

Senate
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

March 30, 1967

A meeting of the Judiciary Committee was held at 2:27 P.M. Thursday, March 30, 1967 in Committee Room 56, State Capitol, Chairman Monroe presiding.

Members present: Warren L. Monroe, Chairman
Vernon E. Bunker
M. J. Christensen
Carl F. Dodge Procter R. Hug
Coe Swobe
C. Clifton Young

Also present: Don Winne, Deputy Attorney General assigned to Gaming Commission; Frank Daykin, Chief Deputy, Bill Drafter's office; Joe Jackson, Reno Newspapers, Inc; Jerry Higgins and Guy Farmer, KCRL TV.

Chairman Monroe announced that the Committee would hear Mr. Winne and Mr. Daykin on SB 470.

S.B. 470 - "Establishes procedures to issue gaming licenses to corporations."

Mr. Winne explained that he had been asked by the Gaming Commission and Gaming Control Board to draft this bill, a product of his observance of Nevada gambling for about 6 years. He first urged that control over loans is especially needed and he asked that the bill be amended to give such control. He said the applicant should get gaming commission approval before he puts his money into a venture rather than putting money in then saying as long as he had already spent so much, he should be given a license. The money must not be received until the license has been cleared. He said in Section 8 of the original draft there was a (d) paragraph which should be in. Language would be "borrows the money for said corporation use."

Mr. Winne asked the press if he might go off the record for remarks on foreign corporation ownership. It was agreed he might do so. He discussed at length the fact that there is an unknown ownership problem in foreign corporations. When organized crime comes in, the FBI gives information but they can't use it. If it is ascertained that a foreign corporation is mob-owned, although nothing can be done about the parent corporation, the license of the Nevada corporation can be revoked according to provisions of the bill. Senator Young brought up question of spelling

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out regulations. Mr. Winne said he would have been in a much better position if the Legislature had said "conviction of a felony" in the Kolod case. Mr. Daykin said in Section 13 "if any corporation does not comply with all of the provisions, etc," this should be sufficient.

Senator Dodge brought up question of list of stockholders, street names, and authority to ask who stockholders are. Mr. Winne said he couldn't possibly know everybody. Senator Dodge thought it would be a good idea to number the shares and have the stockholders file annually the amount of stock owned. Something could be gleaned from this. Mr. Winne thought this an excellent idea and wants it in the bill. Senator Monroe asked about having a provision where 50% or more is held in street stock they could call the company in and put them on the carpet. Winne said he thought of this but decided it would cancel the effect of the bill because the foreign company can't determine who will hold their stock. Discussion, if there is a change of 5% of stock to one owner notice be given. Chairman Monroe asked whether filing of stockholders each year is not enough to tell the trend without bothering with 5%. Discussion of certification, balance sheets and profit and loss statements. Senator Young said there should be something in the articles before getting a gaming license saying that the purpose of the business is gaming. Mr. Daykin said it would be appropriate to insert "no corporation is eligible to receive or renew," and that he'd rather we said it than the Commission.

Senator Dodge wanted to be sure the Control Board and Commission approved this legislation. Mr. Winne said they asked him to draft it, it is the best he can do. He said they were going to have hearings but they were never held. In defining, should go broader than corporation because a trust might be formed. Mr. Daykin said he would have to think about this, perhaps have notice inserted on certificates, "all subject to restrictions." Chairman Monroe said amendment would be taken care of. Discussion of security brought up by Senator Young, who thought it should be spelled out more. Mr. Winne said "security" now says what he says it means, he doesn't want it spelled out any further. He said he couldn't define "security" broad enough. Lengthy discussion.

Disposition:

Chairman Monroe and Senator Dodge said they would ask Mr. Jacobsen and Alan Abner come over to discuss this bill further.

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A quorum of Senators Bunker, Hug, Monroe and Young remained in the meeting at 3:20 to discuss Assemblywoman Flora Dungan's election bills.

Bob Schouweiler of the Assembly and Miss Dungan came into the Committee.

A. B. 411 "Permits holding precinct meetings outside precincts in certain cases and adds requirements of notice of precinct meetings."

This was the first bill under discussion by Miss Dungan. She said there had been a lot of trouble in large counties such as Clark, where there were 12 precincts in one district. She said doors were closed at a certain time and people couldn't come in after that. The bill would change that to allow them to come in as long as the meeting is being held. Suggested serially number certificates for delegates.

Disposition: Moved and seconded, Do Pass A.B. 411.

A.B. 87 "Adds requirements for conducting precinct meetings and county political conventions; requires voter lists be furnished to political parties, and political fund raisers to be chartered."

Miss Dungan said this bill is an exact duplication of A.B. 411. She discussed solicitation of funds which party never sees. This would require solicitors be chartered or have letter from Central Committees.

Disposition: Moved and seconded, Do Pass A.B. 87.

A.B. 417 "Changes method of determining number of delegates to state and county political conventions from each precinct."

Explanation, depending exactly on how many registered voters there are, that determines how many people can go to the convention.

Disposition: Moved and seconded, Do Pass A.B. 417

A.B. 476 "Facilitates conduct of elections in larger counties, permits choice of name by candidate."

Chairman Monroe said a lot of protests had been received on this bill, and read a letter from the office of the Washoe County Clerk in opposition to it. Discussion counting of absentee ballots, takes too long. Mr. Schouweiler said there is a possibility of the same person voting twice under present system. Absentee voters can vote on machine. Discussion of woman's not having to change her name when she gets

married, question of Tyson and Herr when running for Assembly. Discussion micro-filming on cancellations on registration; two minutes not long enough to vote on long ballot; politicking can be done how close to polls. Senator Young said this was only bill he had reservation on.

Disposition: Hold for full committee.

A.B. 134 "Embodies mechanical changes in election laws recommended by Secretary of State and county clerks."

Miss Dungan explained briefly. Chairman Monroe asked for discussion of the provision about printing of ballots. Miss Dungan discussed section at bottom of Page 2, also Line 23, Page 3, requiring another publication - display ad. Discussion partisan and non-partisan list position in paper, right or left side. Discussion Page 4, Section 10, Line 18; Page 7, Section 18. ..people who will be 21 on election day allowed to register before then; same provision for residence, people who will be living in the area at the time of election. Chairman Monroe brought up subject of sample ballots, he doesn't want them. He also brought up subject of those who are incapacitated, therefore unable to write, marking ballot for them. Discussion of new legislative districts, if candidate dies and vacancy occurs. Miss Dungan said Central Committees would have to get together. Chairman Monroe said there should be a provision in the law for it. Miss Dungan said she would find out about it.

Disposition: Moved and seconded, Do Pass A.B. 134.

A.B. 475 "Requires city and district attorneys to draft questions to be submitted to registered voters."

Chairman Monroe stated there is a conflict on this, it will have to be amended. Mr. Schouweiller said there is a question in A.B. 36, concerns general election laws. Frank Daykin back in, said they could provide that action could be joint action of central committees involved, and county commissioners. A bill has passed federal court. In a four county district county commissioners would go as a joint board. Frank said county central committees' act not provided in present law. It is his suggestion to draft a new bill. Discussion initiate petition.

Disposition: Moved and seconded, Do Pass as Amended, A.B. 475.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 P.M.