

JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE - SENATE AND ASSEMBLY
(S.B. No. 39)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 1969

Senate Members:	Senator White, Chairman	Present
	Senator Hecht	"
	Senator Bunker (Acting for Senator Lamb on the Joint Committee)	" (Part time)
	Senator Titlow	Absent
	Senator Swobe	"

Assembly Members:	Mr. Wood	Present
	Mr. Mello	"
	Mr. Capurro	"
	Mr. T. Hafen	"
	Mr. Torvinen	"
	Mr. Bowler	"
	Mr. Espinoza	"

Visitors:	Mr. Louis T. Mastos, Commissioner of Insurance
	Mr. Richard Hanna, Legal Counsel for American Association of Life Insurance Companies

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

Senator White opened the meeting by stating that the primary purposes of this first meeting of the Joint Committee were:

1. To organize functions of the Joint Committee
2. To establish any committee rules outside of Mason's Manual rules which might apply
3. To elect Chairman of Joint Committee
4. To establish timetable for public hearings on S.B. No. 39 (New insurance code)
5. To establish subcommittees to operate within the Joint Committee

Senator White asked for nominations for Chairman of the Joint Committee. Mr. Mello nominated Mr. Wood, who expressed his appreciation and asked that his name be withdrawn in favor of Senator White. Mr. Espinoza then nominated Senator White for Chairman of the Joint Committee; Senator Hecht seconded the nomination. All expressed approval and Senator White accepted the chairmanship.

Mr. Wood then offered his services as Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee, if that met with the approval of the committee. His offer was accepted.

Senator White then gave a brief resume of the work that had already been done on drafting the bill as it is now being presented. (Incidentally, the bill in its present form is a second draft, incorporating the changes and alterations deemed advisable following meetings and hearings held in Carson City and Las Vegas by Mr. Mastos and his staff with representatives of the insurance industry and other concerned persons.)

Now that the second draft has been prepared, it is proposed to have public hearings on the bill before any legislative action is finally taken. Starting Monday, February 10, 1969, and continuing through Friday, February 14, 1969, these public hearings will be held each morning at 9:45 in Room 58 of the State Capitol Building. Should it prove after a couple of these scheduled public hearings that no public interest is evident, then the Joint Committee will commence its work on the code in private sessions.

Mr. Mastos will be responsible for notifying various civic and industry groups likely to have interest in the new insurance code. Mr. Tarvinen asked that Mr. Mastos supply him with a list of the consumer groups to be notified of the public hearings. Mr. Bowler suggested that city and state Chambers of Commerce be notified (Mr. Mastos will handle) and also suggested a release be prepared for the press (handled by Senator White - see attachment).

As for rules applying to the committee, Senator White announced that the rules of the Mason's Manual will govern and any action taken by the majority will constitute complete action of the committee. After the Joint Committee's action, neither House will have the privilege of changing the action of the Joint Committee. Mr. Bowler moved the adoption of this procedure, Senator Hecht seconded, and it was so ordered.

Because of the complexity of the bill, Senator White suggested the appointment of subcommittees (each composed of four members of the Joint Committee) to act as "specialists" in the various areas of the bill. Senator Hecht suggested the subcommittee memberships be determined on an assignment basis - with assignments being made by Senator White and Mr. Wood. This suggestion had the unanimous approval of the Joint Committee members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. O'Malley
Committee Secretary

Approved:



Marvin L. White, Chairman

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NOTIFICATION

A special joint committee of the Senate and Assembly will hold hearings on Senate Bill No. 39 (new insurance code) starting Monday, February 10, 1969, at 9:45 A.M. in Room 58 of the State Capitol Building.

This is a specific invitation to any citizen who may wish to be heard on any points of the proposed insurance code to appear before the committee at these hearings.

These hearings will conclude on Friday, February 14, 1969.

(Senator Marvin L. White)

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cc: J. E. Wood

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