

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 22, 1971

The twenty-sixth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 22nd day of March, 1971.

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

Also present were:

Dennis Wright, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Cy Ryan, United Press
Roy Vanett, Review-Journal

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Several bills were before the committee for consideration.

SB-177 Enacts new Elko city charter.

Chairman Gibson stated that they had taken care of all the specific amendments that had been requested and they were now in accord on the Elko city charter. Senator Monroe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SB-178 Enacts new Wells city charter.

One additional amendment had been requested on this proposal on page 13, with regard to the municipal judge, the word "election," should be changed on lines 6, 8, and 10, to "Appointment." Senator Monroe moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SB-563 Makes public meeting law inapplicable to legislative Commission subcommittees.

Chairman Gibson explained that this legislation had developed out of the gaming subcommittee study when they were getting into an area of confidential information they required and were not able to get witnesses to testify unless the hearing was held in private. Senator Monroe also stated that there

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were times when information given to legislative subcommittees had to be kept confidential until it was approved by the commission. He further stressed that there are certain areas of study when it is actually in the public interest that information be kept confidential, and that the only condition under which some witnesses would come forward and testify was in a closed meeting. It was also noted that Congress has set a precedent for this proposal, which could apply to a state level as well as the federal.

Mr. Cy Ryan and Mr. Roy Vanett, both press representatives, were present and voiced their objections to this bill.

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

SB-518 Enacts new Sparks city charter.

Chairman Gibson went over the amendments that had been prepared for inclusion in the Sparks city charter. This included two amendments on page 10 with regard to setting of salaries for the city clerk and the city attorney by the city council; a provision that salaries shall not be increased or decreased during the term of office; and the debt limit was changed to 20%.

AB-131 Relaxes conditions for out-of-county public printing.

Senator Monroe commented on this bill, noting that he feels it saves money to have printing done locally rather than permitting it to be done elsewhere in the state. Senator Gibson will check with Mr. Smith on this before any action is taken.

SB-434 Provides cities and counties with ways and means to acquire and develop parks, playgrounds and recreational areas.

Chairman Gibson read the prepared amendment to this bill on section 2, page 2. Senator Swobe stated that this would help to ease the city budgets when they come up for capital improvements, and it was noted that the new language to be amended on page 3 would tighten up the area where the "in-lieu payment" can be used. No action can be taken on this bill until the full committee is present.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary