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

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

Absent: Garfinkle, Tyson.

Chairman Hilbrecht convened the meeting by introducing Assemblyman Mel Close to explain AB 428.

Mr. Close advised the committee that the bill had been requested because the District Attorney in Clark County has interpreted the present law to mean that psychiatrists be paid \$15 for half a day and \$25 for a full day in commitment cases. This situation has resulted in there being none available to the courts because the reimbursement is too low. He stated that a survey in the area indicated that these professional men would meet the demand if they were reimbursed \$25 per commitment and this bill as amended would provide that fee. The law prior to the present law had allowed the psychiatrists to bill the court, at will, said bills to be paid upon judge's approval. That procedure allowed for payments in excess of what has been deemed equitable. This bill is a compromise wherein the professional men are willing to meet the public need at less than private consultations would net in the spirit of public service.

In the questioning of Mr. Close, Mr. McKissick revealed that in Washoe County only two men will serve at the present compensatory rate and that this results in people being denied the full and professionally qualified evaluations to which they are entitled.

Mr. Close was thanked by Chairman Hilbrecht for his presentation and excused.

Mr. Hal Smith called the committee's attention to an error in the minutes of the meeting of March 25 which indicated SB 427 had been passed out with a Do Pass recommendation.

Correction: SB 427 was deferred for consideration at a later date.

Mr. Smith then reported that in researching SB 427 he had serious reservations if the bill would allow expenditures on property being purchased on credit without title assurance. Mr. Wooster stated that the present law allows counties to purchase land for recreational, park or memorial purposes on a long term purchase contract or other means. The intent of this bill apparently is to allow land so acquired to be improved during the purchase term and prior to full acquisition. In the discussion that developed the committee decided to call Senator Bunker to explain the bill further.

Senator Bunker appeared to cite to the committee the two instances in Clark County that motivated the need for the bill. Two properties have been acquired in Clark County on a "credit purchase" contract that cannot be improved or used for the purpose for which acquired without this enabling legislation. Senator Bunker was thanked and excused.

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Chairman Hilbrecht commented that whereas he was not certain he approved of the act allowing recreational land to be acquired in such method he nonetheless felt that so long as such land had been acquired it would serve no useful end to deny the land's improvement. 125

McKissick moved Do Pass SB 427.

Bryan Hafen seconded.

Motion passed with Smith dissenting and Dini not voting.

Smith moved Do Pass SB 428.

In the discussion following the motion Mr. Wooster who had not been present for Assemblyman Close's presentation made serious objection to the compensatory provisions of the amendment. He stated that Washoe County courts carry the burden of commitment proceedings for most of the State in that the Nevada State Hospital is located out of Reno. Mr. Smith withdrew his motion. It was agreed to defer action on SB 428 until the Wednesday meeting.

SB 327 involving the Real Estate Advisory Commission and related matters was assigned to Roy Young for study and report back to the Wednesday meeting.

SB 367 amending method of adjusting school trustee election areas and nomination or election of members of board of trustees of county school districts was assigned to McKissick and Young for study and report back to the Wednesday meeting.

A discussion of SB 384 which would allow a member of the board of county commissioners who is the sole supplier to sell supplies and services to the county revealed that such conflict of interest should not, in the opinion of Mr. Young, be allowed. Mr. Smith on the other hand deplored the situation which would deny public office to a man who happened to be the sole supplier of a commodity in the area he resides.

Young moved SB 384 be indefinitely postponed.

Dini seconded.

In the discussion that followed Mr. Dini withdrew his second to the motion. Chairman Hilbrecht asked Mr. Dini to request Senator Titlow to appear Wednesday on behalf of the bill.

Mr. Smith reported to the committee on SB 466. He stated that he had contacted Mr. Head of the Colorado River Commission and that no conclusive facts had been gained other than that two minor parcels of land had been sold with approval of the legislature to the National Lead Company and subsequently the legal description of the land involved was in conflict. The purpose of this bill is to resolve the conflict. The metes and bounds involved are over a very small parcel of land.

Smith moved Do Pass SB 466.

McKissick seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Hilbrecht stated that as of this date the committee had acted upon 123 bills and that there was pending 19 bills for consideration. He asked that the subcommittee from Clark County

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remain for a meeting.

The committee was reminded of the hearing to be held on AB 497 Thursday. Chairman Hilbrecht asked that Hal Smith confer with Senator Gibson and advise the committee of the exact time of the hearing agreed upon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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