

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON STATE, COUNTY AND CITY AFFAIRS
54TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION - MARCH 29, 1967

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

Absent: McKissick, Tyson.

Chairman Hilbrecht convened by reminding the committee of the public hearing to be held on AB 497. Mr. Smith confirmed that the hearing would be held at morning recess, Thursday, March 30, 1967 in the Assembly Chambers.

He asked that the Friday agenda include a hearing on AJR 25 which would memorialize Congress to take affirmative action for protection of workmen employed on atomic testing and research sites in Nevada. He also announced that the agenda would include consideration of SB 300, 336 and 443. AB 510, the revised air pollution bill, also would be discussed.

Roy Young was asked to report of SB 327. He stated that the bill affirms what is already the practice and suggested that this committee was not the proper committee to give it full consideration.

Young moved SB 327 be re-referred to the Committee on Banking, Insurance and Corporations.
Garfinkle seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Roy Young also was asked to report on SB 367. He stated the intent of the bill was to correct a situation in Washoe County wherein the Assembly Districts and the School Districts are at variance causing duplication for the County Clerk and petitioners. Chairman Hilbrecht suggested that the bill might be in conflict with SB 481 which had been drawn for the benefit of Clark County. It was agreed to check this conflict and defer consideration until a later date.

Mr. Wooster reported to the committee on SB 428 which provided the compensatory rate for physicians in commitment proceedings. He said he had conferred with Assemblyman Close and had found that a compromise amendment allowing \$15 per commitment would be acceptable. Hal Smith asked whether that figure would be adequate to provide the service in the Clark County area. Mr. Wooster indicated that Mr. Close felt it would.

Wooster moved Do Pass SB 428 with amendment to read \$15 per commitment.
Young seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Tim Hafen appeared on behalf of SB 384. He outlined the situation in Esmeralda County where a member of the county commissioners has the only machine shop in the area and if work is needed to be done on county equipment he is the only supplier of the service required. Two conditions of the bill were

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pointed out whereby the bill limited the supplier to services only and restricted it to the condition that no other supplier of the service was available. Mr. Hafen stated that the bill had been requested by Esmeralda County and would be appreciated by the constituents there. He felt the bill would only apply to that county but admitted he was not certain.

Mr. Roy Young expressed fear of possible abuses that could be made of the bill and Hal Smith reiterated his objection to establishing a condition whereby a well qualified person might be dissuaded from seeking public office.

SB 384 was postponed for consideration at a later date.

Senator Pozzi appeared on behalf of SJR 18. He said the bill had been requested by the Nevada Employees Association as a safeguard to career employees that a state merit system would be retained through constitutional guarantee. Discussion developed that an attempt had been made several sessions ago to abolish the State Personnel system as presently provided by statute. This in effect could mean a return to a "spoils system".

Senator Pozzi was thanked for his presentation and excused.

Roy Young moved Do Pass SJR 18.

Wooster seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

The Assembly having passed the annual session bill, the committee suggested that Bryan Hafen confer with the Senate on their bill to assure that the alternative proposals be left open for future consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Note: Chairman Hilbrecht announced that the subcommittee had prepared amendments to the annexation bill that could be considered at the Friday meeting.