

## Assembly

Minutes of Meeting--Committee on Elections -- 55th Nevada Assembly  
February 18, 1969

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Present: Swallow, Frazzini, Homer, Reid, Hilbrecht and Schouweiler.  
Foote arrived later.

Absent: None

Chairman Swallow convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The committee briefly discussed AB 200. Hilbrecht pointed out that the corrections had been made and it was ready. Reid had moved for a "DO PASS" at the previous meeting.

SB-121--Frazzini moved "DO PASS."

Reid seconded

Motion unanimously carried

AB-197--Committee still waiting for a report from Mr. Jacobsen.

SB-69--John Koontz suggested changing to the third week of August and by doing this Labor Day would not interfere with the election. He also stated this would be a good date because of getting the ballots printed for the General Election. There are quite a number of printers to deal with and the ballots are not completely ready until 2 or 3 weeks before the elections, giving them only a couple of weeks to get them in to be printed and get them back. Reid asked if this wouldn't mean a tremendous cut in votes. Koontz replied that the voters would not be thinking of the holiday and would be more apt to be at the polls than if it were a day they had to get children off to school. The Committee after much discussion felt that it would be best to set a date after people had returned from their summer vacations and were back to their normal routine.

Reid moved "DO PASS" SB-69 with amendments to lines two and three-- "to the third Tuesday in September." Line 10 to be amended appropriately for a closing date. The Bill Drafters were to make necessary changes to coincide with lines two and three.

Frazzini seconded.

Reid was assigned to take care of having the bill amended.

AJR-23 Reid moved "DO PASS" with the amendment of line 14, inserting the words "popular vote or other means."

Hilbrecht seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

It was to be noted that Swallow, Frazzini, Schouweiler and Homer asked for the amendment.

Mary Frazzini was appointed to take care of the amendment.

SB-67 - There was a question raised as to the language of "non-partisan" or "independent" and whether these were interchangeable. John Koontz was called in to discuss the bill. He said the bill was proposed by Mr. Mulroy in Las Vegas. Sometimes there is not enough room on the voting machines. The bill gives flexibility for moving names back and forth. He gave an example--when the legislators reapportioned in 1966 and there were 54 candidates in one race in Las Vegas, there were only 50 lines on the machine.

In explaining "independent" and "non-partisan" in answer to the Committee's question he said that "independents" go on the ballot by petition. They do not go into the primary -- you might be an independent, but you will be running for a non-partisan office. An independent is a person who has no party affiliation. You have to have a certain percentage of votes in the county to run for county office or in the state to run for state office to get on the ballot as an independent. One of the problems now concerns three ballots in primary election. Independent is a qualified party and now has the same status as democrat and republican. Now to stay in elections they have to get 5% of the votes to stay on the ballot.

The bill gives flexibility to move parties around on the ballot.

Hilbrecht moved "DO PASS" SB 67.

Reid seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BD-24-1435. Schouweiler moved to introduce BDR 24-1435.

Frazzini seconded.

Unanimous.

AB-306

Reid moved "DO PASS" with the amendments to line 16 page 4 and to subsection 3 on page 6 prior to Section 6.

Frazzini seconded.

Unanimous.

Hilbrecht was appointed to take care of the bill drafting.

AJR-7 Reid reported that he had talked to Russell McDonald over the problem of this bill interfering with Brookman's bill. The committee was concerned over what would happen to the 18-year-old amendment. The committee was concerned that since there was already a proposed 18-year-old vote, how would it affect the bill on the amendment for a 19-year-old vote.

Reid said that after talking to Russ McDonald that he felt it would not in any way effect this proposal. Since we had discussed the 19-year-old measure, we had many articles in newspapers. Senator Mansfield has indicated that all states should set this as a breaking off point favoring the 19-year-old vote.

Reid also said that he had spoken to Speaker McKissick and he said that both of these measures could be presented on the ballot. Reid stated that he is strongly committed to lowering the voting age. Five states have done so already. He feels that the 18-year-old measure will fail. Let us give the people the choice of deciding whether 18 or 19 or we can wait for another two years.

Shouweiler stated that he is still convinced he would like to see AB-8 acted on in the Senate before moving the 19 year old vote out of Committee.

Committee feels also that they should wait until the Senate decided what they are going to do on the 18-year-old bill.

Reid moved to have Mr. Dakin come in Thursday and discuss this proposal and what the effect would be to introduce more bills on the floor pertaining to lowering the voting age.

Hilbrecht seconded.

Unanimous.

Some discussion took place on SB-8. This was Senator Dodge's bill and the Committee had killed the bill.

BDR 30-772 Chairman suggested that Homer talk with Frank Young and discuss likeness and differences concerning Mr. Young's bill which is somewhat the same as the one that Dr. Homer had presented to the Committee. The Chairman suggested that Dr. Homer talk to Frank Young.

Committee decided to carry the bill over until Thursday's meeting.

Foote moved the meeting adjourn until 10 o'clock Thursday. Hilbrecht seconded.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.