

Assembly

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - APRIL 14, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Lingenfelter, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hafen, Mello, Brookman, Hilbrecht, F. Young

Absent: None

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst, John Dolan, Budget; Assemblyman Hawkins, Speaker Jacobsen.

A. B. 673 - Makes General Fund appropriation to State Engineer to make study of role of State in diversion of Columbia River waters into, through State.

Assemblyman Hawkins stated that there were presently four basic plans in diversion of Columbia River waters into the State: (1) To bring it down through Eureka County; (2) To bring it down further east; (3) To bring it down and use Pyramid and Walker Lakes; and (4) California diverts waters to Southern California and Nevada would get nothing.

Assemblyman Hawkins remarked that if Nevada wants water we should start making plans.

Chairman Young stated that Russ McDonald had suggested that the appropriation for such study go to the State Engineer.

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A. B. 271 - Appropriates money for purchase of silver dollars.

Assemblyman Hawkins testified that Silver Dollars from the Carson City mint will be auctioned off at a Public Auction. These silver dollars are auctioned off in sacks containing 1,000 silver dollars. She stated that one sack could probably be purchased for \$5,000.

She stated that these silver dollars would be displayed in various museums throughout the state.

Mr. Mello was in favor of purchasing the silver dollars but questioned whether there was enough money in the bill to cover the purchase.

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S. B. 206 - Provides that negligent killing of person while hunting constitutes manslaughter.

Mr. Capurro moved DO PASS
Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 629 - Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Legislative Fund.

Mr. Capurro moved DO PASS
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 550 - Provides new procedures for reversion of profits realized by Department of State Printing to General Fund.

Mr. Hilbrecht felt that this bill should be amended to require State Printing Office to go back to the Ben Franklin method of pricing. He stated that if they operate it at a loss then we will know that they are not functioning competitively with other printers.

Mr. Capurro stated that he felt that the State Printer should be on a competitive basis with private industry.

Mr. Capurro moved to amend bill

Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Speaker Jacobsen made a few comments regarding the printing office. He mentioned that they are presently experiencing a few problems since they are going through a transition. Much of the work is done on a double time basis during the Legislative Session.

He referred to a new bill in which legislators would order on a quantity basis.

He stated that many legislators have wasted a lot of money ordering legislation that is just political in motive.

There have been several problems with the mailing lists. We are spending some \$20,000 in this area. Speaker Jacobsen remarked that these costs must be cut down. All of these expenses are charged back to the legislative fund.

Mr. Hilbrecht remarked that most constituents would be

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pleased to receive only a summary or a condensed version of the bill.

Mr. F. Young suggested that mailing costs could be cut by only mailing volumes of the History as these contain the summary of bills.

Mr. Capurro favored Mr. F. Young's idea and suggested the idea of having perhaps 10 complete sets of bills available at libraries throughout the state.

A. B. 76 - Makes appropriation to legislative counsel bureau to allow Nevada's participation in National Conference of State Legislative Leaders.

Speaker Jacobsen urged passage of this bill. He stated that the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders would like to hold their 1973 convention in Las Vegas. Approximately 1,250 people will be attending this conference.

Only three states do not belong to the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders and Nevada is one of the three. Membership dues are \$1,000 per year.

Mr. F. Young moved DO PASS
Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ACR - 48 - Requests state public defender to prepare financing plan for services.

Mr. Lingenfelter moved to adopt ACR 48.
Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.