

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - 54TH SESSION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting Held
March 17, 1967
8:00 a.m.

The 24th meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 1967, by Chairman Gibson, in Room 50, State Capitol.

All committee members were present except Senators Alleman, Hecht, and Bunker, who joined the meeting at 8:20, 8:22, and 8:45, respectively.

Also present was Mr. Curtis Blyth, Executive Director of the Nevada Municipal Association.

The Chairman called for consideration of

S.B. 170: Authorizes counties and cities to issue revenue bonds to finance industrial development. Introduced by Senator Alleman.

Senator Monroe suggested that if Nick Smith of Burrows, Smith & Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, were in the Capitol today, the committee should see him. The Chairman asked Mr. Blyth to try to have Mr. Smith come to the committee's 1:00 p.m. meeting today.

Senator Monroe said that Goodbody & Company is against this type of legislation. Senator Gibson read to the committee from a letter from Doss et al., investment brokers, commenting on this bill. This firm stated it would not approve of such revenue bonds without a test case first having been had, and said the bill should be amended to get away from the "in lieu" provisions and the waiver language.

DISPOSITION: The committee will hold the bill until amendments are drawn up.

A.B. 143: Abolishes county board of examiners and certain audits of county treasurer. Introduced by Washoe County Delegation.

Mr. Blyth commented on the bill.

DISPOSITION: Senator Monroe moved, "Do pass"; motion seconded by Senator Farr and passed unanimously.

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S.B. 412: Proposes various amendments to Henderson city charter. Introduced by Senator Gibson.

Senator Gibson went through the bill, explaining to the committee the reasons for the various amendments to the Henderson city charter. Discussion.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Young moved, "Do pass." The motion was seconded by Senator Monroe and passed unanimously.

In connection with the City of Henderson, Senator Hecht asked Senator Gibson to alert the committee as to a bill that is coming up on the Lake Adair project, and asked if there were any material for the committee to study in advance of receiving this legislation, which he felt would be one of the biggest pieces of legislation the committee would be working on at this session. Senator Gibson said the bill is being drafted and should be ready next week.

Senator Bunker arrived at this point (8:45 a.m.).

S.B. 427: Allows expenditures on public recreation property which is mortgaged. Introduced by Clark County Delegation.

The Chairman said this bill had been requested by the Clark County Commission, to allow them to purchase property for recreation, on a contract basis. This bill was drawn to apply in all counties of the State. Senator Bunker described to the committee the particular properties Clark County now wishes to acquire that prompted its request for the legislation. Mr. Blyth said that under existing statute a county cannot begin to improve property until it has full, unencumbered title. Under this bill, a county could start to improve the land immediately upon contracting to buy it.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Monroe: "I move we 'do pass' this outstanding legislation." Senator Bunker seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

S.B. 419: Validates certain contracts and conveyances made by Colorado River Commission of Nevada. Introduced by Clark County Delegation.

Senator Gibson explained that this bill has to do with the Colorado River Commission's activities in the Eldorado Valley area. They have entered into a contract with the federal government and also with the Southern California Edison Company which

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have to do with the construction of a major power plant in what is known as the Big Bend area of the Colorado River below Davis Dam. In this contract, CRC has rented some 30,000 acre feet of our water to Southern California Edison for a 35-year period and has also sold to Southern California Edison a certain number of acres of that property which has been set aside for Nevada by Congressional action. This bill, then, would validate these activities by the CRC.

DISPOSITION: Senator Monroe voted "Do pass"; Senator Alleman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

S. B. 420: Permits establishment of town board to govern unincorporated towns. Introduced by Senator Titlow.

Senator Titlow entered the meeting at 8:55 a.m. to comment on this bill. He said that in Nye County there are a number of small, widely separated, unincorporated towns. Further, the three Nye County Commissioners live 60, 130, and 160 miles, respectively, from the county seat, so that it is difficult for them to get together often enough to take care of the problems of the unincorporated towns. He said that in some cases they have appointed advisory boards, but these boards have created more problems than they have solved. This bill would give the County Commissioners the right to delegate authority with respect to such towns to three-member town boards, the members of which would initially be appointed by the Commissioners and then elected by residents of the town involved. Senator Emerson said this would insure that local people familiar with local problems worked on such problems. He said that Art Palmer of the Counsel Bureau was familiar with this bill, and that Dennis Wright had drafted it.

The committee felt this was a far-reaching bill, since it would be applicable throughout the state, and that it should be studied further. Mr. Blyth requested an opportunity to study the bill and to have the cities review it.

Discussed
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DISPOSITION: The Chairman said he would have Art Palmer and Dennis Wright come in and discuss the legislation with the committee. Senator Titlow said he would like to be present when Messrs. Palmer and Wright appear before the committee, and the Chairman said he would notify him as to the date of the meeting.

S.B. 421: Requires county commissioners to prepare blank receipts for taxes on movable personal property.
Introduced by Senator Titlow.

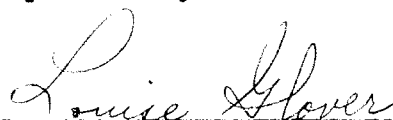
This legislation was requested by State Controller Wilson McGowan.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Bunker moved "Do pass"; the motion was seconded by Senator Farr and passed unanimously.

The Chairman announced that the committee would meet at 1:00 p.m. today.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Glover
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I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

Senator James I. Gibson
Chairman