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MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY AND CITY AFFAIRS
54TH ASSEMBLY SESSION - MARCH 13, 1967

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

Absent: Tyson

Chairman Hilbrecht opened the meeting by calling for consideration of Senate Bill 259 in the light of the public hearing the committee has had on the urban renewal question. This bill introduced by Senators Swobe and Slattery would require voter approval of urban renewal projects.

Roy Young moved Do Pass SB 259.
Hal Smith seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Discussion turned to AB 28 which member Bud Garfinkle had reported back to the committee. It was emphasized that if the committee does nothing the State will revert to daylight time and if the resolution AJR 12 were acted upon the Federal Government would be memorialized to urge exceptions to the Uniform Time Act by changing time zone boundaries or other means.

Garfinkle moved Do Pass AJR 12.
Young seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht called attention to SB 279 a bill calling for the authorization of the City of Sparks treasurer to use facsimile signature. The committee recognized it as an enabling bill.

Roy Young moved Do Pass SB 279.
Smith seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Referring to the committee's hearing on the Las Vegas Valley Water District legislation, Chairman Hilbrecht stated that each member had been furnished with the plot maps indicating the area of additional land affected by AB 324.

Roy Young moved Do Pass AB 324.
Garfinkle seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht assigned the following subcommittees for study of the legislation indicated:

Young: AB 442, SB 242, SB 190 and SCR 16.
Smith: AB 59, AB 241, and SB 133.
Garfinkle: SB 116 and SB 217.
Hafen: SJR 9.

Chairman Hilbrecht opened the meeting for hearing of the

so-called "contractor's bills". These bills: AB 307, 311, 331 and 382 are of interest to Assembly members Eileen Brookman and Paul May both of whom were welcomed to the hearing. Also present were Mr. Rowland Oakes, Secretary of the State Contractor's Board; Mr. Graham Erskine of Ferris and Erskine, Architects; Mr. Ernest Cuno, Northern Nevada Builders Association; and Mr. Erskine's associate, Mr. Bruce.

Mr. Rowland Oakes reported to the committee that the Board favored AB 307 providing for additional requirements for required examination and licensing of contractors. He said the Board would suggest some additional language and amendment to the bill. Also for the committee's information Mr. Oakes stated that the job of preparing the necessary written examinations required by the bill would dictate an extension of time with regard to the effective date inasmuch as present funding and staff could not supply them in time. The Board objects to Section 5 of AB 307 in that they feel it would be difficult to get a conviction as outlined. He stated that Section 9 of the bill appears to be unnecessary.

Mr. Oakes stated that the Board opposes AB 311 in that they feel that only licensed contractors are competent to fulfill the Board's functions. The provision that the Board be composed of public accountants or others outside the field is strongly opposed.

The Board, Mr. Oakes stated, supports AB 382 and AB 331.

Assemblywoman Brookman discussed with Mr. Oakes whether the fee structures provided would allow the Board to be self-sustaining financially and also asked whether the amendments Mr. Oakes suggested were being prepared. Mr. Oakes said that the amendments would be prepared and that under the provisions the fee structure would be adequate. In answer to Assemblyman May's question Mr. Oakes verified that the bulk of the money presently comes from annual renewal fees.

Mr. Graham Erskine was introduced to the committee. He told the committee that he was appearing in support of AB 382 which he said was firmly backed by the architects of Northern Nevada. He cited to the committee the manner by which recent cases had resulted in the award of contracts to firm's not having a valid license. He stated the amendment provided in AB 382 would simplify and enforce the intent sought.

Mr. Cuno was introduced and asked if he wished to comment on the legislation. He stated that his group violently opposed AB 311 for the same reasons outlined by Mr. Oakes saying that only licensed contractor\$ should be on the Board. Mr. Cuno also supported an extension of effective dates until the financial structures have had time to firm up the necessary backing.

The visitors to the committee meeting were excused. Chairman Hilbrecht stated that he had been advised by telephone that Geraldine Tyson was bring others from Reno who wished to be heard on the contractors bills. Before recessing the meeting until her group might arrive, Roy Young referred to AB 442

which was part of his subcommittee assignment. He stated he was ready to act on that bill. 77

Young moved AB 442 be indefinitely postponed.
Garfinkle seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting recessed at 12:40 p.m. to reconvene promptly at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman Hilbrecht outlined agenda considerations for a meeting to be held Tuesday, March 14 at morning recess.

Mrs. Tyson's AB 444 and 445 were to be considered. Action would be asked on the printing and publishing legislation. A report from Hal Smith on AB 59, 241, and SB 133 would be considered. Assemblyman Getto would be asked to present AB 348. Senator Swobe would present SB 369. Mr. Hafen would be asked to report on SJR 9. The Fort Mohave Valley bills, AB 322 and 323, would be considered.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked that the Clark County members of the committee confer on the Fair and Recreation Board bills with the Clark County Delegation.

Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

(The hearing on the contractors bills will be continued for the benefit of other interested parties.)