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Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- February 26, 1971

The fifteenth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on February 26, 1971 at 12:00 P.M.

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

Also present were:

Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association  
Al Seeliger, School Board of Trustees  
Jan McEachern, League of Women Voters

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Several bills were before the committee for consideration.

ACR-21 Urges donations to the Nevada heritage association.

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

SB-222 Establishes boundary between Washoe and Storey counties.

Senator Swobe explained that this boundary would be established along the west side of Storey County and the east side of Washoe County.

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

SB-212 Permits closed meetings of local government employers with their management representatives.

Mr. Curt Blyth spoke to the committee testifying that the Nevada Municipal Association would support this proposal.

This does not go into whether or not the meetings between the employer and employee would be open, but only refers to (for example) the city council and the city manager meeting. Mr. Al Seeliger stated that he would also support this measure.

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

SB-265 Permits county fair and recreation boards and convention authorities to hire security personnel.

Chairman Gibson stated that this had been requested by the Clark County convention authority. They need this language in the statute which authorizes them to employ patrolmen or security officers as may be necessary to protect the property.

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

SB-277 Increases salaries of Caliente mayor and councilmen.

Under the new charter the mayor and councilmen will be responsible for their own salaries and they cannot be raised during their own term of office; therefore, the purpose of this bill is to try and set an increase in salaries before the new charter takes effect.

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

SJR-16 Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to provide for annual sessions of the legislature.

SJR-17 Proposes to amend constitution by authorizing annual sessions and limiting length and subject matter of every other session.

These two resolutions were considered together by the committee. Chairman Gibson stated that in talking with Senator Brown they had decided to try and start these in motion again, with the idea that four years from now they would be on the ballot.

Senator Dodge registered his objection to both these bills, and then spoke on SJR-17 saying that he felt the length and subject matter of legislative sessions should not be limited. He said that he feels this is bad "political science" to dilute the responsibility and authority of the legislature by letting the governor dictate the subject matter of an off-year session. Senator Monroe also stated his objection to bringing this proposal before the people a second time.

Chairman Gibson then stated that he felt the result of the last election on this subject had come about due to a lack of effort or presentation in favor of annual sessions. He said that he does respect the wishes of the people, but this doesn't mean that they should never have the opportunity to bring this up for consideration again. The campaign against annual sessions was very misleading. He felt that annual sessions would help to bring about a "balance of power" in state government. This would give the legislators more time to become better informed and not just act on the basis of what the executive recommendations were.

Senator Dodge then gave his idea of what he felt would be the basic problems with regard to annual sessions: (1) it would cost the taxpayers more money, and each time the legislature meets additional demands are made; (2) he didn't like some of the positions legislators had taken as the result of a special session in 1960 due to the fact that they were running for re-election in the fall of the same year; and (3) this tends to discourage the citizen legislator.

Jan McEachern, representing the League of Women Voters, spoke to the committee, stating that they had taken a door-to-door survey on this issue before it appeared on the ballot in Boulder City, and in that particular city the vote was in favor of the measure. She felt this was due to a better campaign and the fact that the people were better educated in this respect.

SJR-16. Senator Drakulich moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Dodge. The motion carried.

SJR-17. Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Dodge. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Jean Fondi,  
Committee Secretary

**A. C. R. 21**

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—MESSRS.  
McKISSICK, DINI, JACOBSEN AND HOMER**

FEBRUARY 12, 1971

Read and adopted

SUMMARY—Urges donations to the Nevada heritage association. (BDR 1288)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging donations to the Nevada heritage association for the purchase of Virginia & Truckee Railroad equipment and the restoration of the Carson City-Virginia City line.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Comstock Lode and the iron horses of the Virginia &
- 2 Truckee Railroad share responsibility for the early growth of Nevada; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Nevada heritage association has as its objectives the
- 4 restoration of the old V & T from Carson City to Virginia City and the
- 5 retrieval of original equipment to carry out this objective; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Nevada heritage association is authorized to accept
- 7 donations to achieve this objective; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Several priceless relics of the V & T are soon to be sold in
- 9 the southern California area; now, therefore, be it
- 10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of Nevada, the Senate concur-*
- 11 *ring,* That the residents of this state be urged to donate whatever amount
- 12 is possible to the Nevada heritage association for the purchase of Virginia
- 13 & Truckee Railroad equipment and for the eventual restoration of the
- 14 V & T line from Carson City to Virginia City.

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S. B. 222

SENATE BILL NO. 222—SENATOR SWOBE

FEBRUARY 15, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Establishes boundary between Washoe and Storey counties.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-507)



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

AN ACT establishing the boundary between Washoe and Storey counties.

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

1 SECTION 1. NRS 243.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 243.335 1. There shall be a county, to be known as Storey County,  
3 to include all that part of the [Territory] State of Nevada within the  
4 boundaries described as follows: Beginning at the northwestern corner  
5 of Lyon County, and running thence in an easterly direction along the  
6 northern boundary of Lyon County to the northeastern corner thereof;  
7 thence north, in a straight line, to the road leading from the lower cross-  
8 ing of the Truckee River to the Sink of the Humboldt; thence westerly,  
9 along the road, to the Truckee River; thence up the middle of the Truckee  
10 River to the eastern line of Washoe County; thence southerly along the  
11 line to the place of beginning.

12 2. The boundaries of Storey County shall be: [the]  
13 (a) The boundaries existing January 1, 1963, as described in this sec-  
14 tion, notwithstanding any future change in the course of the Truckee  
15 River, whether such change results from natural or other causes [.] ; and  
16 (b) As specifically described in part in NRS 243.340.

17 SEC. 2. NRS 243.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
18 243.340 1. There shall be a county, to be known as Washoe County,  
19 to include all that part of the State of Nevada within the boundaries  
20 described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Carson City,  
21 and running easterly along the northern boundary of Carson City to the  
22 [summit of the mountains east of Washoe Lake; thence in a northerly  
23 course along the summit of the mountains to the lower end of the Big  
24 Meadows, on] county boundary monument common to Washoe County,  
25 Lyon County and Carson City, from which the section corner common to  
26 Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, T. 16 N., R. 20 E., M.D.B. & M., bears N.  
27 12°22'55" W., 3137.70 feet; thence northeasterly along the north line of

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**S. B. 212**

**SENATE BILL NO. 212—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

FEBRUARY 15, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

**SUMMARY**—Permits closed meetings of local government employers with their management representatives. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-1165)

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

AN ACT permitting closed meetings between the local government employer and his management representative.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 288.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 288.220 The following proceedings, required by or pursuant to this
- 3 chapter, are not subject to any provision of chapter 241 of NRS:
- 4 1. Any negotiation or informal discussion between a local govern-
- 5 ment employer and an employee organization or employees as indi-
- 6 viduals, whether conducted by the governing body or through a
- 7 representative or representatives.
- 8 2. Any meeting of a mediator with either party or both parties to a
- 9 negotiation.
- 10 3. Any meeting or investigation conducted by a factfinding panel.
- 11 4. *Any meeting of the governing body of a local government*
- 12 *employer with its management representative or representatives.*
- 13 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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the Research Library.

S. B. 265

SENATE BILL NO. 265—SENATORS BROWN AND GIBSON

FEBRUARY 18, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Permits county fair and recreation boards and convention authorities to hire security personnel. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 54-1415)

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

AN ACT permitting county fair and recreation boards and convention authorities to employ security personnel to protect their own property or that of others located on the premises or grounds of such fair boards and convention authorities; 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. NRS 648.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 648.190 This chapter shall not apply:
- 3 1. To any detective or officer belonging to the law enforcement agen-
- 4 cies of the State of Nevada or the United States, or of any county or city
- 5 of the State of Nevada.
- 6 2. To special police officers appointed by the police department of
- 7 any city, county, or city and county within the State of Nevada while any
- 8 such officer is engaged in the performance of his official duties, or
- 9 employed as a reposessor by any bank which is organized under the laws
- 10 of this state or by a national bank which does a banking business in this
- 11 state.
- 12 3. To insurance adjusters licensed pursuant to, or to associate
- 13 adjusters as defined in, chapter 685 of NRS who are not otherwise
- 14 engaged in the business of private investigators.
- 15 4. To any person employed as special agent, detective or private
- 16 investigator for one employer exclusively in connection with the affairs
- 17 of that employer.
- 18 5. To a person engaged exclusively in the business of obtaining and
- 19 furnishing information as to the financial rating of persons.
- 20 6. To a charitable philanthropic society or association duly incor-
- 21 porated under the laws of this state which is organized and maintained
- 22 for the public good and not for private profit.
- 23 7. To an attorney at law in performing his duties as such.
- 24 8. To a collection agency unless engaged in business as a reposessor,
- 25 licensed by the superintendent of banks, or an employee thereof while



**S. B. 277****SENATE BILL NO. 277—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

FEBRUARY 19, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Increases salaries of Caliente mayor and councilmen.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-1538)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act incorporating the City of Caliente, in Lincoln County, Nevada, and defining the boundaries thereof; authorizing the establishment of a city government therefor if a majority of the electors thereof approve this act; establishing the procedure for such approval or rejection; and other matters properly relating thereto," approved March 28, 1957, as amended.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of the above-entitled act, being chapter 289,  
2 Statutes of Nevada 1957, at page 419, is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 Section 22. Mayor and Councilmen, Salary of. The mayor and  
5 councilmen shall receive remuneration for their services, payable monthly,  
6 such amount per meeting actually attended as may from time to time  
7 by resolution be set by said council provided such remuneration may not  
8 exceed **[\$50]** \$100 per officer per month.  
9 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective on June 30, 1971.

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**S. J. R. 16****SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16—SENATORS  
GIBSON AND BROWN**

FEBRUARY 15, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to provide for annual sessions of the legislature. (BDR C-1014)

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend section 2 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to the legislature, by providing for annual sessions.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
- 2 That section 2 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 2. The sessions of the Legislature shall be [biennial,] *annual,* and
- 5 shall commence on the 3rd Monday of January [next ensuing the election
- 6 of members of the Assembly,] *of each year,* unless the Governor of the
- 7 State shall, in the interim, convene the Legislature by proclamation.

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S. J. R. 17

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17—SENATORS  
GIBSON AND BROWN

FEBRUARY 15, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend constitution by authorizing annual sessions and limiting length and subject matter of every other session. (BDR C-1308)

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend sections 2 and 33 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to the sessions of the legislature and the compensation of the members of the legislature, by requiring the legislature to hold annual sessions; limiting the regular sessions held during even-numbered years to matters relating to the budget and other matters brought to the attention of the legislature by the governor and limiting the compensation received by legislators during such a session to not more than 30 days; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
- 2 That sections 2 and 33 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of
- 3 Nevada be amended to read as follows:
- 4 Sec. 2. The sessions of the Legislature shall be [biennial,] *annual,*
- 5 and shall commence on the 3rd Monday of January, [next ensuing the
- 6 election of members of the Assembly,] unless the Governor of the State
- 7 shall in the interim, convene the Legislature by proclamation. *All regular*
- 8 *sessions held in even-numbered years shall be limited to matters relating*
- 9 *to the budget and other matters which may be brought to the attention of*
- 10 *the legislature by the governor.*
- 11 [Sec:] Sec. 33. The members of the Legislature shall receive for their
- 12 services [.] a compensation to be fixed by law and paid out of the
- 13 public treasury, for not to exceed 60 days during any regular session of
- 14 the legislature *held during odd-numbered years, not to exceed 30 days*
- 15 *during any regular session of the legislature held during even-numbered*
- 16 *years, and not to exceed 20 days during any special session convened by*
- 17 *the governor; but no increase of such compensation shall take effect dur-*
- 18 *ing the term for which the members of either house shall have been*
- 19 *elected Provided, that an appropriation may be made for the payment of*
- 20 *such actual expenses as members of the Legislature may incur for post-*
- 21 *age, express charges, newspapers and stationery not exceeding the sum of*
- 22 *Sixty dollars for any general or special session to each member; and*

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