

MEETING  
OF THE  
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
COMMERCE

Date: March 30, 1971

Members Present: Chairman Close  
Senator Drakulich  
Senator Hecht  
Senator Lamb  
Senator Swobe

Witnesses: Frank Fahrenkopf, Reno Attorney  
Evo Granada, Public Service Commission  
Grant Davis, Legislative Council Bureau

Chairman Close called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

SB 613 - Provides for licensed physical  
therapy assistants.

Following discussion on this bill, Senator Drakulich moved to  
"do pass"; seconded by Senator Lamb; motion carried.

SB 596 - Creates Nevada home loan mortgage  
corporation.

Chairman Close announced that the Home Loan Bank bill will be  
heard Wednesday, March 31, at 1:00 P.M.

SB 526 - Requires Commissioner of Insurance  
to provide list of certified sureties.

Following discussion, Senator Lamb moved to "do pass"; seconded  
by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

SB 473 - Extensively amends Nevada Installment  
Loan and Finance Act.

Mr. Fahrenkopf again explained his position on the bill. After  
discussion, Senator Hecht made a motion to increase the lending  
limit to \$7,500 and maintain the interest rates at the same  
amount charged for the \$2,500 figure. The motion was seconded  
by Senator Swobe.

The voting went as follows:           Yeas: Close, Hecht, Swobe  
  Nays: Drakulich

Senator Lamb had left the meeting and was not present for the vote.

SB 301 - Creates scheme of automotive insurance permitting recovery without regard to fault.

Senator Hecht made a motion that a resolution be drawn up requesting the Insurance Commissioner to study the plans of other states with regard to such a bill and report back to the Legislature during the 1973 session. Seconded by Senator Swobe, motion carried.

SB 300 - Requires arbitration of civil actions in certain motor vehicle accident cases.

Chairman Close explained the pros and cons of this bill.

Pro:           1. Small claims  
                  2. Quick action  
                  3. Inexpensive

Con:           1. Getting the number of sufficiently qualified arbitrators  
                  2. The possibility of another level of courts

He told the committee that SJR 23 would have to be passed first before any action could be taken on this bill.

Senator Hecht made a motion to re-refer the bill to the Senate Judiciary Committee; seconded by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

SB 136 - Permits Department of Highways to acquire property for public parks, playgrounds, recreational grounds and sites adjoining highway or freeway rights-of-way.

This bill was amended by the Assembly at the request of the Highway Department. It requires changes on Lines 13 and 14.

Senator Hecht moved to "do pass as amended"; seconded by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

AB 63 - Expands definition of "public utility".

There are additional amendments to this bill which set the base at \$11,000 and take out railroads.

Senator Drakulich moved to "do pass as amended," seconded by Senator Swobe; motion carried.

AB 144 - Expands motor vehicle liability insurance coverage.

Following discussion, it was decided to ask Mr. McKissick to speak before the committee on April 1, at 1:00 P.M.

The following bills will be heard on Thursday, April 1, at 1:00 P.M.:

AB 148 - Creates consumer protection responsibilities in office of Attorney General

AB 198 - Allows Nevada Real Estate Advisory Commission more time for conducting hearings and rendering decisions.

AJR 1 - Memorializes Congress to enact legislation adopting the metric system.

The following bills will be heard on Tuesday, April 6, at 1:00 P.M.:

AB 249 - Provides for professional development of real estate brokers.

AB 263 - Establishes Advisory Employment Agency Board, new limitations on rates of employment agencies and new licensing requirements.

AB 18 - Requires state bank to commence banking business within fixed period following authorization.

Following discussion, Senator Swobe moved to hold this bill in committee; seconded by Senator Hecht; motion carried.

AB 311 - Provides for reduced travel fares for senior citizens.

Following discussion, Senator Drakulich moved to "do pass"; seconded by Senator Hecht; motion carried.

AB 748 - Creates Public Service Commission Publication Fund; provides for certain hearings by Public Service Commission; imposes penalties for false, fraudulent statements.

Mr. Granada and Mr. Davis told the committee that any action on this bill should be deferred until AB 266 has been passed and becomes law. The reason being that certain sections in both bills must conform.

AB 430 - Extensively amends provisions governing public and certified public accountancy.

Chairman Close announced that this bill will be heard on Thursday, April 8, at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.