

Assembly
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 2, 1971

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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT ASSEMBLYMAN RONZONE

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN BAWDIN, STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER
OLIVER G. BOLTON, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, NIIA
MR. SCOTT, WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURT BLYTH, NMA
JACK CUNNINGHAM, NEVADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION
MR. CROSLY, LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

The Chairman presented a BDR that he had been asked to present for committee introduction by Assemblyman Hafen, concerning the town of Gabbs.

Assemblyman Dini moved a committee introduction.

Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Smith announced to the committee that he had had SB 589 re-referred to Ways and Means Committee.

AB 8 - Designates use of former legislative chambers and creates Capitol Artists Commission.

Assemblyman Hawkins explained the amendments which would place the three rooms on the second floor of the Capitol Building under the supervision of the State Museum Director and would allow him to have art exhibits in the chambers if he so decided.

Assemblyman Frazzini moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Assemblyman Hawkins seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Chairman Smith explained that because of a letter from Mr. Anderson, of the Retirement Board, he felt further consideration should be given to AB 158.

AB 158 - Makes technical amendments and other changes in Public Employees' Retirement Act.

The committee agreed that the bill should be amended to delete Section 9.

Assemblyman Bryan moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 467 - Authorizes lease of real property interest above or below established grade line of highway pavement.

Mr. Bawdin explained to the committee that when a high-way is built above or below ground the property below it or above it becomes valuable. The highway department wants permission to lease this property.

He explained that first consideration is given the local governments for the use of the property, however, if the local governments do not have any use for the property, it becomes a source of revenue for the highway department.

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Assemblyman Bryan stated that he had no objection to the idea of the bill, however, he felt that the bill was drawn in a very general manner and would like to have it drawn to include publication and bidding procedures.

Chairman Smith appointed Assemblyman Bryan to work with the Highway attorneys to amend the bill and present the amendments to the committee.

SB 207 - Allows additional exceptions to competitive bidding requirements for local governments.

Mr. Bolton explained that the bill had originally been presented to the senate in a form that was acceptable, however, the amended version is not acceptable to them.

Assemblyman Dini questioned the fact that insurance for schools could be obtained at a lower cost by not letting it out for bidding.

Chairman Smith stated that the other insurance agents would act as a watch dog committee to make sure the school districts were not being overcharged.

Assemblyman Bryan suggested that the bill be amended to require that the school districts publish notice 60 days before their insurance is due to expire and that any agent who wanted to could present a proposal to the school board.

It was agreed by the committee to amend SB 207 so that it was as originally presented to the senate plus adding the publication notice to it.

Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Assemblyman Bryan seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 475 - Provides procedure for filing state agency audit reports.

Mr. Crosley of the Legislative Council explained that this was just a way to insure that the legislative auditors received the federal audit reports from departments that receive federal funds and are audited by the federal auditors.

Assemblyman Dini moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 585 - Requires signatures of trustee and director, or his designee, of Nevada Historical Society on checks, claims.

Mr. Crosley explained to the committee that the bill was the result of a recommendation by the legislative auditors and was only a technical change.

Assemblyman Frazzini moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Assemblyman Hawkins voted no on the basis of the language of the bill. Chairman Smith asked Miss Hawkins to draw an amendment that made the purpose of the bill clear and was acceptable to her.

SB 599 - Authorizes term of state lease to Washoe County fairgrounds to be extended to 99 years.

It was explained that this bill was identical to a bill passed by the committee, however, the senate bill was further along so it was decided to go with it.

Assemblyman Bryan moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 489 - Enacts Model Escheat of Postal Savings System Accounts Act. This bill would allow the general fund to claim all unclaimed money left in Postal Savings Accounts in the State of Nevada, it would amount to about \$5,000.00.

Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 491 - Enacts new Yerington City charter.

Assemblyman Dini told the committee that he was satisfied with the new charter as amended.

Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Assemblyman Bryan seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 429

Amends Henderson charter by revising procedure for sale, lease, exchange of city-owned land.

Chairman Smith explained that this bill was necessary for Henderson.

Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 463 - Grants board of county commissioners power to exempt certain land from subdivision regulations.

Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS

Assemblyman Bryan seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 600 - Authorizes city commissioners, registered voters to propose charter amendments in city having commission form of government.

Mr. MacDonald explained to the committee that this would only apply to Boulder City. It would change the number of people necessary to sign a petition for change to be 10% of people who actually voted in the last election. Mr. MacDonald stated he did not care for the bill.

Assemblyman Dini moved that SB 600 be indefinitely postponed.

Assemblyman Frazzinin seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Assemblyman Hawkins voted no.

SB 602 - Amends certain bonding provisions of Caliente charter.

Mr. MacDonald explained that this bill would remove the nets and bounds provision of the Caliente charter and substitute the official discription in official plat form, and eliminate the two color ballots, and provide technical changes as requested by bond council for city bonds.

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Assemblyman Dini moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

SB 606 - Provides for repayment of acquisition costs of purchasing warehouse and department of state printing building.
Mr. MacDonald explained that this bill was requested by the Department of Administration. It is concerned with three buildings, the printing office, the purchasing and warehouse buildings and the computer center. All of these buildings are being paid for by the revenue produced by the sale of the services of the departments. They have been paying money back to the general fund at a twenty year, 3% interest rate, however, the federal government, who provide some of the money that other state agencies use to pay for the services of these departments, objects to this arrangement, so this bill would provide that these departments pay 2% of the total cost of the buildings to the general fund each year. This will satisfy the federal government and still allow the buildings to be paid for.
Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

SB 177 - 177 Enacts new Elko city charter.
Assemblyman Bryan moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

SB 178 - Enacts new Wells city charter.
Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Bryan seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

SB 289 - Specifies nature and extent of certain municipal powers.
Mr. MacDonald explained that this bill was a result of the Municipal Government Sub-committee Study and would act as a "catch-all" chapter and place all powers in one place and act as a clean-up bill. It will work with the new charters when they go into effect.
Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

SB 576 - Increases responsibilities of general obligation bond commission.
Mr. Blyth explained to the committee that this commission is important and does do a good job. It provides for joint planning of bond issues so that all bond issues can be approved. This bill would change the date of the selection of the commission so that the spring elections had been held before the membership had to be chosen and change the annual meeting from June to July.
Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman Branch voted no.

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SB 435 Permits boards of county commissioners to regulate, control or prohibit excessive noise.

Mr. MacDonald explained to the committee that he felt this bill was too broad in its powers. That it gave a general grant of power to county commissioners and should have some sort of hearing procedure built into it so that someone could not just go to the commissioners and declare a noise excessive and the commissioners take action.

Assemblyman Bryan moved that the bill be amended to apply only to counties and that a hearing procedure be included.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

Assemblyman Bryan moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 475

Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request re testimony on SB 475, I offer the following:

For agencies audited by other than the Legislative Commission (Fiscal Analyst) the bill is appropriate. For agencies audited by the Legislative Commission such filings should be done by the fiscal analyst upon approval and acceptance of the audit report by the Legislative Commission. The Tax Commission is a general fund agency and is audited by the fiscal analyst. I reiterate - such filings should be his responsibility and not the audited agency's.

Very truly yours,

JAMES C. LEIN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
NEVADA TAX COMMISSION.

FROM SENATOR CLOSE REGARDING SB 489 - ENACTS MODEL ESCHEAT OF POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM ACCOUNTS ACT.

TO HAL SMITH: I CAN NOT BE AT YOUR HEARING THIS AFTERNOON. THIS SHOULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. A GOOD BILL

MODEL ESCHEAT OF POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM ACCOUNTS ACT

The United States Department of the Treasury now has responsibility for the liquidation of postal savings deposited which were transferred to it by the Post Office Department pursuant to the Act of March 28, 1966, 39 U.S.C. SS 5225-5529. The Department of the Treasury has concluded that unclaimed postal savings deposits are subject to escheat by the states, and on August 12, 1969, published regulations relating to escheat procedures. Section 257.3)a) of the regulations provides that the Department of the Treasury will transfer unclaimed postal savings deposits to a state which makes a claim for them in conformity with the requirements of the regulations. From information provided the legislative counsel it appears that the total of postal savings accounts in Nevada inactive as of July 8, 1969, is \$5,416. Enactment of the recommended model act, providing conditions for transfer of unclaimed accounts to the State of Nevada, should result in a return to the general fund in the state treasury of approximately \$5,000.