

FIFTY-SIXTH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION

PRESENT: Homer, Dini, Lowman, Fry, Bryan, Ronzone, Swackhamer and Olsen and Getto

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: None

Chairman Homer called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of further discussion of S.B. 275 which "Enacts new air pollution control law."

Discussion continued on the amendments proposed by Senator Wilson. Mr. Bryan said this would keep people from being able to disconnect the devices on their cars. Mr. Dini moved to adopt these amendments. Mr. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Lowman said he would also like to see the bill amended so the Public Service Commission has authority to enforce regulations as far as public utilities are concerned.

Mr. Dini commented that he could not go along with the Governor's Environmental Counsel being the hearing board too. When asked who he would suggest. He suggested letting the Governor create a hearing board. Mr. Bryan asked what the opposition was to the board as it now is in the bill. Mr. Swackhamer said he would be more in favor of a group of people he knew and could see their concern. Mr. Lowman commented that if the same approach is going to be used for both air and water, there is some justification to having one board do it. Dr. Homer added that making the Governor's Board the control board, this is a new approach and he felt it needed fresh new thinking.

Mr. Getto moved the Governor's Environmental Counsel be the control board in this bill and another board be set up as a hearing board in the small counties and the local boards be the hearing boards in the others counties. Mr. Lowman seconded. Motion carried. This hearing board will consist of five members with three present. There will be three lay members and two specified. The question then came up of what agency could do this. Mr. Lowman suggested the Health Board and Mr. Bryan suggested letting the Governor choose.

In discussing Section 28.5 of this bill, it was decided that there was no penalty provided for those in violation of the bill. Mr. Bryan said if the word "illegal" were inserted, it would be a misdemeanor. Mr. Fry suggested just giving the court the power to make it a misdemeanor.

Mr. Lowman moved "do pass as amended". Mr. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.