

## SELECT COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY SESSION

Minutes of Meeting of April 24, 1971

PRESENT: N. Lauri, Chairman, Roy Young, D. Mello, N. Glaser and  
Jack Schofield, R. Torvinen  
(Absent - W. Wilson)

## OTHERS

PRESENT: Lawrence Jacobsen, Speaker of the Assembly and Terry Loy,  
Chief Clerk

The meeting was convened by Chairman, Nick Lauri, in the Assembly Lounge at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Jacobsen brought up the matter of payment for services rendered by representatives of the various churches in the area during this session of the legislature. He discussed briefly the procedure in the past and the amounts involved. The total amount disbursed had been about \$1,350.00 and Mr. Glaser suggested, that rather than paying each individual involved, an amount of \$1,500.00 be given to the local ministerial association for distribution accordingly. Mr. Glaser suggested that right now we write a letter to the Ministerial Association of Carson City, suggesting that they set up a program for ministerial services for the next session, showing who, what dates etc., so that the association takes care of it rather than an individual. A copy of the letter should be given to Russ McDonald so this information would be ready prior to the session.\*

Mr. Jacobsen believed that the one criteria that should be set up is the amount of money for each service. Don Mello suggested \$7.00 per each service and Mr. Lauri recommended \$7.50. Mr. Mello recommended further that it not exceed \$1,500.00 in both houses for the length of the session, to be divided up between the number of participants. Mr. Schofield wanted to go on record that he objected to paying someone to come and give an invocation. Motion was made by Don Mello, seconded by N. Glaser, that we pay \$7.00 per service. Motion carried, with Mr. Schofield dissenting.

Consideration of the following then ensued: (Continued from 4-22-71 meeting)

A.B. 829 - Amends various provisions relating to legislative and other state printing.

Discussion began on Page 2, section 2, Lines 9-17, on the amounts of various material that would be allowed. Motion was finally made by R. Torvinen that we go with the language in the bill. Second was made by N. Glaser and motion carried.

\*See attached letter re A.C.R. 57.

Terry Loy, Chief Clerk, commented on the entire bill and believed that it should be examined thoroughly, since the administration of the entire process will be under the direction of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. She questioned - who would the Legislative Counsel Bureau be responsible to if you have a problem with one of these things. As it is now, each house handles their own matters with the printing office and under this proposed legislation, it would be handled by the Counsel Bureau. Mr. Lauri said that if they had problems, they would have to go through the Legislative Functions Committee of the appropriate house.

Mr. Torvinen asked that the bill be examined more closely - page by page and referred to page 3, line 1 - beginning "but he may enroll shorter bills first". Mrs. Loy explained to the committee the enrollment procedure. Upon motion by Mr. Torvinen the new section on page 3, line 1, beginning, "but-----first", would be deleted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Glaser and carried.

Mrs. Loy then referred to Page 2, Section 218.290 - 1. referring to the deleted sections, [secretary of the senate and the chief of the assembly] being changed to "joint rule of the houses. She said she was not aware of the particular ruling but did not believe that this had been abused in the Assembly. Mr. Jacobsen explained that this bill evolved from a study made by Russell McDonald and the Legislative Commission. Mr. Young felt that the committee was too late in meeting to consider this bill in its entirety.

Some discussion followed on a resolution being introduced that would take care of those items considered urgent at this time. Further discussion followed on the charges made by the state printing office and charges which were made against the Legislative funds.

It was decided to defer action on this bill for this meeting and see if possibly another meeting could be scheduled for further study.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

April 25, 1971

Reverend Douglas C. Thunder, Secretary  
Carson City Ministerial Association  
c/o Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
1821 N. Mountain Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Reverend Thunder:

As Chairman of the Legislative Functions Committee of the Assembly, I have been advised by Speaker Lawrence Jacobsen, to inform you of the decision we have reached regarding Opening Prayers for the daily sessions of the Legislature.

Our committee examined the problem to which you referred in your letter of April 8, 1971, to the Speaker. We feel that, rather than having the Legislature determine who should speak and when, we would rather have the Ministerial Association do the scheduling of this most necessary service for us.

You can see by the attached copy of A.C.R. 57, that we have authorized the sum of \$1,390.00 out of the legislative fund for the current session. In attempting to arrive at an equitable figure, the committee has decided to establish a token payment of \$7.00 per service. This, of course, is per each house, that is the Senate and the Assembly.

I would appreciate hearing from you if this arrangement is not satisfactory. What we want to do is remove the scheduling of Prayer Service, the arrangement for ministers, from the responsibility of the Legislature into your association, which is much better able to make those necessary decisions.

I, and the fellow members of my Legislative Functions Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation for your services this year and I am quite sure the new committee in 1973 will work closely with you.

Sincerely,

NICK LAURI, Chairman  
Legislative Functions Committee

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