

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - 54TH SESSION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting Held  
February 28, 1967  
8:00 a.m.

The tenth meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 1967, in Committee Room 50, State Capitol, by Chairman Gibson. All committee members were present.

The Chairman announced that yesterday's agenda would be finished at this meeting.

S.B. 47: Provides for one member of California-Nevada interstate compact commission actively interested in fish, wildlife and recreation. Introduced by Senator Young.

He asked if there were any followup on this bill, on which a hearing was held yesterday. Senator Young said he would like to amend the bill to add one member of the compact commission, rather than substitute the new member for an existing member. Discussion followed.

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Disposition: The Chairman said that a decision on the bill would be held up until Senator Young's amendment is drafted.

S.B. 104: Creates Nevada State Council of the Arts; defines council's powers and duties. Introduced by The Clark County Delegation.

The Chairman stated he had received a letter from Mr. Willard, Director, Council of the Arts, relative to what other states are doing in this field. Senator Farr said that Ed McGoldrick, President of the Five States' Musicians' Union, had commented to him that a council membership of 21 members might be unwieldy. Upon discussion, the general opinion was that the large membership would allow more representation throughout the state and hence perhaps provide a better fund-raising base. Senator Farr commented that he would like to have all council funds go into the General Fund of the state and be subject to legislative control. Senator Monroe opined the Legislature should divorce itself entirely from the council's financial arrangements; otherwise, "They will get into the General Fund for more than they put in."

Disposition: Senator Hecht moved the committee report the bill out with a "Do pass" recommendation. Senator Bunker seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

S.J.R. 9: Proposes annual sessions of Legislature. Introduced by this committee.

Discussion centered on the length of, and the business to be considered at, odd-numbered year sessions.

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Disposition: It was decided to discuss this bill among the other legislators, rather than pass the bill out, only to get into a hassle over it on the floor.

At this point, Frank Daykin of the Legislative Counsel Bureau joined the meeting at the Chairman's request.

A.B. 58: Clarifies limitation upon levy of taxes on motor vehicle fuel by political subdivisions. Introduced by Committee on State, County, and City Affairs.

Mr. Daykin explained this was purely a technical correction bill.

✓ Disposition: Senator Farr moved "Do pass". Senator Young seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

A.B. 136: Specifies minimum amount of delinquent property tax necessary before district attorney may commence recovery action. Introduced by Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Daykin said that in 1954 the property tax law was amended extensively, and at that time language was incorporated setting a \$3000 minimum tax delinquency figure to trigger prosecution by the district attorney. For about two-three weeks the law stood including this language, but when the law was revised at the same session, this provision somehow got left out. Questioned by Senator Young as to the magic quality of the \$3000 breakoff figure, Mr. Daykin said the Counsel Bureau had given no thought to changing this figure; that it had originally been set by the Legislature itself and had come to be used as a matter of practice. Senator Farr asked why "penalties and assessments of benefits of irrigation districts" were excepted from the computation of delinquent amounts for which district attorneys would prosecute, and Mr. Daykin said this is because irrigation districts usually sue on their own, for amounts overdue to them.

✓ Disposition: Senator Young moved "Do pass"; Senator Young seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The Chairman asked Senator Young to be prepared to answer any questions from the floor, on behalf of the committee.

At this point, Mr. Daykin left the meeting.

The Chairman stated he had received a group of bills from the Nevada Municipal Association that they want introduced, as follows:

1. Allow governing body to order abandonment of streets on a conditional, rather than permanent, basis (so that if changes occur in planning, the streets can be reinstated as such without lengthy procedure).

Disposition: Committee agreed to introduce as a committee bill.\*

\* S.B. 324 (BDR 22-650)

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2. Allows allocation of motor vehicle fuel tax on the basis of population.\*

Disposition: Committee agreed to introduce as a committee bill.

3. "Property owned by the State of Nevada or any of its subdivisions which is situated within any proposed assessment district is subject to assessment in the same manner and with the same rights, including right of protest, as private property within the proposed district."\*\*

Disposition: Committee agreed to introduce as a committee bill.

4. Give Justices of the Peace jurisdiction over juvenile traffic offenders.°

Disposition: Committee agreed to introduce as a committee bill and refer it to Judiciary.

5. Levy point of origin sales tax and divide proceeds between school districts and cities.

6. Levy 1¢ sales tax and divide proceeds between cities and counties on a point-of-origin basis.

7. Real estate tax, with proceeds dedicated to cities and counties.

Disposition: The committee agreed that Items 5, 6, and 7 above should be referred to the Committee on Taxation for introduction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

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Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

- \* S.B. 323 (BDR 32-651)  
 \*\* S.B. 326 (BDR 21-660)  
 ° S.B. 325 (BDR 1-657)