NEVADA LEGISLATURE - 54TH SESSION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting Held April 4, 1967

The 36th meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments began at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 1967, in Room 50, State Capitol, with the Chairman, Senator James I. Gibson, presiding.

All committee members were present except Senators Alleman and Young, who joined the meeting at 1:05 and 1:20, respectively.

Also present:

Mr. Russ McDonald

Mr. Curtis Blyth

Mr. Cy Ryan

The Chairman called for consideration of the following bills:

A.B. 352: Changes procedures for preparation, administration, and audit of local government budgets. Introduced by Committee on State, County, and City Affairs.

Mr. McDonald gave the background of the bill and commented on it. Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Monroe moved, "Do pass." Senator Bunker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 490: Permits Las Vegas Valley Water District to redeem assessment bonds prior to maturity. Introduced by Committee on State, County, and City Affairs.

Mr. McDonald commented on the bill.

DISPOSITION: Senator Farr moved, "Do pass." Senator Bunker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 495: Permits contracting and suits by or against county hospitals.
Introduced by Senator Lamb by request.

Mr. McDonald said this had been requested by Mr. Petroni of the Clark County Hospital. Brief discussion.

DISPOSITION: The Chairman will hold up this bill until the committee can contact Mr. Petroni and have him comment on it.

Senator Dodge entered the meeting at this point, 1:15 p.m.

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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 stated this bill had been introduced as the result of financing problems of the Churchill County telephone system. He explained the background, and concluded by saying it was purely a local bill.

Discussion. Senator Dodge left the meeting.

<u>S.J.R. 27</u>: Proposes constitutional amendment concerning compensation, expenses of legislators. Introduced by this committee.

The Chairman called on Russ McDonald, who had done the work on this bill. Mr. McDonald said, "We have always been plagued by the present constitutional provision. When you do get around to increasing the legislators' pay, there is always the problem in the Senate of the hold-over Senators, who cannot receive the same pay as the new Senators coming in." He explained that this resolution, which is fashioned after the California system, would cure this unfair situation. Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Farr: "I move we adopt it." Senator Bunker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Action was then taken on the following bill, considered earlier in the meeting:

A.B. 348: DISPOSITION: Senator Bunker moved, "Do pass." Senator Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The following bills were then considered:

A.B. 158: Makes distribution of property tax lists discretionary with boards of county commissioners. Introduced by Washoe County Delegation.

Mr. McDonald said this was a County Commissioners Association bill. Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Farr moved, "Do pass." Senator Bunker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 420: Changes residence requirements of certain state officers.
Introduced by Committee on State, County, and City Affairs.

Mr. McDonald said this legislation was requested by Assemblyman Keith Ashworth. Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Bunker moved, "Do pass." Senator Farr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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A.B. 421: Provides for appointment of Superintendent of State Printing. Introduced by Committee on State, County, and City Affairs.

Discussion.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Bunker: "I move we let it rest in peace." Senator Monroe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 483: Requires "incumbent" label on election ballot under name of candidate to succeed himself. Introduced by Senators Alleman, Herr, Gibson, Titlow, Fisher, Christensen, Monroe, Slattery, Farr, and Bailey.

Discussion. Senator Alleman spoke in support of the bill.

VDISPOSITION: Senator Hecht: "I move we kill it." Senator Young seconded. The motion passed on a show of hands.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

Senator James I. Gibson - Chairman