

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held
April 13, 1967

The 36th meeting of the Senate Taxation Committee was called to order Thursday, April 13, 1967, at 3:35 p.m., in Committee Room 50, State Capitol, by the Chairman, Senator James I. Gibson.

All committee members were present except Senators Slattery and Brown. Senator Brown joined the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Also present: Senator John Fransway (3:35 - 3:45 p.m.)
Mr. Russ McDonald (3:53 - 4:07 p.m.)
Senator Alfred J. Alleman (entered meeting at 4:25 p.m.)
Mr. Ed Bowers) Gaming Commission - entered
Mr. Frank Johnson) meeting at 4:30 p.m.
Mr. Cy Ryan, Newsman (entered meeting at 4:02 p.m.)

The Chairman called for consideration of the following bills:

A.B. 534: Committee on Taxation. Provides for taxation of certain community pastures.

Senator Fransway gave background information on this bill. (He left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

A.B. 258: Wood. Abolishes certain interest required to be assessed by Nevada Gaming Commission for late license fees.

The Chairman stated that Ed Bowers of the Gaming Commission had requested this bill.

DISPOSITION: Senator Dodge moved, "Do pass." Senator Christensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A.J.R.24: Hilbrecht. Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize Legislature to provide for reduced tax on certain improvements to real property.

Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Swobe moved, "No" [i.e., kill it]. Senator Dodge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Swobe left the room, 3:50 p.m.

A.C.R.22: Committee on Taxation. Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of estate tax.

Discussion.

DISPOSITION: Senator Dodge, "I move we pass it out."
Senator Christensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Swobe re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Russ McDonald entered the meeting, at 3:53 p.m.

The committee resumed consideration of A.B. 534, which Senator Fransway had discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. McDonald gave further background information on the bill.

DISPOSITION of A.B. 534: Senator Christensen moved, "Do pass." Senator Swobe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman told the committee he had just received a call from the Clark County Assessor, expressing concern over exemptions. The Assessor said that someone is in his office checking out every exemption on the rolls, that "they" are doing this to add to their arguments in their brief in the AEC case (where Nevada is seeking to recover taxes from private contractors on federal lands). The Assessor felt the measures the Legislature is considering or has passed, exempting special interests, are dangerously weakening the state's position in that case. Mr. McDonald stated that the only two bills now being considered are the Reno garage (A.B. 282) and Indian land (A.B. 509) exemptions. (Cy Ryan, Newsman, entered the meeting, 4:02 p.m.) Discussion on the various aspects of the situation followed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. McDonald has A.B. 509 as passed by the Senate. He will draw a motion to rescind the action of passage. Senator Gibson will get A.B. 282 back from the General File. (Mr. McDonald left the meeting, 4:07 p.m.)

The committee then considered:

A.J.R.16: Smith. Proposes constitutional amendment to exempt inventories of merchants and household property from ad valorem property tax.

Senator Christensen spoke in favor of this resolution.

DISPOSITION: Senator Brown moved, "Kill it." Senator Dodge seconded. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye - Senators Brown, Dodge, Fisher, Gibson, and Swobe.
No - Senator Christensen.

A.B. 392: Committee on Taxation. Provides for licensing and regulation of manufacturers, sellers, and distributors of gambling devices and equipment.

Discussion. The committee decided they wanted to speak to Ed Bowers of the Gaming Commission and sent the committee secretary to phone him and have him join the meeting.

Upon the secretary's return, the committee was discussing school support legislation.

While awaiting the arrival of Mr. Bowers, the committee discussed -

S.B. 170: Alleman. Authorizes counties and cities to issue revenue bonds to finance industrial development.

Discussion. Senator Alleman entered the meeting (4:25 p.m.), and discussion continued. General disapproval of Assembly amendments to the bill was expressed. Accordingly a first conference committee was appointed, comprising Senators Fisher, Bunker, and Farr, with instructions to stand pat and not give in to the Assembly.


Senator Swobe rejoined the meeting. The committee again discussed school support legislation. At the close of this discussion, Senator Dodge left.

Messrs. Ed Bowers and Frank Johnson entered the meeting (4:30 p.m.). The committee resumed consideration of A.B. 392. Messrs. Bowers and Johnson discussed the bill. Mr. Johnson expressed the department's desire to have inspection and licensing rights over gambling devices, since there is no power in the department at present to control the manufacture or sale of cheating cards, games, or devices. Mr. Bowers commented that the revenue portion of the bill was not an administrative proposal, but had been introduced into the bill by the Legislature.

DISPOSITION of A.B. 392: Senator Swobe moved, "Do pass." Senator Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with Senators Bunker, Christensen, Fisher, Gibson, and Swobe present.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

Senator James I. Gibson - Chairman