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SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting Held  
April 5, 1967

The 29th meeting of the Senate Committee on Taxation was called to order Wednesday, April 5, 1967, at 4:20 p.m., in Committee Room 50, State Capitol, by the Chairman, Senator James I. Gibson.

All committee members were present except Senators Dodge and Swobe. Senator Dodge joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Also present:

Mr. Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel (entered the meeting  
at 4:25 p.m.)

Mr. Cy Ryan, Newsman

The Chairman called for consideration of:

S.B. 496: Increases license fees for horse race books to be paid in lieu of gross revenue and table taxes. Introduced by Senator Herr.

The Chairman stated the sponsor of the bill had indicated to him that this goes far beyond what she had anticipated and had asked that the committee table the bill.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Christensen moved, "Kill it." Senator Slattery seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. McDonald entered the meeting (4:25 p.m.)

A.B. 467: Creates a procedure for assessment of livestock. Introduced by Committee on Taxation.

The Chairman stated he had an amendment that had come in after the Assembly passed the bill. The amendment deleted the language after the period in line 6 and through line 12 on page 2 and substituted therefor a provision that the additional tax is to be determined by applying the same tax rate which is applied to determining the amount of the tax on the livestock estimated by the owner, such additional tax to be distributed in the same manner as the other taxes the owner has paid on the livestock.

Mr. McDonald explained the amendment and expressed his approval of it. Senator Dodge entered the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and joined the discussion on the amendment.

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Christensen moved that the committee put in the amendment. Senator Slattery seconded the motion. No vote was taken, but there was general agreement to do this, and the Chairman gave the amendment to Mr. McDonald to incorporate in the bill.

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S.B. 15: Provides financial support for school districts by revising state aid formula, requiring uniform assessment of property and imposing sales tax.

Senator Gibson stated there were extensive amendments in this bill, and called on Senator Dodge to discuss them. Senator Dodge said that after the hearing on the bill the people in the State Department of Education "got busy and talked to us. They approached the thing on the basis of attendance areas. Peabody did not give enough recognition of the difference in size of attendance areas. So they put these refinements on, which make some changes in the basic support figure." Senator Dodge then went through the amendments, with Mr. McDonald adding comments from time to time. It was agreed that the date of April 1, 1967, appearing in line 26, page 5, should be changed to May 1, 1967, and that the Nevada Tax Commission should be limited to seven days in which to perform the duties set forth in lines 28-31, page 5. This deadline was for the purpose of manufacturing a court case to test the law. Senator Dodge also pointed out the necessity for appropriating \$2.7 million from the general fund to the distributive school fund to carry the schools through the first quarter, since the first sales tax revenues will not be received until October 1, whereas the schools must budget in advance of the quarter.

Going off the record to the press, the members discussed the fact that the special education money is weighted in the bill and is not spelled out in a special formula, for the purpose of keeping the formula simple.

Senator Gibson commented on the advisability of getting off the Peabody system with its inequities, at this opportune time, when it is proposed to pump appreciable sums into the school funds. He said the Department of Education agrees with the committee on this idea, that "We've met with all the school superintendents and school boards, and with the exception of Douglas and Ormsby, they agree on this approach."

The Chairman asked the committee how they wished to handle the bill from this point on. Senator Dodge suggested the bill be reprinted now, be put out, amended, and rereferred to the committee. He warned the committee: "You are going to get a flood of mail from these special ed parents when they find there is no reference to this special ed money."

Mr. McDonald commented that there were only two things to change: 1) Change the April 1 date on the Tax Commission to May 1; and 2) go ahead and preprint with the understanding the committee will adopt the amendments.

The Chairman said: "Our thinking is, we want to be ready to move on this, but won't move it until the gambling tax passes."

Senator Dodge: "If we were to preprint it, we could put it on the board, amend and do pass."

Mr. McDonald: "I'll want them [the amendments] in the safe. If something comes up and we have to preprint, it will mean another 24 hours of your time. I want assurance you will buy the package amendments."

Senator Dodge: "I hope we're all of a mind to stand tight on not separating out the special ed funds."

Senator Gibson: "One thing, Carl, that I think would offset this--in our budget we are going to go along with quite a few of these things--cottages, mental health facilities. . . They are getting quite a lot in institutional bills."


Senator Dodge: "If we really want to separate out that special ed money, then we have the additional job of defining special ed stuff, and that's too big a job at this stage."

Senator Slattery: "I won't vote for the bill, but I won't fight it on the floor."

✓ DISPOSITION: Senator Dodge: "I move we amend and do pass at the opportune time." Senator Brown seconded. There appeared to be general agreement to this motion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Louise Glover - Secretary

I certify that the foregoing minutes are correct.

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Senator James I. Gibson - Chairman