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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - 56TH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION - JANUARY 29, 1971

Present: N. Lauri, D. Mello, Roy Young, J. Schofield, R. Torvinen

Absent: N. Glaser and W. Wilson

Others

Present: Theresa Loy, Chief Clerk, Assembly; Russell McDonald, Legislative Counsel Bureau and Lawrence Jacobsen, Speaker of the Assembly.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Nick Lauri at 10:00 A.M. in the Assembly Lounge.

Russell McDonald from the Legislative Counsel Bureau was introduced to explain and discuss Senate Resolution S.R. 1, adopted January 18, 1971 and in particular Section 6, BILL ANALYSIS. Mr. McDonald felt that this particular resolution should be a Concurrent Resolution to amend Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly since it involves both the Senate and the Assembly. He feels that this should be only a guideline for history and that the Amendments to this Analysis as outlined would involve lengthy re-writing and printing costs. When bills run 200 pages, it would be very difficult to put an analysis in a few lines. It could also lead to some later problems since the courts, in trying to construe it later, will look down at the analysis rather than the actual content of the bill. Uniformity is needed but until this bill is worked out, it will be very difficult to maintain this in printing. Mr. McDonald felt it would involve a production and quality control problem.

Mr. Torvinen stated that they should try and get the Senate to cancel their resolution and this resolution in the Assembly should be voted out of committee without recommendation. Mr. Jacobsen felt that Mr. McDonald should come to the podium and explain it to all forty members. Mr. Lauri commented that the analysis would reflect the opinion of the bill drafter and would be expressed differently than discussion by committee members.

Mr. Jacobsen stated that, from a procedural standpoint, if the Assembly does not adopt a similar resolution, then any bills sent to the Senate from the Assembly would have to be re-drafted to reflect the analysis.

It was decided that the leadership and Assembly Legislative Functions Committee should meet with the leadership and the Senate Legislative Functions Committee for preliminary discussion before the resolution was presented to the entire Assembly.

L. Jacobsen presented the name of Bill Dial for consideration to the position of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. He would be assigned duties to include relieving the Information clerk, Harold Berger. Mr. Jacobsen felt that the front information Desk should be kept open for longer periods of time - perhaps over the week-ends and after five P.M. for the use of the general public. Motion was made by Roy Torvinen, seconded by Roy Young, that the committee hire Bill Dial as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Motion carried.

A Memorandum from Theresa Loy, Chief Clerk, Assembly, was presented for consideration requesting the reclassification of three attaches. Motion was made by Roy Young, seconded by Don Meilo, that the three girls receive classification changes as stated in the letter. Motion carried.

Further procedural matters were brought to the attention of the committee by Theresa Loy, especially those concerning the requests for bill books by all committee chairmen and members which would contain bills referred to their committee. Bill Books are now prepared by the clerks for Judiciary, Ways and Means and Governmental Affairs Committees and also all other committee chairmen. Mrs. Loy stated that bill books for each committee member would involve a mechanical problem in that there would be a delay in receipt of their books, but the service could be provided.

Motion was made by Roy Torvinen that bill books be provided for all committee members. The clerks in the Bill Book Department should be told that this would be supplemental work. Motion was seconded by Roy Young. Discussion followed, noting that these committee bill books would be late and a schedule will be worked out later. Motion carried.

(Letter from Bill Hancock was read by Nick Lauri concerning the installation of microphones at each desk at a cost of \$3,500.00 plus cost of air freight. The type of microphone would be on a clip stand with 10-14 days for installation. This letter was not acted upon at this meeting)

Roy Young moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Functions Committee
ATTENTION: Mr. Nick Lauri, Chairman
SUBJECT: Attaches Classifications

I would herewith submit to the committee for their approval my recommendation for the following classification changes of attaches:

Marion Burnham -- from Steno to Committee Steno
Margot Devhdal -- from Steno to Committee Steno
LaVel Johnson -- from Typist to Steno.

In explanation:

Marion Burnham is presently serving as supervisor of the stenographers. The present supervisor classification pays \$22.00 per day. Committee stenographers receive \$25.00 a day. Therefore, she presently receives less money than those she supervises, i.e. committee stenographers. Rather than ask the committee to amend the NRS section, the same purpose can be accomplished immediately by classifying her as a committee stenographer so that she can receive \$25.00 per day in accordance with the salary schedule as presently indicated in NRS 218.230.

The same situation prevails with LaVel Johnson who is supervisor of the bill book girls. Since we do have typists working on the bill books who receive \$17.00 a day, it is my feeling that Mrs. Johnson should receive more than those she supervises. I think the amount of \$20.00 a day would be sufficient, but for lack of a classification at this salary, the steno classification seems the only alternative. Mrs. Johnson is very capable. Her days are long and I feel this extra remuneration is warranted.

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As for Margot Devhdal, Mr. Roy Young feels she will be very competent in the post of committee stenographer to Ways and Means.

Should the committee approve the above recommendations, they can be made effective for the next pay period.

Respectfully,

Theresa Loy
Chief Clerk, Assembly