

## Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY AFFAIRS  
54TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION - MARCH 15, 1967

The meeting convened with a quorum present and was conducted throughout with a quorum present and all members of the committee attended at one time or another.

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

Absent: None.

Introduced by Chairman Hilbrecht were Assemblyman Virgil Getto and Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman.

Mr. Getto, as introducer of AB 348, explained that the bill which authorizes counties to improve their county telephone systems, and to borrow money, otherwise to incur obligations, and to issue bonds and other securities, had been requested by the County Commissioners of Churchill County. This County is unique in ownership of its own telephone system. The commissioners are seeking a more realistic revenue structure. Presently, the bonding is based upon a 25% limit of property evaluation and the base of utility earnings is being sought. There is a danger that without this change the utility could not finance modern development commensurate with growth demand. Mr. Getto also advised the committee that this bill is tied in with AB 206 and that action on it should depend upon the action on AB 206.

Mrs. Brookman appeared to support AB 307 which sets up required examinations for the licensing of contractors in the state. At the present time it developed that whereas the State Contractors Board has the permissive responsibility of setting up the examinations and administering them, in fact, it has failed to do so. The intent of AB 307 is to make them mandatory so that the present practice of unqualified people obtaining licenses merely by paying the licensing fee can be prevented. She urged the committee to support the bill.

Chairman Hilbrecht introduced to the committee a guest of member Bryan Hafen, Mr. Bob Broadbent, who is a Boulder City councilman.

Mr. Getto and Mrs. Brookman were excused from the committee following an opportunity for the committee members to question them concerning their presentations. The questions directed to Mr. Getto developed that if AB 206 is not passed, his bill will not be introduced any further and that the Senate has similar legislation pending.

Following the departure of Mr. Getto and Mrs. Brookman, Geraldine Tyson informed the committee that a bill was pending that would change the State Contractors' Board (AB 470) and if favorably acted upon this change would give the Board an opportunity to function under existing law without the mandatory provisions of AB 307. It was agreed by the committee that the intent of AB 307 is manifestly proper but that if this intent could be obtained without legislative intervention it would be preferable.

Mr. Roy Young was asked to give the committee a report on SB 369. He advised the committee that this bill would return to Washoe County land that had been granted to the State, not utilized by the State, and now desired by Washoe County for the right-of-way access to the County's development of Bower's Mansion. Mr. McKissick advised that this conveyance was urgently recommended by the Washoe County Commissioners.

Roy Young moved Do Pass SB 369.  
Tyson seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht requested that Mr. McKissick handle the bill on the floor of the Assembly. He advised the committee that Mr. Nick Smith, a fiscal analyst connected with bonding counsel, had agreed to appear at the Friday, March 17 meeting for consultation on AB 404 and SB 133, the legislation pending for the bonding of development of the Southern Nevada Water Project through the agency of the Colorado River Commission.

It was agreed that AB 348 be continued for consideration at a later date.

Senator Swobe's SB 382 establishing additional allowable investments for funds of local governments was discussed. The question was raised as to whether this needed to be legislated and why did it have to be. It was explained that some local governments do not feel they can make these additional investments under present law.

McKissick moved Do Pass SB 382.  
Smith seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

At Geraldine Tyson's suggestion it was agreed that consideration of AB 307 be delayed pending consideration of AB 470 the measure covering the State Contractors' Board. Hal Smith stated that he agreed with the intent of AB 307 but had objections to it other than those expressed in reconstituting the Board itself. These objections were discussed.

Tyson moved AB 307 be postponed indefinitely.  
Smith seconded.  
Motion passed with Chairman Hilbrecht dissenting.

Mr. McKissick was asked to report on AB 310 providing for a more convenient selection and recording of names of trial jurors. He said the bill was allied to AB 86 now in the Senate. He said that the County Clerk of Washoe County urged this legislation with a series of amendments that have been drawn. Discussion developed that in Clark County the procedures requested are being used without this legislation and that, in effect, the legislation is unnecessary if proper judicial action is taken. It was agreed that AB 310 be continued for consideration at a later date.

Mr. Hafen was asked to report on AJR 11 and considerable

discussion followed concerning the merits of AJR 11 as amended, AJR 11 in its original form, and the Senate Joint Resolution 9 regarding annual sessions of the legislature. A motion to rescind the amendments to AJR 11 failed to pass. It was agreed to remove AJR 11 as amended from the Chief Clerk's desk.

The committee gave consideration to SB 242 authorizing sale of negotiable coupon bonds in fire protection districts created by boards of county commissioners. Mr. Young noted that the amount of \$25,000 seemed high to him. It was agreed that SB 242 be continued for consideration at a later date.

SB 116 was discussed and Mr. Young questioned whether the \$9.00 per diem rate provision was justified.

Dini moved Do Pass SB 116.  
Young seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

After discussion of SB 217 which would apparently allow the Ormsby County Sheriff to be appointed ex officio constable Chairman Hilbrecht asked Roy Young to investigate and report back to the committee. This report to be made at the Friday, March 17 meeting.

Mr. Hal Smith was asked to investigate and report back on the Fort Mojave bills AB 322 and 323.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked that the committee give study to the annexation bill.

Following discussion of AB 458 extending appropriation for construction of Lander County General Hospital for two years:

Young moved Do Pass AB 458.  
McKissick seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked Mr. Smith and Mr. Wooster to act as subcommittee for report on AB 459 providing for air pollution control.

AB 146 allowing political subdivisions to do their own printing was again discussed at length by the committee. Mr. Wooster suggested that the bill should be limited in scope.

Garfinkle moved that AB 146 be amended for further consideration. Smith seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.