

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - 54TH SESSION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting Held
 March 31, 1967
1:00 p.m.

The 34th meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments was called to order at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 1967, in Room 50, State Capitol, by the Chairman, Senator James I. Gibson.

All committee members were present except Senators Alleman and Farr, who joined the meeting at 1:25 and 1:28 p.m., respectively.

Also present: Mr. Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association - entered the meeting about 1:30 p.m.

The Chairman called for consideration of:

A.B. 144: Provides for election at large of hospital trustees in certain counties and places one county commissioner on hospital board in certain counties. Introduced by Washoe County Delegation.

The amendments proposed by Senator Young at the committee's March 29 meeting (i.e., population figures referred to therein shall be deemed to be as of the last decennial census, and validation of past actions by hospital trustees) have been drawn up and were reviewed and discussed. Senator Monroe objected to the language on lines 16-22, page 2, primarily because in his county they wish to keep the county commissioners divorced from the hospital board, but also because an even-numbered (six-man) board would be created, an undesirable situation in case of close votes.

DISPOSITION: Senator Young gave the above-mentioned two amendments back to the Chairman to put in the bill. Meanwhile, Senator Monroe will check to see whether Elko County has any objection to giving voting power to the County Commissioners. (Senator Alleman joined the meeting, 1:28 p.m.)

S.B. 364: Places taxicabs under jurisdiction of boards of county commissioners except as to certain matters. Introduced by Senator Alleman.

Senator Alleman urged passage of the bill. He said the inaccessibility (due to distance away) of the Public Service Commission, which now has jurisdiction over taxicabs, causes a hardship on small cab operators and restricts their natural growth. He felt if the County Commissioners had control, small cab operators could more easily get their

problems settled. He also stated Nevada is the only state in the Union where the PSC controls taxicabs.

Senator Gibson commented that when the Finance Committee met with the Ways and Means Committee, they had budgeted for a PSC man to be stationed in Las Vegas to take care of taxicab control. He asked if that would affect Senator Alleman's thinking as to the bill, but Senator Alleman still wanted County Commissioner, rather than PSC control, except as to rates, licensing of operators, and safety requirements, which the bill would leave vested in the PSC. Senator Farr could see no advantage or benefit to County Commissioner control of other matters relating to taxicabs if they cannot regulate rates or licensing. Senator Gibson felt the small cab operators would be more vulnerable to inequities under local control than under the control of the PSC, which is not subjected to the political pressures applied to the County Commissioners.

DISPOSITION: The committee will study the bill further. The Chairman will ask Noel Clark of the PSC to come in and discuss the bill with the committee.

As to S.B. 170, authorizing counties and cities to issue revenue bonds to finance industrial development, the Chairman stated the amendments are still needed on this and that Senator Alleman is to have these prepared.

S.J.R. 11: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution by reducing voting age. Introduced by Senator Young.

DISPOSITION: Senator Young moved, "Do pass." Senator Farr seconded. Motion passed with the following vote:

Aye - Senators Alleman, Bunker, Farr, Hecht, Monroe, and Young.

No - Senator Gibson.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

Senator James I. Gibson - Chairman

(Handwritten note: Not yet in Sackby as of 4/1/67)