

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE 56th ASSEMBLY SESSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 1971, 8:00 A.M. ROOM 222

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: Mary Frazzini, VICE CHAIRMAN: Frank Young, Nick Lauri, Ross Prince, Marge Foote, Darrel Dreyer, Juanita White

Chairman Frazzini called the meeting to order at the hour of 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the following bills:

AB 15: Requires conspicuous notice of voting time limits:

Committee decision: Frank Young moved for indefinite postponement, seconded by Nick Lauri, motion carried.

AB 17: Allows county conventions of political parties to be held at place other than county seat.

Committee decision: Include in omnibus:

AB 34: Enlarges time for opening, closing polls in Carson City.

Committee decision: Frank Young moved for indefinite postponement, seconded by Nick Lauri, motion carried.

AB 33: Requires absence to be considered on question of residence in determining eligibility for public office.

Committee decision: Hold--amend line 4 by adding or district and put in omnibus.

AB 51: Permits condensed summaries of questions and constitutional amendments on ballots; permits county clerks to divide ballots.

Committee decision: Change to 25 words, and question must be stated in the affirmative, not in omnibus

AB 62: Clarifies description of polling place zone within which soliciting votes and electioneering are prohibited.

Committee decision: the committee will hold this bill until Mr. Prince gets his bill drafted--no electioneering on election day.

AB 95: Defines "delegate" to state convention of political parties.

Committee decision: Margie Foote will get the correct wording for this bill and report to the committee.

AB 114: Relieves election counting board of task of hand-counting votes cast for unopposed candidates.

Committee decision: Ross Prince moved indefinite postponement, seconded, motion carried.

AB 125: Specifies amount paid election board officers in certain counties.

Committee decision: N. Lauri moved indefinite postponement, seconded by F. Young, motion carried.

AB 137: Makes the date of primary elections later.

Committee decision: Frank Young moved for indefinite postponement, seconded by N. Lauri, motion carried.

AB 140: Limits campaign contributions; provides gross misdemeanor penalty.

Committee decision: Ross Prince moved to abort this bill, seconded by N. Lauri, motion carried.

AB 185: Creates presidential primary elections later.

Committee decision: Committee will hear testimony on this bill Friday, March 5, 1971, 8 a.m., room 222.

AB 220: Provides for special state election to be held June 8, 1971, on proposal to amend Nevada constitution to reduce minimum voting age to 18 years.

Frank Young gave report on this bill:

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I have requested Earl Olliver, the Legal Fiscal Officer, to verify the dollar amounts on page 5 because this is going to Ways and Means. Now, right now, Clark County is talking not about \$65,000 but about \$25,000; the total of the appropriations as shown in the bill is \$147,000 and I think we can get that down to more like 75, 60 to \$75,000 and I want to do that. I know that Washoe County is saying \$15,000 instead of \$35,000 and the other thing these counties are going to save that much money anyway if this election comes off and if they don't have to keep the 18 year olds separate, so that I really want to take it down as tight as possible before this committee sends it to Ways and Means where I will have to defend it.
Mrs. Frazzini: O.K., Frank, if you will be responsible for getting the material, bringing it to us and we will hold it for possible amendment.

Young: Page 3, if you will look at it, Sec. 5, Sub-sec 3 (Mr. Young read the section) the committee decided to have it read: "except Sundays and legal holidays", the same wording should be added there.

The committee will hold for possible amendment on this bill.

AB 317: Permits straight party vote.

Committee decision: Mr. Young moved for indefinite postponement, seconded by Mr. Lauri, motion carried.

AB 322: Eliminates prohibition against interim changer of party affiliation by candidate for party nomination.

Committee decision: There will be testimony by committee plus others on this February 24, 1971, at 8:00.

AB 407: Limits campaign spending in general elections.

Committee decision: Mr. Lauri moved indefinite postponement, seconded by Mr. Young, motion carried.

(Mr. Dreyer wanted it on record that he fought bitterly.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.