

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 17, 1969

The forty-third meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 17th day of April, 1969, at 3:00 P.M.

Committee members present: James Gibson, Chairman
 Marvin White
 Chic Hecht
 Carl F. Dodge
 F. W. Farr
 Warren Monroe
 Vernon Bunker

Others present were:

Curt Blyth	Nevada Municipal Association
David Henry	Clark County Manager
John Meyers	City Councilman, North Las Vegas
William Briare	County Commissioner, Clark County
Robert Patroni	Attorney for Clark County School District
Assemblyman Dini	
Assemblyman Close	
Senator Christensen	

Press representatives

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. Several bills were under consideration.

AB-458 Proposed by Messrs. Branch, Mello, May, Schouweiler, Wilson, Tim Hafen, Bowler, Bryan, Espinoza, Wood and Hilbrecht. Provides that annual audit of funds and accounts of local governments shall be made under supervision of Nevada tax commission.

Mr. Blyth of the Nevada Municipal Association spoke on this bill, stating that there was no longer any necessity for it. Senator White and Senator Farr both stated objections to this bill. Following discussion Senator Dodge moved to hold indefinitely, seconded by Senator White. Vote for this action was unanimous.

AB-754 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs. Authorizes counties to establish hospital districts.

Senator Dodge moved to hold indefinitely, seconded by Senator Monroe. Vote for this action was unanimous.

AB-437 Proposed by Messrs. Hilbrecht and Smith.
Extends requirement of approval of local government bond issues by county bond commission.

Senator Dodge noted that he had a telephone call from Mr. Wood who had indicated that he had in a written communication asked that the city council in Reno and the bond commission be heard on this bill. The committee decided to hold action until tomorrow and request that they come over and be heard at that time.

ACR-47 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.
Urges boards of county commissioners to promote consolidation of services among local governmental units.

Senator Monroe moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Hecht. The vote on this motion carried, with Senator Farr voting "nay".

AB-100 Proposed by Mr. McKissick.
Authorizes board of county commissioners to act as or to appoint members of board of trustees of general improvement district.

Mr. Henry spoke on this bill, stating that this is an attempt to control general improvement districts, and that some kind of additional control is in order. He was in favor of this legislation, although he felt it was not strong enough.

The committee decided to hold action on this until Mr. McKissick could be consulted.

AB-782 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.
Limits investments in local government securities and provides penalty for violating covenants contained in such securities.

Chairman Gibson explained the purpose of this bill. Mr. John Meyers, city councilman of North Las Vegas spoke on this subject and said that he felt it would be a mistake to pass the bill as it is presently without amending Section 4 to state that the act will become effective at a later date.

Senator Dodge moved to Amend (by deleting effective date) and Do Pass, seconded by Senator Bunker. Vote for this action was unanimous.

AB-343 Proposed by Mr. Close.
Allows private entities to maintain a zoo.

Mr. Close explained that the reason he had introduced the bill was because somebody had come to him and said that they wanted to construct

a zoo near Las Vegas. They had gone to the city and been told that the law prohibited them from doing this. Mr. Close and Senator Monroe both voiced objection to this bill permitting "roadside" zoos, and felt that a protection should be added against this. No action was taken on this bill at this time.

AB-646 Proposed by Messrs. Close and Bowler.
Exempts certain suppliers of water from requirement to fluoridate water.

Mr. Close noted that in Las Vegas, for example, there are many suppliers that are very small, and to compel them to fluoridate their water along with everybody else is not possible. If Las Vegas wants to fluoridate their water, it does so by vote of the people, but to compel somebody who supplies water to two or three other houses would be almost prohibitive and would put them out of business.

There was committee discussion, after which Senator Dodge moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Bunker. Vote for passage was unanimous.

AB-600 Proposed by Washoe-Storey Counties Districts' Delegation.
Relieves county recorder of duties relating to marriage certificates.

Senator Farr suggested that the committee have Mr. Questa, of Washoe County, come in and speak on this bill. Mr. Henry noted for the record that the county recorders are divided on this matter. It was decided to hold action until further study could be made.

AB-778 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.
Requires that notice of delinquent taxes be published in newspaper which publishes list of taxpayers.

Chairman Gibson noted the amendments in this bill on page 1, lines 7, 8 and 9. Following committee discussion Senator Dodge moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Hecht. Vote for passage was unanimous.

AB-503 Proposed by Clark County Delegation.
Authorizes counties to acquire and improve street beautification projects.

Mr. William Briare gave the background on this bill, and stated that it is purely an assessment bill. Following committee discussion it was decided to hold action on this until Mr. Daykin could be consulted.

AJR-27 Proposed by Messrs. Dini, Prince, Getto, Smith and Hilbrecht.
Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to provide that county governing bodies fix compensation of county officers.

Senator Dodge suggested that inasmuch as this bill has to go through two sessions that it be passed and then make a decision at that time as to

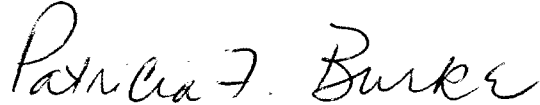
whether or not they want to, in fact, put this to a vote of the people. Mr. Briare also spoke on this bill and said that the local entities were in favor of passage of this legislation.

Following discussion, Senator Farr moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Dodge. The vote on this motion was as follows:

Senator Dodge	Aye
Senator Farr	Aye
Senator White	Nay
Senator Monroe	Nay
Senator Bunker	Nay
Senator Hecht	Nay
Chairman Gibson	Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia F. Burke,
Committee secretary

A. C. R. 47

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 28, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges boards of county commissioners to promote consolidation of services among local governmental units. (BDR 1949)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the boards of county commissioners to promote a consolidation of services among local governmental units.

- 1 WHEREAS, The costs involved in maintaining the various levels of local
2 government are increasing as a result of increased demands from the
3 people for more services; and
4 WHEREAS, Local governmental units are vigorously competing for
5 available tax revenues and often find that such revenues are insufficient
6 to meet the demands for services; and
7 WHEREAS, There is often a duplication in the services provided by the
8 various levels of local government; and
9 WHEREAS, Efficiency in government and financial savings would result
10 if local governmental units would cooperate and develop a program for
11 consolidating services; now, therefore, be it
12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of Nevada, the Senate concur-*
13 *ring,* That the boards of county commissioners of all the counties in
14 Nevada are urged to encourage the local governmental units in their
15 respective counties to cooperate and work toward a consolidation of func-
16 tions; and be it further
17 *Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
18 by the legislative counsel to the boards of county commissioners of all
19 the counties in this state.

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(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 782

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 782—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

APRIL 8, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Limits investments in local government securities and provides penalty for violating covenants contained in such securities. (BDR 31-1997)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to local government securities; limiting the kinds of investments by local governments; providing a penalty for violating bond covenants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*1 SECTION 1. Chapter 355 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:3 *No governing body of any local government or agency, as defined in*
4 *NRS 354.474, may invest any of its moneys, or any part thereof, in:*5 1. *Its own securities of any kind.*6 2. *Interim warrants from any source.*

7 SEC. 2. NRS 355.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 355.170 1. A board of county commissioners or the governing body
9 of an incorporated city may purchase [] *for investment the following*
10 *securities and no others:*11 (a) Bonds and debentures of the United States, the maturity dates of
12 which shall not extend more than 10 years from the date of purchase;13 (b) Farm loan bonds, consolidated farm loan bonds, debentures, con-
14 solidated debentures and other obligations issued by federal land banks
15 and federal intermediate credit banks under the authority of the Federal
16 Farm Loan Act, 12 U.S.C. §§ 636 to 1012, inclusive, and §§ 1021 to
17 1129, inclusive, as now or hereafter amended, and bonds, debentures,
18 consolidated debentures and other obligations issued by banks for coop-
19 eratives under the authority of the Farm Credit Act of 1933, 12 U.S.C.
20 §§ 1131 to 1138e, inclusive, as now or hereafter amended;21 (c) Bills and notes of the United States Treasury, the maturity date of
22 which is not more than 10 years from date of purchase,

1 such county or city, the use of which for the purpose of purchasing the
2 type of bonds herein referred to will not result in the impairment of such
3 fund or funds for the purposes for which the same were created.

4 *(d) Securities which have been expressly authorized as investments for*
5 *local governments or agencies, as defined in NRS 354.474, by any provi-*
6 *sion of Nevada Revised Statutes or by any special law.*

7 2. When the board of county commissioners or governing body of
8 the city has determined that there are available moneys in any fund or
9 funds for the purchase of bonds as set out in subsection 1, such purchases
10 may be made and the bonds paid for out of any one or more of the funds,
11 but the bonds shall be credited to the funds in the amounts purchased,
12 and the moneys received from the redemption of such bonds, as and when
13 redeemed, shall go back into the fund or funds from which the purchase
14 money was taken originally.

15 3. Any interest earned on funds invested pursuant to subsection 2 of
16 this section, may, at the discretion of the board of county commissioners
17 or governing body of the city, be credited either to the fund from which
18 the principal was taken or to the general fund of the county or incorpo-
19 rated city.

20 4. The board of county commissioners or governing body of an incor-
21 porated city may invest any moneys apportioned into funds and not
22 invested pursuant to subsection 2 of this section and any moneys not
23 apportioned into funds in bills and notes of the United States Treasury,
24 the maturity date of which shall not be more than 1 year from the date
25 of investment. Such investments shall be considered as cash for account-
26 ing purposes, and all the interest earned thereon shall be credited to the
27 general fund of the county or incorporated city.

28 5. This section does not authorize the investment of moneys admin-
29 istered pursuant to a contract, debenture agreement or grant in a manner
30 not authorized by the terms of such contract, agreement or grant.

31 SEC. 3. Chapter 350 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
32 new section which shall read as follows:

33 1. *Any member of the governing body and any officer or other agent*
34 *of a municipality which has issued any bonds or municipal securities who*
35 *willfully violates any covenant or provision contained in any such inden-*
36 *tures or other instruments or proceedings appertaining thereto is guilty of*
37 *a misdemeanor.*

38 2. *A violation of a covenant existing on the effective date of this act*
39 *is not "willful" for the purpose of this section if compliance is impractical*
40 *because of competition from a private enterprise or enterpriser offering a*
41 *comparable service.*

42 SEC. 4. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

A. B. 646

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 646—MESSRS. CLOSE AND BOWLER**MARCH 7, 1969**

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Exempts certain suppliers of water from requirement to fluoridate water. (BDR 40-1507)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to fluoridation of water; exempting certain suppliers of water from the requirement to fluoridate water; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 445.038 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 445.038 The provisions of NRS 445.033 to 445.037 do not apply:
3 **[to]**
4 1. *To purveyors of bottled water who label their containers to inform*
5 *the purchaser that the naturally occurring fluoride concentration of the*
6 *water has been adjusted to recommended levels.*
7 2. *To any supplier of water who supplies water to less than 500 users.*
8 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

A. B. 778

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 778—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

APRIL 4, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires that notice of delinquent taxes be published in newspaper which publishes list of taxpayers. (BDR 32-1982)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to notice of delinquent taxes; requiring that such notice be published in the newspaper which publishes the list of taxpayers.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 361.565 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 361.565 1. Within 20 days after the 1st Monday in March of each
 3 year, in all cases where the delinquent tax, exclusive of poll taxes, penal-
 4 ties and assessments of benefits of irrigation districts, does not exceed
 5 the sum of \$3,000, the tax receiver of the county shall give the notice
 6 in the manner and form provided in this section.
 7 2. Such notice shall be published in [a newspaper, if there is one
 8 published in the county,] *the newspaper which publishes the list of tax-*
 9 *payors pursuant to NRS 361.300* at least once a week from the date
 10 thereof for 4 consecutive weeks, being four insertions. If there is no
 11 newspaper in the county, such notice shall be posted in at least five con-
 12 spicuous places within the county.
 13 3. The cost of publication in each case shall be charged to the delin-
 14 quent taxpayer, and shall, in no case, be a charge against the state or
 15 county. Such publication shall be made at not more than legal rates.
 16 4. When the delinquent property consists of unimproved real estate
 17 assessed at a sum not exceeding \$25, the notice shall be given by posting
 18 a copy of the same in three conspicuous places within the county without
 19 publishing the same in a newspaper.
 20 5. Such notice shall state:
 21 (a) The name of the owner, if known.
 22 (b) The description of the property on which such taxes are a lien.
 23 (c) The amount of the taxes due on the property and the penalties
 24 and costs as provided by law.

1 (d) That if the amount is not paid by the taxpayer or his successor in
2 interest the tax receiver will, on the 4th Monday in April of the current
3 year at 1:30 p.m. of that day, issue to the county treasurer, as trustee
4 for the state and county, a certificate authorizing him to hold the prop-
5 erty, subject to redemption within 2 years after date thereof, by payment
6 of the taxes and accruing taxes, penalties and costs, together with interest
7 at the rate of 10 percent per annum from date due until paid as provided
8 by law and that such redemption may be made in accordance with the
9 provisions of chapter 21 of NRS in regard to real property sold under
10 execution.

11 6. At the same time that the tax receiver shall first publish the notice
12 or post the same, as the case may be, he shall send a copy of the notice
13 by registered mail, in the case of each respective property as taxed, to
14 the owner or owners thereof, and also to the person or persons listed as
15 the taxpayer or taxpayers thereon on the tax rolls, at their last-known
16 addresses, if such names and addresses are known. In addition, a second
17 copy shall be sent in the same manner as in the case of the first copy, not
18 less than 60 days before the expiration of the period of redemption as
19 stated in the notice.

20 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.