

MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 1971 ROOM 234

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: Virgil Getto, Roy Young, Norman
Glaser, Frances Hawkins, William
Swackhamer, Roy Torvinen

ABSENT: Melvin Howard

Chairman Getto called the meeting to order at the hour of 10:30 a.m.

The first order of business before the committee was:

AB 651: Creates state advosory committee on
Federal land laws.

Mr. Glaser made the following statements about
this bill:

Mr. Chairman; this, in effect extends the life of a committee that is presently on the statutes and their function will expire as of this year, it has already expired as of last month. The committee was created about 5 years ago and it's primary function at that time was to assist the Public Land Law Review Commission in Congress and the Congress in studying the public land laws, and with Nevada being a large public land state, we felt and the legislature endorsed our feeling by passing the bill, and sending it to this committee, we felt that the committee should be established to advise the Public Land Law Review Commission bringing the thinking of the Nevada people into the National picture. Now, at the completion on the Public Land Law Review Commission activities and with their report, this terminated this state committee also, however, as a result of the report there will be a great deal of national action on public lands and there will be all kinds of bills introduced and so we felt that we should continue this committee in some form, to kind of stay on top of the legislation that will be coming down the pike nationally and advise the state department of conservation and natural resorces, the Governor and the legislature, through the efforts of this committee. The committee in their final meeting passed a resolution to this effect that they be perpetuated to in some degree, but they recommend a change in the composition of the committee, and the primary changes they recommended was that they eleminate one of the Agriculture representatives and add more of the recreation and conservation interests so that they then have a connotation of being in a cowboy committee, so to speak, this is one of the problems I think the former committee had out of 7 or 9 people I think there were 4 who were ranchers. You will notice in the bill that there are several changes and the one in Sec 1

is that we took out to represent and enunciate the state of Nevada's position on public lands before the Federal Land Law Review Commission and inserted new language there that says studied advise, and recommend the state of Nevada's position regarding federal legislation relating to the Federal Land Law Review Commission's recommendations, which I just indicated that would be their primary function. Section #2 another change was, we took out "the director shall" and inserted "the committee shall select one of it's members to serve as chairman of the committee", in the past Elmo DeRicco served as Chairman. We changed the number of members from 11 to 9, and we balanced it a little more towards recreation and sports interest rather than woolgrowers, ranching and livestock and agriculture. What we did was combine the woolgrowers and the cattlegrowers into one terminology called livestock raising, it could either be a woolgrower or rancher and in 5 though we did put in somebody from agriculture that would be other than a livestock raiser.

There was committee discussion on this bill;

Committee decision: amend \$10,000 into this bill, to be used for cost of transportation, 2nd amendment, add woolgrowers, move the number of members back to 11. Mr. Glaser will see the bill drafter for the amendment. Mr. Young moved to amend and Do Pass on this bill, seconded, motion carried.

The next order of business:

AB 468: Establishes new petroleum products usage standards.

Committee discussion on this bill:

Committee decision: Amend line 34 page 2 to read "and numerals in legible size" delete (Not less than one-sixteenth inch in width and not less than one-fourth inch in height)

Mr. Glaser moved to amend and Do Pass, seconded, motion carried.

The next order of business before the committee:

SB 30: Removes executive director and division director of state department of agriculture from classified service.

Committee discussion:

Committee decision:

Mr. Young moved to Do Pass and re-refer to Ways and Means Committee, seconded, motion carried.

Next order of business before the committee:

SB 120: Permits public weighmasters to destroy records after certain time.

Committee discussion: Mr. Torvinen read statute re: time limitation for destroying records; 6 years.

Committee decision:

Mr. Glaser moved to amend time limit to 6 years and Do Pass, seconded by Miss Hawkins, motion carried.

Next order of business before the committee:

SB 123: Provides additional rulemaking authority for state sealer of Weights and Measures.

Committee discussion on this bill:

Committee decision: Miss Hawkins moved to Do Pass, seconded, motion carried.

Next order of business before the committee:

SB 125: Provides for custody and surrender of state certificates of weights and measures forms.

Committee discussion on this bill:

Committee decision: Mr. Glaser moved to Do Pass, seconded by Miss Hawkins, motion carried.

Next order of business before the committee:

AB 456: Extends additional privileges to licensed cash buyers.

Committee discussion on this bill:

Mr. Burge reviewed the bill for the committee.

Committee decision:

Mr. Swackhamer moved to Do Pass, seconded, motion carried.

AB 172: Requires prepackaged meat to bear USDA grade.

Committee discussion on this bill:

Committee decision: Mr. Young moved for Indefinite Postponement, seconded, motion carried.

AB 436: Creates brand inspection division in state department of agriculture.

Mr. Burge spoke to the committee on this bill re; Section #2 amends NRS 561, adding a new division and it sets up the duties of that division of Section 2 of the bill. Section #3 amends NRS 564 the brand re-recording section, removes this from under the authority of the executive director, and puts it in the hands of this new division director. Sections 4 through 14 says that the director of this new division will handle all brand inspection activities in the field. Section 15 amends 565, the brand district sections, which removes the department and the executive from any responsibility, here and puts it in the new division; Sections 16 through 27. (at this point Mr. Getto asked Mr. Burge to make specific such comments about 15; Mr. Burge stated that this bill as written would make quite a conflict in authority, it sets up a new division basically in the brand recording and the field inspection for brands in a new division, it takes it out completely from any check by the department director of the board. The bill fails to recognize that under 561 the director today has authority to grant police powers to brand inspectors, under this bill there is no mention of police powers. Mr. Getto asked Mr. Burge what his suggestion would be; that the director of the brand inspection division or Supervisor of Livestock Identification is the present title, he reports directly to the executive director today and this is by administrative order and you create a money problem here, you are going to have a new division, a division of equal status to the other divisions, it creates a dollar problem; at this point the committee discussed the salary rates at the present time.

Mr. Burge: This division right today, this activity right today encompasses 6 people, in addition to your fee inspectors, but the bill doesn't cover all the activities that we require these brand inspectors to to be active in.

Mr. Burge: you have left out the police powers, the livestock buyers, the astrays, the railroad kill impounding of astrays, this is all under the general 561 authority of the executive director.

Mr. Getto asked Mr. Burge what the NRS numbers are that were left out; 575, 576, 569, 705, and of course the section in 561 on the authority to grant police powers to these people.

Committee decision; this bill will be held for further discussion.

The committee will hold AB 452 and 459 until Mr. Hafen can be present.

The committee will also hold AB 261 for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of 12:00 noon.

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