

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 23, 1971
AFTERNOON SESSION

2. 145

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID HENRY, CLARK COUNTY MANAGER
CURT BLYTH, NEVADA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
BILL ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS
B. YORK, DEPUTY INSPECTOR OF MINES
HARRY SPRINGER, INSPECTOR OF MINES
PAUL GEMMILL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NEVADA MINING
ASSOCIATION
R. C. BUTLER, RURAL-METRO FIRE DEPARTMENT
LOUSI JELSEH, JR, RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
ASSEMBLYMAN HOMER
MR. AND MRS. LOWE, OF THE NEVADA HERITAGE ASSOC.
T. WIETZMAN, FIRE CHIEF, SCOTSDALE, ARIZONA

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

AB 502 - Places deputy inspectors of mines in classified service; repeals numerous statutes relating to mining health and safety.

Mr. Gemmill told the committee that it was necessary to have the Nevada mining regulations conform with the federal regulations or the federal government will move into Nevada and take over the control of mining in the State. He suggested that the bill had to be amended to make certain parts conform with the federal guidelines and emphasized that this was an emergency situation. Chairman Smith asked Mr. Dini and Mr. Bryan to work with Mr. Gemmill to see that AB 502 was amended so that it would conform with the federal regulations.

AB 753 - Increases types of service for which county may grant exclusive franchise.

Mr. Henry told the committee of the problems that exist in Clark County in providing adequate fire protection for remote areas. He explained that he had heard of private fire companies and would like to try this idea in Clark County. This bill would allow the county to issue a franchise to the lowest bidder to provide fire protection for the remote areas.

Mr. Weitzman told the committee that he had been chief of such a private fire company for twenty-four years and it had operated successfully during this time. He stated that he also ran an ambulance service.

Assemblyman Dini questioned if there was a conflict in this bill as it also provided for towing and wrecking service.

Mr. Henry answered no.

Assemblyman Lauri asked what happened if the company answered a call to a home where their service was not contracted for.

Mr. Weitzman answered that they charged 17 times the yearly subscription rate for non-subscribers.

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Assemblyman Hawkins asked what happened in cases where a neighbor or someone else called the fire department. The Chief answered that nonsubscribers were still charged 17 times the yearly rate.

Assemblyman Lauri asked the yearly rate. Mr. Weitzman stated that the yearly rate was based on whether or not the property was developed or not. The yearly rate for the average home was between twenty-five and thirty dollars per month. Chairman Smith questioned the insurance rates under such fire protection.

The Chief answered that the rates were the same as they would be under a public fire company.

Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

AB 742 - Grants boards of county commissioners power to exempt certain land from subdivision regulations. Assemblyman Lingenfilter explained to the committee that he had introduced the bill to allow the residents of Gerlach to purchase the land their homes are located on from the railroad company. He said the railroad companies want to sell and the residents want to buy, but the town is laid out in such a manner that it would not pass the subdivision regulations. Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

AB 636 - Authorizes Nevada Heritage Association to borrow money to purchase V & T rolling stock. Assemblyman Homer explained to the committee that the Heritage Association was in effect asking the State to co-sign a note with the bank for them. He gave the committee pictures and other information concerning this venture. Assemblyman Hawkins questioned if the V & T might run into trouble from the ICC. Mrs. Lowell explained that the Association had looked into this matter and was sure they would not. She gave the committee a complete history of the activities of the Association and described their money making projects. She stressed that action had to be taken immediately.

AB 537 - Provides terms of office for members of fair and recreation boards.

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Assemblyman Swackhamer explained to the committee that he had introduced the bill in order to allow the Pershing County Commissioners to set terms of office for the members of their Fair and Recreation Board.

Assemblyman Branch moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman Dini was not voting.

AB 726 - Authorizes boards of school trustees and hospital trustees in certain counties to establish separate bank accounts.

Assemblyman Swackhamer explained that this bill had also been introduced at the request of the Pershing County Commissioners, at present when the school or the hospital want to pay their bills they have have the checks signed at the courthouse, which is time consuming and unnecessary.

AB 636 - Assemblyman Bryan moved DO PASS AND RE-REFER TO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.