

Assembly
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 1971

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PRESENT: SMITH, HAWKINS, LAURI, BRYAN, RONZONE, FRAZZINI,
DINI, BRANCH

ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN GETTO WHO WAS EXCUSED TO ATTEND ANOTHER MEETING.

ALSO PRESENT: LES GROTH, NEVADA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
D.K. ELLIS, NEVADA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
K.J. HENDRICKSON, NEVADA PEACH OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS
J.B. CUNNINGHAM, STATE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROBERT CARROLL, ASSISTANT STATE FORESTER

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

AB 40 - Provides for separate election of county commissioners.
Mr. Cunningham spoke in favor of this bill.
Assemblyman Lauri moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

AB 19 - Provides exemption from jury duty for certain firemen.
Chief Groth spoke in favor of this bill explaining that in a
department the size of his, made up of twenty paid and twenty
volunteer members, he cannot operate if too many of his men
are not available.
Assemblyman Bryan questioned Chief Groth on the probability
of a large number of men active in the fire department being
selected for jury duty at the same time.
Chief Groth replied that he had no idea and that up to this
time he had been able to have any firemen who was called to
jury duty excused.
Chief Ellis explained to the committee that he was the only
paid fireman in his department and that if he were called
for jury duty and not excused, the department could not operate.
Keith Hendrickson explained that some amendments were
necessary.
Chairman Smith appointed Assemblymen Dini and Getto to work with
Mr. Hendrickson on amending this bill.

SB 104 - Excludes Clarke-McNary fire protection districts
from Local Government Budget Act.
Mr. Carroll explained to the committee that the Forestry
Division received money from four sources which was deposited
in the general fund and was accounted for on the County, State
and Federal level. At present they also have to account for
such monies on a line item budget to the State Tax Commission.
He stated that the Tax Commission agreed with this bill.
Assemblyman Bryan moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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SB 97 - Makes changes in appeal procedure under State Purchasing Act.

Chairman Smith explained that this was a housekeeping measure. Assemblyman Dini moved "DO PASS" Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 256 - Provides for filling school trustee vacancy from list submitted by board of county commissioners. Chairman Smith explained that at present the State Superintendent of Schools appoints members to fill vacancies on the recommendation of the local superintendent.

Assemblyman Hawkins outlined the situation in Mineral County and stated that she felt there should be some change in this method.

Mrs. MacEachean said the same situation exists in Clark County.

Assemblyman Jacobson explained that they had found in Douglas County that it was very hard to find qualified people to fill vacancies, and that the present system works well for them.

Assemblyman Frazzini questioned why the school boards are not allowed to fill their own vacancies.

Assemblyman Branch moved that the bill be amended to allow school boards to fill their own vacancies and be required to give public notice of such vacancies and that the appointed member would serve until the next general election.

Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Branch moved "DO PASS AS AMENDED".

Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

AB 289 - Amends Elko city charter to correct statutory error concerning forthcoming city elections -

Assemblyman Ronzone moved "DO PASS"

Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith asked for committee introduction of BDR 22-1223, 36-566 and 36-595.

Assemblyman Bryan moved for committee introduction.

Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Smith gave out copies of the amendments to AB 205 for study by committee members.

It was announced that the Speaker has asked each committee for a report of progress and the Chairman asked members for any ideas that they felt should be included.

Assemblyman Bryan said he felt that we should include the number of public employees bills.

The meeting was adjourned.

