lawyer requirement.

The committee was not unanimously in favor of the bill and asked that the Clark County delegation be polled specifically and that a report on this be made back before final consideration be taken.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated he would assume the responsibility for the poll and a report would be made back at the next meeting.

The Chairman then made reference to the two urban renewal bills, AB 242 and AB 309, that had been a part of the public hearing conducted on February 24 and that appeared to be non-controversial. AB 242 providing for the tax levy special fund to finance the projects and AB 309 allowing rescission of delegated urban renewal powers by the city were discussed.

Mr. Garfinkle moved Do Pass AB 242 and AB 309.
Mr. Bryan Hafen seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht announced that the public hearing on the publishing and printing legislation had been postponed to March 10 and directed the reporter to draw up the necessary letters of notification. The reason for this is that the Speaker of the House has established that the legislature will not be in session on March 3.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated that he had received from the Governor's office a request that the committee introduce BDR 19-1197 which would abolish the Colorado River Boundary Commission. The committee agreed to introduce the bill.

S.J.R. 1 limiting the terms of office of Governor having been passed by the Senate and referred to the committee was discussed.

Mr. Roy Young moved Do Pass S.J.R. 1.
McKissick seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

AGENDA SET FOR MEETING OF STATE, COUNTY AND CITY AFFAIRS FOR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE SERVED BY THIS TIME
SCHEDULE:

- 10:30 a.m. - AB 277 and 286. Assemblyman Jacobsen.
- 10:45 a.m. - AB 272 (Colorado River Commission) Assemblywoman Tyson.
- 11:00 a.m. - AB 141, 229, and SB 259 (Urban Renewal) Mr. Guinan,
Mr. Griswold, and Senator Swobe.
- 11:30 a.m. - SB-6 (interest rates on bonds) Senator Hug.
- 11:45 a.m. - AB 271 (Public Archives Bill) Assemblyman Bowler and
Secretary of State John Koontz.
- 12:00 a.m. - AB 282 (Public Parking-Riverside Garage) Assemblyman
Roy Torvinen.
- 12:15 a.m. - AB 310 (trial jurors) Assemblymen McKissick and Torvinen.

Also consideration will be given the Washoe Delegation bills
recently referred to the committee.