

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 22, 1971

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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

ALSO PRESENT: CURT BLYTH, NEVADA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
JACK CUNNINGHAM, NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMM.
CLAY LYNCH, CITY MANAGER OF NORTH LAS VEGAS
W.E. ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS
CLARENCE JONES, RENO NEWSPAPERS BUSINESS MANAGER
EVO GRANADA, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

The meeting was called to order by chairman Smith.

AB 42 - Permits boards of county commissioners to merge, consolidate, or assume supervisory powers over certain districts.

Mr. Cunningham spoke in favor of the bill saying that it was a move in the right direction, as some form of legislation is needed as more and more districts are being formed. He suggested that the bill could be amended to clarify just when the county commissioners could take over a district.

Assemblyman Dini asked the number of districts in trouble at this time.

Mr. Cunningham answered that there were about three in the state. Assemblyman Dini suggested that a bill should be drafted for each separate district.

Assemblyman Getto brought up the point of the definition of "registered voter."

Mr. Cunningham mentioned that the term qualified voter could be used instead.

Assemblyman Lauri stated that there was a great difference between a qualified voter and a registered voter.

Mr. Blyth felt the bill would allow the county commissioners to assume to many districts the way it was presently worded. It was his feeling that financial obligation was not defined clearly enough.

AB 681 - Authorizes investment of certain public funds in bonds of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Inter-American Development Bank and Asian Development Bank.

Mr. Palmer of the Research Division, explained to the committee just what the banks were and the rate of interest they pay.

Assemblyman Getto moved an indefinite postponement of AB 681.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mac Donald spoke on AB 42, stating that the bill had been drawn at the request of the County Commissioners Association.

Chairman Smith asked if the bill were an urgent piece of legislation and Mr. Mac Donald answered no. The Chairman suggested that the bill be buried and no action taken on it at this time.

AB 631 - Purposes various amendments to General Improvement District Law.

Mr. Mac Donald told the committee that this bill would cover all 418 districts and was approved by the bonding attorneys.

AB 221 - Extensively amends Nevada Improvement District Act.

Mr. Mac Donald read the amendments he had prepared for this bill, some of which were suggested by bonding council.

Ab 538 - Grants preference to certain bidders for public contracts involving labor.

Mr. Mac Donald explained to the committee that this bill was introduced because local bidders cannot compete with outside bidders. The question of federal funds used in these building was discussed.

Assemblyman Lowman spoke in favor of the bill.

AB 550 - Provides free distribution of Statutes of Nevada, Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Reports to certain public officials and agencies.

Mr. Mac Donald told the committee that this would cost his department a great deal of money and he felt the agencies should pay for the books, however, he did feel that certain libraries should receive free copies.

Mr. Granada of the Tax Commission suggested that AB 631 should be amended to reduce the population figure to 100,000, and that he felt it was more inclusive than the Bi-State Compact. He said the Public Service Commission would either like full control or no control.

Mr. Mac Donald said he felt it was a bad bill to begin with and should be amended.

AB 655 - Increases rates paid for state, county official printing and advertising.

Mr. Jones of Reno Newspapers, Inc., spoke in favor of increasing the rates for official printing and advertising. He state the rates have not been changed since 1949, and everything else used in printing has increased.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

- AB 221 - Assemblyman Frazzini moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 738 - Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 741 - Assemblyman Bryan moved an indefinite postponement.
Assemblyman Branch seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 538 - Assemblyman Ronzone moved an indefinite postponement.
Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 550 - Assemblyman Dini moved an indefinite postponement.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 42 - Assemblyman Bryan moved an indefinte postponement.
Assemblyman Dini seconded it.
The motion carried.

The Chairman asked for a committee introduction of a BDR dealing with deputy sheriffs.
Assemblyman Ronzone moved a committee introduction.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.