

Assembly

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY AFFAIRS, 54TH
SESSION OF NEVADA ASSEMBLY - MARCH 20, 1967

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Present: Hilbrecht, Garfinkle, Tyson, Smith, Dini, Bryan Hafen,
McKissick,

Absent: Roy Young, Wooster.

Chairman Hilbrecht convened the meeting at morning recess and announced that he had asked Assemblyman Jim Wood to address the committee on A.J.R. 11 as amended which would provide for annual sessions of the legislature, the even-numbered year sessions to be limited to matters relating to the budget and other matters which may be brought to the attention of the legislature by the legislative commission, limited to 30-days. The odd-numbered year sessions would be limited to 60-days as presently constituted.

Mr. Wood advised the committee that he had worked on this concept of annual sessions together with the late Assemblywoman Maude Frazier. The arguments against the concept at that time involved considerations of cost and it was not felt that the measure would reach the people. The bill did reach the people and was defeated. He suggested that the committee consider the problems arising out of growth which make the demands upon legislators more costly and of longer duration. Thought might be given to convening the sessions in March rather than January to allow the administration a longer period for preparation, or in the cases of administrative change, for both preparation and adjustment. He cited the fact that even when the newly elected Governor is one who has had the benefit of experience as Lieutenant Governor, he is still confronted with many adjustments and, in most cases, does not have the benefit of any continuing guides from the previous administration. Recent necessity of calling special sessions of 20-days duration have been very costly to the legislators and have upset the normal procedural operation of government agencies.

The committee was given an opportunity to question Mr. Wood and Chairman Hilbrecht asked if he would favor amending the resolution. It developed that an amendment should be considered on its merits. Mr. Wood stated that he knew of only two legislators who had voiced serious reservations concerning the bill. Assemblyman Kean and Senator Dodge have made them known but Mr. Wood did not know the basis for these reservations.

Chairman Hilbrecht thanked Mr. Wood and excused him from the meeting.

Mr. McKissick was asked if he had received the amendments that had been suggested for AB 205 and AB 144. He said that he had not been able to secure them.

It was agreed that AB 205 had been favored by the committee with the amendments suggested.

Brayn Hafen moved AB 205 be placed on the Chief Clerk's desk with the understanding that if it reaches the floor Chairman Hilbrecht move it Do Pass with the amendments.
Smith seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

It was agreed to defer AB 144 until the amendments can be obtained.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated that there were a number of Clark County bills, namely AB 479, 480, 481 and AB 227 and 402, that they would like the Clark County members with Geraldine Tyson as sub-committee chairman to have ready for consideration at the Wednesday, March 22 meeting.

Mrs. Tyson was asked to report on AB 444 and 445. She said that she wanted Mr. Ernest Gregory to appear before the committee on these measures in his capacity of Chairman of the Environmental Health Department.

Mr. Curt Blyth was asked by Chairman Hilbrecht if arrangements had been made for a hearing on the annexation bill. He replied that everyone had been advised. It will be held Tuesday, March 21.

Senator Cliff Young was summoned to report on SB 240 which would broaden prison labor projects. Senator Young reported that it was the intent to avail to the state labor that could be utilized in the state conservation and public park programs. Warden Hocker has presented his program for the improvement to the rehabilitation programs within the prison and it was felt that these broader prison projects would benefit that program. Senator Young said that he had considered the establishment of a minimum security camp in Southern Nevada but that the costs for the project made it seem inadvisable at this time. Objections to camp sites creating the danger of the recent youth camp incident in the Reno area were put forward. Senator Young stated that the incident was an unfortunate one that became politically inspired in its presentation to the public. The camps he envisioned under SB 240 would not be located in population centers.

Chairman Hilbrecht asked if Senator Young could obtain the amendments suggested by Warden Hocker and present them to the committee. He answered that he would. Senator Young said that he would be glad to do so. He was then excused.

AB 420 changing residence requirements of certain state officers was debated by the committee. A motion to move it for indefinite postponement failed.

Tyson moved AB 420 Do Pass with amendment to strike "within 100 miles of the seat of government" from Section 5.
Smith seconded.
Motion passed with Dini and McKissick dissenting.

Discussion of SB 202 which changes the boundary between Ormsby and Washoe Counties resulted in Mr. Garfinkle being appointed

as subcommittee to investigate with Senator Pozzi and report back. 95

McKissick moved SB 240 with amendment for Do Pass as presented by Senator Young.

Smith seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

SB 326 making public property subject to special assessment in municipal special assessment districts was explained to the committee as an attempt to enforce assessment cost equalization.

Smith moved Do Pass SB 326.

Tyson seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Hal Smith was asked to handle SB 326 on the floor.

AB 454 was explained as being an attempt to get one purchasing act under which all areas of local government could abide. The effects of the bill on the smaller counties was discussed.

McKissick moved Do Pass AB 454.

Smith seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Geraldine Tyson was asked to handle AB 454 on the floor.

The amendments that had been suggested for AB 146 was made available to the committee. They would eliminate letter press from the effects of the bill but would attempt to limit off set printing allowance within the bill. Discussion led to disagreement as to whether the amendment actually outlined the committee's intent to limit off set printing to non-commercial, interdepartmental matters.

Tyson moved Do Pass AB 146 without the amendments.

Smith seconded.

Tyson, Smith, Hafen and Hilbrecht favored the motion.

Dini opposed the motion.

McKissick and Garfinkle did not vote.

Motion passed.

Mrs. Tyson announced that she would have to confine herself exclusively to the Committee on Ways and Means but that she wished the committee to give due consideration to AB 459 on air pollution control. Mr. Hal Smith announced that the people behind the bill would be in Reno on Tuesday and it was agreed to attempt to have them make a presentation to the committee.

Mr. Dini asked that AB 167 be deferred until Tuesday consideration and Chairman Hilbrecht asked the committee to give serious further consideration to SB 305 and AB 329.

Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, March 21 at morning recess.