

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a. m. by Chairman Monroe on February 18, 1969.

Committee members present: Chairman Monroe
Senator Hug
Senator Dodge
Senator Young
Senator Christensen
Senator Dodge

Guest: Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel.
Senator Helen Herr

Mr. McDonald referred to SB 160 and after considerable discussion as to the responsibility of the legislative counsel employees and the confidential handling of all investigations and audits he suggested the bill be amended and take out everything except section 1.

Senator Dodge moved this be amended and do pass.
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB 64 - Increases punishment for assault and battery on peace officers, authored by Helen Herr.

Senator Herr explained that a couple of officers had been killed in Clark County the past year or so and they felt they needed this bill. There will be police officers from Las Vegas here within a week or so and they would like to be heard on this bill.

Mr. McDonald advised the northern group of officers had requested a bill similar to this also.

Senator Young felt the penalty was too severe but he would like to hear what the officers had to say on this.

SB 33 and SB 34 - Senator Herr advised these two bills were prepared to take care of the defects in SB 68 passed during the last session. This provides a penalty for the misuse of SB 68. Senator Herr explained that this was prompted by a few of the Las Vegas landlords evicting tenants for no valid cause, merely because they wanted the tenant out or were offered more rent for the property. There were only a very few that

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had taken advantage of it. This also (SB 34) merely gives the tenant a chance in court and raises from 3 to 5 days. Three days is much too short a time, especially when a weekend is involved. Some landlords will put an eviction notice under the door giving no specific reason for eviction other than saying they have the right by law.

Senator Dodge asked if the law provides for eviction for any other reason than non payment of rent. He felt that rather than to use the wording unlawfully they should recognize the reasons for evicting.

Senator Christensen remarked he felt the landlord should be able to have who he wants living in his house and they usually had a good reason for evicting before they would put someone out.

Senator Young stated that SB 34 was actually for the protection of the tenant as they could take it to court if they felt they were unreasonably evicted.

Mr. McDonald advised you could not pass both SB 33 and SB 34 and be consistent.

Senator Dodge asked Senator Herr if she felt it would be sufficient to protect the tenant as in SB 34.

Senator Herr stated that after hearing all of the discussion she felt that by passing SB 34 there would be sufficient protection.

Senator Dodge moved SB 34 be passed and SB 33 be held.

Senator Young seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Monroe asked Senator Dodge if he would like to have SB 84 brought out.

Senator Dodge advised it was not necessary at this time as he wanted to discuss subsection 3 further. He was trying to get the money into the general fund of the State. He stated he certainly did not want it to go into the county general fund. He would prefer to hold it a little longer and see if there were any comments on it.

SB 139 - Outlaws conduct in public area which disrupts normal activities. Senator Swobe advised he has an amendment coming on this bill and it should be ready soon.

SB 70- (Provides deadlines for submission of local questions to county clerks prior to elections) and SB 122 (Requires timely submission of questions to appear on ballots) were discussed. Chairman Monroe remarked they seemed to have similar language and they both dealt with the same thing.

Senator Dodge advised SB 70 was introduced much earlier than SB 122. It is trying to incorporate the bond elections with the general elections. School bond issues were always late in being presented and there should be a time limit as to when they would be accepted.

Senator Monroe asked Mr. McDonald which one should be considered.

Mr. McDonald advised SB 70 was much broader. SB 122 was prepared for the Washoe County Clerk and was for local problem only.

Chairman Monroe mentioned it should be amended on page 1, line 12 from the 4th Monday to the 3rd Monday so it would conform. He asked that the amendments be prepared and they would discuss it further at that time.

Mr. McDonald advised there would be a representative from the Stock Exchange and from the SEC available to meet with the committee when it was convenient. Chairman Monroe requested Mr. McDonald to set definite appointments with them and when they arrived he would call a joint meeting with the assembly.

Chairman Monroe announced there would be a meeting on the abortion bill on March 5th at 2:00 p. m. with the Assembly and Health and Welfare.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Smith, Secretary.

Approved: _____