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Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- February 1, 1971

The third meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on February 1, 1971 at 2:45 P.M.

Committee members present: James I. Gibson  
Carl F. Dodge  
Warren L. Monroe  
Chic Hecht  
Lee Walker  
Stan Drakulich  
Coe Swobe

Also present were:

Mel Close, Senator  
Boyd Manning, Senator  
Dennis Wright, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Fola Forst, League of Women Voters  
Mike Rowe, Intern

SJR 22\* Proposes to amend Nevada constitution by  
abolishing provision for certain county  
officers.

Senator Monroe reported to the committee concerning this bill. In checking with Mr. Davis of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, it had been confirmed that if this amendment is passed the counties will no longer be able to elect a surveyor. Senator Manning said that only six out of seventeen counties have a county surveyor and requested that the language be removed.

Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Monroe. The motion carried.

SB-38 Raises allowable interest rate on housing authority bonds.

Senator Close stated to the committee that at the present rate of 6% these bonds cannot be sold, and as a result some construction has been delayed. The housing authority should be allowed the same flexibility as other agencies with a higher rate.

\* From the 55<sup>th</sup> Session

## Senate Committee on Federal, State, and Local Governments

After some discussion Chairman Gibson pointed out that a master bill on interest rate is now being prepared by Mr. McDonald. He asked Mr. Wright to check on this and see that this particular problem is included in that bill.

SB-52 Provides for appointment of appraisers in county road condemnation proceedings.

This bill was introduced at the request of the head of the Public Works Department in the City of Sparks, according to Senator Drakulich. On line 5 of this bill they want the language changed to read "competent real estate appraisers" instead of "disinterested persons." After some committee discussion and questions regarding cost, it was decided to hold this bill for action until further information could be obtained.

SB-59 Enacts new Caliente city charter.

Chairman Gibson then referred the committee to the Caliente city charter, Section 7.010 (page 23) and also a sheet entitled "Outstanding Indebtedness as of July 1, 1970" furnished by the Nevada Tax Commission for the various cities in the State of Nevada (copy attached). Caliente's present indebtedness amounts to \$4,000. The main problem with the 60% limit now set in the charter is that the City of Caliente could not handle or retire this amount with the property tax available.

Senator Dodge moved that "we set a limit at 20%", which was seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion carried.

Chairman Gibson then referred to the amendments that had been prepared with regard to the mayor and council setting their own salaries. He read the proposed amendments as follows:

Senate Bill 59, Section 1, page 3, lines 40 and 41 to be deleted and the following language inserted: "4. The mayor and councilmen shall receive a salary in the amount fixed by the city council. Such salary shall not be increased or diminished during the term of the recipient."

Section 1, page 5, by inserting between lines 13 and 14: "The city council shall not pass any ordinance increasing or diminishing the salary of an elective officer during the term for which he is elected or appointed."


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After discussion Mr. Wright was requested to prepare the necessary amendments so that action may be taken at the next meeting.

Chairman Gibson then reviewed the Agenda for the meetings on February 2 and February 3 with the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Jean Pondi  
Committee secretary

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James I. Gibson,  
Committee Chairman

## Nevada Tax Commission

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701



MIKE O'CALLAGHAN, Governor

JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Secretary

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January 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Wright, Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau

FROM: James C. Lien, Assistant Secretary, Nevada Tax Commission

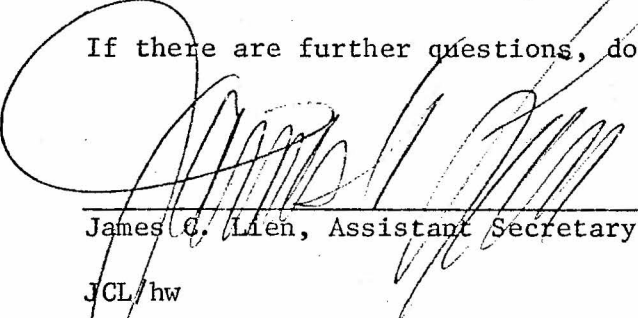
SUBJECT: Outstanding Indebtedness of Nevada's Chartered Cities.

Attached hereto is a schedule showing the outstanding obligations by type for Nevada's eleven chartered cities as requested by Senator James Gibson this date. Columns one and two are obligations that are repaid by tax levy; these are totaled in column three. (Sparks' loans are non-interest, long term contracts with the State Highway Department and not emergency loans.) Column four reflects revenue bonds outstanding, which may or may not be double-barreled. (Sparks does pay same by tax levy.) Column five is a total of those three types of indebtedness by city. Columns six and seven give supplementary information as to special assessment bonds and approximate costs of lease purchase agreements.

Additional indebtedness now authorized for which repayment begins during the 1971-72 fiscal year is a \$500,000 emergency loan for the City of Henderson and a \$565,000 emergency loan for the City of Reno.

The Carson City data reflects the consolidated entity's obligation as Carson City was successor to Ormsby County.

If there are further questions, do not hesitate to contact us.



James C. Lien, Assistant Secretary

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Enc.

cc: The Honorable Mike O'Callaghan, Governor

OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JULY 1, 1970

ENTITY	(1) AD VALOREM TAX RATE		(3) TOTAL GO/EL	(4) REVENUE BONDS	(5) TOTAL GO/EL/RO	(6) INFORMATION ONLY	
	GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	(2) EMERGENCY LOAN				SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS	(7) LEASE PURCHASE
Carson City	\$ 2,181,562	\$ -0-	\$ 2,181,562	\$ 967,000	\$ 3,148,562	\$ 136,000	\$ 37,520
Henderson	147,000	480,000	627,000	494,000	1,121,000	-0-	-0-
Las Vegas	15,623,000	166,671	15,789,671	4,995,000	20,784,671	1,105,100	23,209,036
North Las Vegas	3,414,000	640,000	4,054,000	7,623,000	11,677,000	5,174,238	-0-
Elko	700,000	-0-	700,000	15,000	715,000	-0-	74,880
Wells	73,000	19,000	92,000	-0-	92,000	-0-	-0-
Caliente	4,000	-0-	4,000	-0-	4,000	-0-	3,400
Yerington	21,000	-0-	21,000	-0-	21,000	-0-	-0-
Gabbs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Reno	15,227,000	-0-	15,227,000	-0-	15,227,000	1,696,667	210,000
Sparks	-0-	37,747*	37,747	4,262,000	4,299,747	378,000	-0-

\* Long term loan with Dept. of Highways, State of Nevada

Data compiled from local government budgets by Nevada Tax Commission personnel.

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**S. J. R. 22 of the 55th Session**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22—SENATOR MANNING**

MARCH 17, 1969

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Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

**SUMMARY**—Proposes to amend Nevada constitution by abolishing provision for certain county officers. (BDR C-1845)



**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**—Proposing to amend section 32 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to county officers, by abolishing the provision for certain county officers.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
- 2 That section 32 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 **[Section thirty-two.]** *Sec. 32.* The Legislature shall have power to
- 5 increase, diminish, consolidate or abolish the following county officers:
- 6 County Clerks, County Recorders, Auditors, Sheriffs, District Attorneys
- 7 **[, County Surveyors,]** and Public Administrators. **[and Superintendents**
- 8 **of Schools.]** The Legislature shall provide for their election by the
- 9 people, and fix by law their duties and compensation. County Clerks shall
- 10 be ex-officio Clerks of the Courts of Record and of the Boards of County
- 11 Commissioners in and for their respective counties.

**S. B. 38**

**SENATE BILL NO. 38—SENATOR CLOSE**

**JANUARY 25, 1971**

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

**SUMMARY—**Raises allowable interest rate on housing authority bonds.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 25-892)



**EXPLANATION—**Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT allowing housing authorities to provide for an interest rate of 7 percent per annum on bonds.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 315.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 315.630 By resolution, an authority may authorize bonds. The reso-
- 3 lution, its trust indenture or mortgage may provide for:
- 4 1. The issuance of bonds in one or more series.
- 5 2. The date the bonds shall bear.
- 6 3. The date of maturity.
- 7 4. The interest rate, not exceeding [6] 7 percent per annum.
- 8 5. The denomination of the bonds.
- 9 6. The form of the bonds, either coupon or registered.
- 10 7. The conversion or registration privileges which the bonds shall
- 11 carry.
- 12 8. The rank or priority of the bonds.
- 13 9. The manner of execution of the bonds.
- 14 10. The medium of payment in which the bonds are payable.
- 15 11. The place of payment.
- 16 12. The terms of redemption, with or without premium.
- 17 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 52

SENATE BILL NO. 52—SENATOR DRAKULICH

JANUARY 26, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Provides for appointment of appraisers in county road condemnation proceedings. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 35-593)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT providing for the appointment of appraisers in county road condemnation proceedings.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 403.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 403.440 Before opening any new road, street or alley through any
- 3 property, such property shall be condemned for public use as follows:
- 4 1. The board of county commissioners shall appoint two [disinter-
- 5 ested persons] *competent real estate appraisers* to view, lay out and
- 6 locate such new road, street or alley, and the two [persons,] *appraisers*,
- 7 in conjunction with two other persons chosen by any owner or occupant
- 8 or by the several owners or occupants of the property to be traversed by
- 9 such road, street or alley, shall ascertain the damage done to any property
- 10 so traversed, after deducting any advantage arising from such road, street
- 11 or alley to the owner or occupant of such property.
- 12 2. If such four persons cannot agree as to damages, then they shall
- 13 choose a fifth person, and the decision of a majority of them shall govern
- 14 and be reported to the board of county commissioners.
- 15 3. If the owner or owners or occupants of any property so con-
- 16 demned shall not acquiesce in the amount of damages so reported, an
- 17 examination may be had before the board of county commissioners. Wit-
- 18 nesses may be examined. The decision of the board of county commis-
- 19 sioners shall be final unless such owner or owners or occupants appeal
- 20 from the decision of the board of county commissioners within 30 days
- 21 after the decision to the district court. An appeal shall be taken in the
- 22 same manner as an appeal is taken from a justice's court to the district
- 23 court.

Original bill is 2 pages long.  
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a copy of the complete bill.



**S. B. 59**

**SENATE BILL NO. 59—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 27, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments  
SUMMARY—Enacts new Caliente city charter. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-998)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT incorporating the City of Caliente, in Lincoln County, Nevada, and defining the boundaries thereof, under a new charter; and providing other matters properly relating thereto:

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The charter of the City of Caliente is as follows. Each  
2 section of the charter shall be deemed to be a section of this act for the  
3 purpose of any subsequent amendment.

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5 **ARTICLE I**

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7 **Incorporation of City; General Powers; Boundaries;**  
8 **Annexations; City Offices**

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10 Section 1.010 Preamble: Legislative intent.  
11 1. In order to provide for the orderly government of the City of Cali-  
12 ente and the general welfare of its citizens the legislature hereby estab-  
13 lishes this charter for the government of the City of Caliente. It is  
14 expressly declared as the intent of the legislature that all provisions of  
15 this charter be liberally construed to carry out the express purposes of the  
16 charter and that the specific mention of particular powers shall not be  
17 construed as limiting in any way the general powers necessary to carry  
18 out the purposes of the charter.

19 2. Any powers expressly granted by this charter are in addition to  
20 any powers granted to a city by the general law of this state. All pro-  
21 visions of Nevada Revised Statutes which are applicable generally to  
22 cities (not including, unless otherwise expressly mentioned in this char-  
23 ter, chapter 265, 266 or 267 of NRS) which are not in conflict with the  
24 provisions of this charter apply to the City of Caliente.

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