

Senate

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 6, 1967

The meeting of the Judiciary Committee was held at 1:40 P.M., Monday, February 6, 1967, in Committee Room 56, State Capitol Building, Chairman Monroe presiding.

Members Present:

Warren L. Monroe, Chairman
V. L. Bunker
Carl F. Dodge
Procter Hug, Sr.
Coe Swobe
C. Clifton Young

Members Absent:

M. J. Christensen

Others Present:

Vicki Nash
Clark Bigler
Mr. James Cashman
Senator Casey Fisher
Judge Richard Waters

Chairman Monroe asked Mr. Cashman, a businessman from Las Vegas, if he wished to comment on Senate Bill 7. Mr. Cashman addressed the Committee and commented that although he was not completely familiar with the proposed legislation, he did think that Nevada residents and people paying taxes in the State should have some preference. For the past few years the Purchasing Agent, instead of preparing an in-state bidding list of contractors and suppliers actually went out and solicited out-of-state bids. He also mentioned that he did not know what the proper amount of preference should be.

Judge Waters commented that perhaps bids should be called for from in-state businesses first and if the Purchasing Agent believes they are out of line, then let him obtain bids from out-of-state.

Mr. Cashman left the meeting at 2:05 P.M.

Judge Waters was invited to address the Committee relative to the proposed Bill* to permit county commissioners to padlock houses of prostitution. He informed the Committee that the Bill was designed primarily to help Storey County officials keep Joe Conforte out of business. Judge Waters outlined the present procedure followed under the general Nuisance law. The new Bill would permit, after the District Attorney receives an injunction, the county commissioners to padlock the building and anyone entering the premises would be committing a felony. In the counties where prostitution is tolerated the Bill would have no effect since it permits the padlocking, not requires it.

Chairman Monroe asked Judge Waters what was wrong with Conforte. Judge Waters replied that he couldn't run a house right, he runs around trying to bribe everyone, look what he did to Bill Raggio.

Senator Young asked if there was any question relative the Bill's constitutionality, and Judge Waters replied no. Senator Swobe asked how long the property would stay padlocked, as long as the judgement provides for, and Judge Waters

*S.B. 135 (BDR 20-332)

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replied yes, unless the property is sold in which case the new owner could appear and request the injunction be lifted.

After some general discussion Judge Waters thanked the Committee for the opportunity to discuss the Bill with them and assured them that he would appreciate any consideration they could give to the Bill. He then left the meeting.

Senator Dodge commented that he was sympathetic, if they were concerned in Storey County we should give them some reasonable mechanics to work with. He suggested that the Committee confer with Bill Raggio to see if he believes this is a realistic approach. The Committee concurred.

Chairman Monroe brought up the subject of Judge Craven's proposed legislation relating to grounds of challenge to jurors. Senator Swobe said that he expected to have a memorandum from Judge Craven on the background of the Bill shortly.

Chairman Monroe mentioned that the legislation proposed by Judge Bowan would be re-referred to the Finance Committee.

S.B. 101 "Amends filing fees and allows pre-filing under Uniform Commercial Code."

Chairman Monroe explained that this was the portion of S.B. 32^{*} that the Committee agreed to.

Disposition: ON MOTION of Senator Swobe, seconded by Senator Dodge, it was unanimously agreed to "Do Pass S.B. 101".

S.B. 72 "Directs Legislative Commission to determine number of pages to be printed for Nevada Revised Statutes, Annotations, and Digest."

Disposition: ON MOTION of Senator Swobe, seconded by Senator Dodge, it was unanimously agreed to "Do Pass Senate Bill 72".

S.B. 73 "Amends laws relating to bonds of unincorporated towns and certain cities by including reference to Uniform Commercial Code."

Disposition: ON MOTION of Senator Dodge, seconded by Senator Young, it was unanimously agreed to "Do Pass Senate Bill 73".

S.B. 71 "Specifies circumstances under which total number of directors of private corporation can be reduced to less than three."

Disposition: Held over.

S.B. 70 "Provides for preparation and distribution of advance sheets of Statutes of Nevada."

Disposition: ON MOTION of Senator Dodge, seconded by Senator Swobe, it was unanimously agreed to "Do Pass Senate Bill 70".

Chairman Monroe mentioned that he had quite a number of Bills sponsored by Senator Herr and the Committee agreed to consult with Senator Herr before bringing them up for consideration.

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A.B. 92 "Provides penalty for making of anonymous obscene or threatening telephone calls."

Chairman Monroe stated that he had discussed the Bill with Mr. Robt. McAdams and that they would like an amendment. It was suggested that the Committee request the preparation of the amendment, then discuss it with Mr. McAdams tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned.