

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 16, 1971

56 ASSEMBLY SESSION

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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT - ASSEMBLYMAN LAURI WAS NOT PRESENT FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN SHEENIN, NEVADA TAX COMMISSION
 JAMES LIEN, NEVADA TAX COMMISSION
 CURT BLYTH, NMA
 JOHN GAMBLE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

AB 184 - Provides that annual audit of funds and accounts of local governments shall be made under supervision of Nevada Tax Commission.

Mr. Blyth stated that his organization was opposed to this bill and that they could see no reason for it.
Mr. Lein and Mr. Sheemom agreed.

Assemblyman Getto moved an indefinite postponement.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 433 - Revises procedure for enforcing lien for county and city license tax.
Chairman Smith explained that this bill simply provided the machinery for enforcing the tax.
Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS
Assemblyman Gettc seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 527 - Repeal emergency loan provision and provides for short-term financing of counties, cities and towns, school districts and other entities.

Mr. Sheenin explained that this bill changed the term emergency loan to short term financing which was a term that better described the provisions of this bill. In some cases the cities have the money to do what they want but only need the approval of the Tax Commission and in other cases they need the money to be loaned to them, but it is usually not on an emergency basis. This new language would conform with the language used in accounting circles throughout the United States and with the wording of the Federal Government.
Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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AB 528 - Changes definitions of various funds of local governments. Mr. Sheenin explained that this was a bill that would change the definitions in the Local Government Budget Act to conform with the Federal standards. Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS. Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 529 - Extends time for local governments to file quarterly reports under Local Government Budget Act. Mr. Sheenin explained that this bill would provide time for the local governments to fill their reports with the Tax Commission and have time to close their books. Mr. Blyth explained that this was a companion bill to AB 531. He asked for a committee introduction of a new bill to replace AB 531.

Assemblyman Bryan stated that it was his understanding that a new bill could not be introduced. Chairman Smith suggested that a new bill be introduced in the Senate and action would be taken in the committee when such a bill arrived from the Senate on both the Senate bill and AB 529.

AB 329 - Clarifies compensation for school district trustees; repeals antiquated provision relating to county school boards. Mr. Gamble explained that this bill is just a housekeeping bill and would just clarify the law. Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS. Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.

AB 469, AB 731 and SB 224 were discussed but no action taken because there was a conflict in the bill where the words joint school district were used.

The subject of the retirement bills was again discussed. Assemblyman Branch told the committee that a meeting of all public employee groups in the state had been held last night and that they had agreed to ask to be excluded from AB 443 and have it only cover the firemen and policemen covered by the bill.

Assemblyman Hawkins pointed out that because of the distance and time element involved not all groups could send representatives. Assemblyman Bryan suggested that a new bill be introduced covering only the firemen and policemen.

Assemblyman Dini moved for a committee introduction of a new BDR covering only firemen and policemen.

Assemblyman Bryan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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ACR 41 - Directs Public Employees' Retirement Board to have study made of public employees' retirement system and make recommendations.

Chairman Smith suggested the ACR be amended to call for a Legislative Committee to make the study and to determine the following things.

1. If the fund should be funded or on a cash flow basis.
2. To determine how demands should be presented to the legislature.
3. If firemen and policemen and other groups should have a special fund.
4. Study the investment program.

It was agreed that the committee should be made up of four legislators and three public employees.

Assemblyman Bryan suggested that the legislative members be chosen from members of either the Government Affairs Committee, the Ways and Means Committee, the Federal, State and Local Government Committee or the Finance Committee as these are the persons most informed on the subject.