

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a. m. on March 7, 1969 by Chairman Monroe.

Committee members present: Chairman Monroe
Senator Bunker
Senator Dodge
Senator Swobe
Senator Christensen
Senator Hug
Senator Young (In at 10:00 a.m.)

SB 85 - Provides for Court Administrator and improvement of justices' and municipal courts.

Chairman Monroe read the amendments received on SB 85 as were previously suggested, however the Chief Justice was to come out of all sections.

Senator Swobe moved to amend and refer to Finance.
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Senator Dodge remarked he felt the Finance Committee would be receptive to this bill.

SB #299 - Provides that news media need not disclose source of information.

Chairman Monroe advised Russ McDonald was to have checked on this and he now had his reply. This was to be on "employed by". He stated Mr. McDonald advised this would cover the publisher, editor, reporter or other employee of the newspaper. In the larger papers that employed a number of employees was very different than a small operation. He felt the bill was good as it was.

Senator Christensen moved "do pass".
Senator Young seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

SB #304 - Requires consideration of certain facts in fixing bail.

Mr. McDonald was to check on this to see if it was constitutional.

Mr. Daykin advised that it was and the change strengthened.

Senator Dodge moved "do pass."
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Monroe announced a hearing to be held Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. in the Ways and Means Committee Room on the Corporate Gaming Law.

He stated he did not think there was need for an extensive

hearing on AB 79, the obscenity bill.

Senator Dodge was reluctant to to have the State step in when this was controlled by the Cities in some areas.

Senator Christensen remarked a newsstand could be set up just outside a city limit and be out of the city control yet it would be available and there would be no control.

Chairman Monroe suggested they contact Shirley _____? to go over this and have her report to the committee as to how she felt.

AB 204 - Modifies jury exemption provisions.

There was considerable discussion as to whether the mail carriers should be exempt.

Chairman Monroe was quite concerned about the rural mail carriers as there were no substitutes for them as there was in a city and it would prove a hardship if they were called on jury duty.

Senator Dodge felt that a judge would always excuse one for jury duty if he could prove extreme hardship. He felt the purpose of the changes was due to the fact that they have a hard time filling juries now and they tried to remove some of the exemptions so they would have a broader field to draw from.

Senator Young remarked that legally he was not sure what a Judge could do about excusing a member but from a practical standpoint they could just about do what they wanted.

Senator Swobe suggested they leave the bill the way it was with the exception of exemption rural contract carriers in Star Route areas.

This was agreeable to all.

AB 117 - Specifies times when one spouse may testify against the other.

Senator Young advised the present law states a spouse can not testify against the other in any case.

It was suggested Mr. Lowman who authored the bill asked to come in and discuss why this was introduced.

AB 161. Increases amount of security required under Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Senator Dodge would like to find out what the additional premium would be for the increased limits before he made a decision.

It was agreeable to set this aside until that information was obtained.

AB 233 - Clarifies Provision relating to service of process on motorists using Nevada's public roads.

Senator Dodge stated this clarified the intent that it applied to a non-resident and also adds a resident.

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

AB 255 - Provides a uniform sheriff's fee schedule.

Senator Swobe advised this came out of Washoe County. They had checked with each sheriff in the state and had the approval of all.

Senator Dodge stated that last session they made a lot of the filing fees uniform and he felt this was good. The fees should all be uniform.

Senator Swobe moved "do pass"
Senator Dodge seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 256 - Removes requirement of county clerk certificate when writs issued from justice's courts.

Senator Young felt this would be good legislation. He stated he could see a problem several years ago but certainly not today.

Chairman Monroe remarked the County Clerk did not have any records applying to the justice's court.

Senator Swobe moved "do pass"
Senator Christensen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

AB 338 - Permits criminal complaints to be signed before a justice of the peace.

Chairman Monroe suggested either Mr. Close or Mr. Torvinen

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be asked to come in on this.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne M. Smith, Secretary

Approved: _____