

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - 54TH SESSION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTSMinutes of Meeting Held
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The 30th meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 1967, in Room 50, State Capitol, by the Chairman, Senator James I. Gibson.

Committee members present:

Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman
 Senator Warren L. Monroe, Vice Chairman
 Senator Francis W. Farr
 Senator Clifton Young
 Senator Chic Hecht (1:30-1:37 p.m. and 1:48-1:55 p.m.)

Absent: Senator Alfred J. Alleman
 Senator Vernon E. Bunker

Also present:

Mr. Russ McDonald Mr. Cy Ryan (1:20-1:55 p.m.)
 Mr. Douglas J. Webb Sen. Carl F. Dodge (1:30-1:38 p.m.)

The Chairman called for consideration of the following bills:

A.B. 198 Designates official state flower and state bird. Introduced by Mr. Webb.

Comments by Mr. Webb. (Mr. Webb left at 1:10 p.m.)

A.B. 205: Provides criteria for approval or disapproval of bond issues by general obligation bond commissions. Introduced by Washoe and Storey Counties Delegation.

Mr. McDonald said this bill had been requested by the County Commissioners Association, and commented on the background of the bill. Senator Monroe wanted to be sure the bond commission has no authority to determine whether there is a need. Discussion. (Mr. Cy Ryan entered the meeting, 1:20 p.m.)

DISPOSITION: The Chairman asked Mr. McDonald to work out some proposed language to amend the bill, for the committee to look at. The committee has agreed on at least one amendment, i.e., on line 4, page 2, delete "upon" and substitute therefor "from".

A.B. 241: Amends provisions of Municipal Airports Act concerning facilities appertaining to a municipal airport and the issuance of bonds and other securities. Introduced by Committee on State, County and City Affairs.

Comments by Mr. McDonald on background of the bill.
Discussion.

Senator Dodge entered the meeting (1:30 p.m.)

A.B. 348: Authorizes counties to improve their county telephone systems, and to borrow money, otherwise to incur obligations, and to issue bonds and other securities. Introduced by Mr. Getto.

Senator Dodge explained the purpose of the bill, which has been requested by Churchill County to give their telephone system a little relief. He had some reservations, in that the bill permits revenue bonds to be sold without the necessity of a vote by the people. However, he felt that if A.B. 206, which provides that all revenue bonds shall go to a vote of the people, is enacted, that would provide the necessary safeguard. Mr. McDonald had no reservations as to the "no popular vote" aspect, since such bonds do not constitute an obligation of the taxpayers but are carried by their own producing weight. Discussion. (Senator Hecht entered and left the meeting during this period.)

DISPOSITION: It was decided to withhold action on this bill until after this committee's hearing, on Friday morning, March 31, on A.B. 206. (Senator Dodge left the meeting, 1:38 p.m.).

A.B. 277: Abolishes "short terms" of county commissioners. Introduced by Mr. Jacobsen.

Mr. McDonald said this bill came from the County Commissioners Association, and commented on its purposes. Discussion.

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

The following action was then taken on bills considered earlier in the meeting:

A.B. 198: ✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Monroe moved, "Do pass"; Senator Farr seconded; motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 241: ✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Young moved, "Do pass"; Senator Monroe seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The committee then considered the following:

A.B. 389: Permits director of department of economic development to charge fees for materials distributed by department. Introduced by Mr. Frank Young.

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Mr. McDonald read to the committee a memo from Mr. Richard Rhyno, former Director of the Department of Economic Development, to Mr. Dick Ham, former assistant to former Governor Grant Sawyer, requesting this legislation. Discussion.

DISPOSITION: The committee agreed to amend the bill by deleting all the wording following the word "for" on line 7 through the end of the bill on line 8 and substituting therefor the following: "deposit to the general fund." (Senator Hecht rejoined the meeting, 1:48 p.m.)

S.B. 242: Authorizes sale of negotiable coupon bonds in fire protection districts created by boards of county commissioners. Introduced by Senator Farr.

Senator Farr commented on amendment of the bill by the Assembly. Mr. McDonald stated that this bill is unacceptable, in its present form, to bond counsel, because it releases personal property from the ad valorem tax.

DISPOSITION: Mr. McDonald suggested that, in order to get a bill which could be utilized by the fire districts, and in view of the session being so far along, the committee could manufacture a refusal to concur in the Assembly amendment, and then by conference agreement could actually rewrite the bill in a form acceptable to bond counsel. In this way the bill number would be retained, and the bill would not have to start from scratch again this session. It was agreed that this should be done.

S.B. 331: Authorizes the State of Nevada to borrow money, otherwise to incur obligations, and to issue securities in connection with any project authorized by another act. Introduced by Clark County Delegation.

This is the State Securities Law. The Assembly has amended it to delete "Colorado River Commission" from the definition of "Commission". Mr. McDonald said this is his amendment and makes the law general, as it should be--doesn't write the CRC into the general law.

DISPOSITION: By general agreement, the committee concurred in the Assembly amendment.

The Chairman announced that representatives of the Indian Commission would appear before the committee at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow in support of A.B. 399. He also stated that there would be a joint hearing by this committee and the Assembly Committee on State, County, and City Affairs, on Thursday, throughout the day, on S.B. 446 and corresponding A.B. 497 re Lake Adair. Mr. McDonald asked if Senator Gibson would notify bond counsel of the hearing. Senator Gibson also announced that the committee would have a hearing at 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 31,

1967, on A.B. 206 (which extends requirement of approval of local government bond issues by county bond commission). He said this hearing was to accommodate some people at Incline Village, who want to be heard. He asked Mr. McDonald to attend the hearing. He said, further, that the Nevada Municipal Association has some objection to the bill, particularly the part which brings in bonds of improvement districts and assessment districts.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Louise Glover
Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

Senator James I. Gibson - Chairman