

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a. m. April 21, 1969 by
Chairman Monroe

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

Guests: Mary Frazzini, Assemblyman
Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel

Mrs. Frazzini asked the members to reconsider their previous decision to "hold" ACR 19 (Directs study of Nevada community property laws.)

She advised Russ McDonald had been making a study of the community property laws and used this for his subject when speaking before the League of Women Voters recently. The result of his study prompted introduction of ACR 19 as it was the feeling the laws regarding community property were antiquated. The study would be made by a staff rather than the legislative commission. Mr. McDonald's records were available for the study.

Senators Swobe, Dodge and Young felt the present laws were adequate and had heard of no problems resulting from them.

Senator Swobe suggested this could be a study of the Bar Association rather than directed by the legislature.

Mr. McDonald stated the constitution provided the legislature should provide the acquisition and disposition of community property, however this dated back to the original constitution. The man was considered the manager of the household and in the age of "equal rights" this was outdated. Decisions were made on case law rather than by constitutional provisions. He felt there was a definite need for the study.

Senator Young moved "do pass".
Senator Bunker seconded.
Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a. m.