

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 10:10 a. m. on February 4, 1969.

Committee members present: Senator Monroe, Chairman
Senator Dodge
Senator Christensen
Senator Bunker
Senator Hug.

Senator Young was late and came into the meeting at 10:30 a. m. Senator Swobe came in at 10:45 a. m.

Chairman Monroe asked the pleasure of the committee in setting a date for the hearing on SB 81, the marriage bill. After some discussion the hearing was set for 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday, February 18, 1969.

Senator Dodge remarked that something should be done about the Justice of the Peace situation and he considered it a more serious problem, particularly in the Las Vegas area, than the wedding chapel problem. He stated he thought the wedding chapels were a racket and should be controlled.

Chairman Monroe will get a notice out on the hearing.

There are several Assembly bills to be considered and Chairman Monroe stated that they were mostly technical corrections prepared by Russ McDonald. He had given half to the Senate and half to the Assembly.

AB 20. Relating to fees of county clerks; abrogating statutory specification of county law library fees in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This was set aside until a later date.

AB 21. Requires resident agents to file notices of resignation with secretary of state.

Chairman Monroe stated this was merely a technical correction.

Senator Dodge moved this be passed
Senator Bunker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 23. Corrects list of contents of NRS.

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Chairman Monroe asked if this was taken up in the legislative commission or if it was done by Russ McDonald.

Senator Dodge advised this merely eliminated subsections 4, 5, and 6 and that section 7 was retained to cover those provisions. He remarked that he did not know the reason for wanting to change but he did understand the meaning.

Senator Dodge moved this be passed.
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 24. Clarifies language dealing with theft and fraudulent use of credit cards.

Senator Dodge remarked the change makes the attempt of theft or fraudulent use of credit cards a criminal offence.

Senator Dodge moved this be passed.
Senator Bunker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 25. Corrects penalty provision relating to forged instruments.

Chairman Monroe pointed out that this changed the language from "less than \$5,000" to "not more than \$5,000".

Senator Hug moved this be passed.
Senator Dodge seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 27. Clarifies language of extradition statute to designate correctly district attorneys and state board of parole commissioners.

Senator Christensen moved this be passed.
Senator Bunker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 28. Provides for service of notice of proceedings for termination of parental rights.

Senator Monroe pointed out that this merely changes Summons to the notice of hearing and action to proceedings.

Senator Dodge moved this be passed
Senator Christensen seconded the motion
Motion carried.

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AB 68. Clarifies provision for election of county commissioners.

Chairman Monroe that subsection 4 was superfluous.

Senator Dodge advised there was another bill proposed by the County Commissioner's Association to be presented. Previously it was not designated as to what office the County Commissioner was running for so no one could file against a person or for a certain office. The County Commissioners felt it should be designated as to who is running for which office to give any one a chance to file against him. He suggested this be held until the other bill comes in and consider them together.

Chairman Monroe asked if this conflicted with the bill that was going to come in, directing this to Senator Bunker.

Senator Bunker stated that he did not know but the other bill would have the County Commissioner run from a district rather than at large.

Senator Dodge advised this was taken care of in the school elections with the Peabody law, however it was neglected for the County Commissioners.

Senator Young advised there were seven candidates running for the County Commissioner office in the Reno-Sparks area and the top two were elected, no matter where they lived.

Senator Dodge suggested Frank Daykin be contacted and find out if there is a bill being introduced on this.

Chairman Monroe stated the bill would be set aside for the present time.

AB 82. Regulates names of candidates on ballots.

Chairman Monroe stated the addition would not permit a title for a professional person to be stated on the ballot, such as doctor.

Senator Christensen asked if this would effect having incumbent after the name of the candidate.

Senator Dodge stated that this referred only to profession.

Senator Young remarked that he had never seen incumbent after a candidates name.

Senator Dodge moved this be passed.
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Monroe advised there were several more Assembly bills however, he felt they should have the authors explain their intent.

AB 72. Allows uninsured motorist coverage up to limits of insured's policy.

Senator Young stated he felt this certainly had merit however he would like to see what was said on it.

AB 86. Provides for issuance of personalized license plates.

Senator Young would like to hear what the Assemblymen introducing this bill have to say on it.

Chairman Monroe stated the bill would be set aside until they could be contacted.

AB 46. Deletes certification requirement for complaint in civil action.

Chairman Monroe remarked this seemed to be a simple bill and self explanatory.

Senator Young felt this had merit.

Senator Christensen moved this be passed
Senator Hug seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 55. Clarifies that prosecutions in certain courts are by complaint.

Chairman Monroe remarked he did not particularly understand Mr. Torvinen's points on this.

Senator Christensen stated that if it meant what he thought it meant he did not particularly like it.

Senator Young pointed out that Mr. Torvinen was the City Attorney for Reno and felt that he would not author this unless it had merit.

Chairman Monroe stated that it merely conforms

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to practice and includes municipal courts as well as justice courts.

Senator Christensen asked that if someone owed him money and he was unable to collect it and he went thru the justice court to get it would he have to sign a complaint?

Senator Young advised this applied to criminal actions only.

Chairman Monroe advised he did not see anything wrong with it.

Senator Young moved this be passed
Senator Bunker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Monroe again reminded the members of the committee, especially those that came in late that a joint hearing on the Court bills was set for Thursday, February 13th after adjournment and that a hearing for the marriage bill was set for February 18th at 10:00 a. m. He remarked that they had a lot of bills to be considered however nothing could be done on them at the present time as most of them were going to be amended.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Smith, Secretary.

Approved: _____.