

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 24, 1971

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 24th day of March, 1971.

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| Committee members present: | James I. Gibson |
| | Stan Drakulich |
| | Warren L. Monroe |
| | Chic Hecht |
| | Lee Walker |

Also present were:

Lawrence Jacobsen, Assemblyman
 Archie Pozzi, Senator
 John Crossley, Auditor, Legislative Counsel Bureau
 Bob McAdam, Nevada Bell
 Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association
 John Bawden, State Highway Engineer
 Lois Jones, Carson Valley Historical Society
 Jack Wood, President, Carson Valley Historical Society
 Arnold Trimmer, Carson Valley Historical Society
 Eric Cronkite, Administrator, State Parks Division
 Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel Bureau
 Joe Midmore, Builders Association
 Jim Guinan, Legislative Consultant
 Bill Adams, Assistant City Manager, Las Vegas®

Press representatives

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

AB-470 Authorizes conveyances by State Park System, Douglas County school district of certain land in Douglas County to Carson Valley Historical Society.

Mr. Jacobsen introduced several witnesses who were present to testify on AB-470. Mr. Jack Wood, President of the Carson Valley Historical Society, explained that approximately two years ago they had had a meeting with Governor Laxalt regarding the old Douglas County courthouse which had been

conveyed by deed to the State of Nevada back in 1957. Apparently nothing was being done with the building and they asked at that time that the building be transferred back to the people of Douglas county in the name of the Carson Valley Historical Society. Since that time they have leased the property, many improvements have been made, and they have been operating it as a museum. Mrs. Lois Jones, who has been managing the museum, and Mr. Arnold Trimmer also testified to the committee. Mr. Jacobsen pointed out that in this particular area the people have been willing to take this responsibility on themselves and there is a great deal of public interest.

Eric Cronkhite, Administrator of the State Parks Division, said that they concur with what the Carson Valley Historical Society is doing and feel this is the best compliment to the Mormon Station across the street, which attracts about 22,000 visitors. He noted the only concern they had was in making sure that the museum would be successful. It was noted that the school district wishes to retain the reversionary clause.

Senator Monroe moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

AB-332 Conveys certain state-owned land to Carson City.

Mr. Jacobsen testified that this proposal conveys about 20 acres of property to Carson City. About two years ago baseball fields were developed on this property and there has been constant use for this purpose since that time. Mr. Bawden stated that he had recommended to the State Highway Board that they transfer title to Carson City, and they had agreed to do so with the stipulation that a reversionary clause be inserted. It was also noted for the record that the Carson City Board of Supervisors have agreed to accept this responsibility and to maintain the baseball fields.

Senator Monroe moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SB-574 Permits value of benefit to be deducted from severance damages in condemnation cases.

Mr. Blyth said that this bill was a proposal backed by the Nevada Municipal Association and was "triggered" by the Regional Street and Highway Commission. Mr. Guinan expressed

opposition to this legislation stating that it would be a great mistake and cause a lot of problems if it were to be passed.

Following discussion Senator Drakulich moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried. Senator Monroe stated for the record that he is "unalterably opposed to the committee's action."

AB-473 Authorizes purchase of obligations of Federal National Mortgage Association.

Mr. Russ McDonald of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, testified that as the bill is presently written the Federal National Mortgage Association is still guaranteed by the government of the United States. This is a long bill and is structured to take care of all the people who are authorized to make investments.

AB-368 Authorizes purchase of United States Postal Service obligations.

Mr. McDonald referred to a letter he had received from the Postmaster General and read part of it to the committee. It was noted that these two bills, AB-368 and AB-473 both amend the same section of the law.

Senator Monroe moved that AB-473 be combined with AB-368 and made into one bill, and "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

SB-545 Establishes procedure for creating underground electric and communication service districts.

Mr. McDonald explained that this bill resulted in an attempt to answer the problem with respect to the undergrounding of electrical and communication services both in existing areas in which we have above-ground facilities and in new areas where there might be an attempt to place the utilities underground.

Mr. Guinan, who drafted this bill at the request of the Sierra Pacific Power Company, spoke in support of SB-545, as did Mr. McAdam of Nevada Bell. Part of this language has been taken from the Local Improvement District law. Mr. Guinan is to prepare the necessary amendments on this bill.

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SB-576 Increases responsibilities and powers of general obligation bond commissions.

Mr. Blyth gave the background explanation for this proposal, stating that the people he represents all approve of this legislation. Mr. McDonald will write in restrictive language.

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

SB-585 Requires signatures of trustee and director, or his designee, of Nevada Historical Society on checks, claims.

John Crossley, Auditor from the Legislative Counsel Bureau, stated that this is a technical amendment to NRS 382.050. The Historical Society is allowed to have a bank account and they feel that the director should be aware of any financial transactions that occur.

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

SB-566 Enacts new Las Vegas city charter.

Mr. Bill Adams, Assistant City Manager for the city of Las Vegas, stated that this had been discussed with the mayor and city commissioners. One suggested change they wanted was on page 5, section 2.010, line 40 with reference to the salary of the board of commissioners. They prefer that this be effective after the next city election.

Senator Hecht moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. The motion carried.

SJR-24 Memorializes Congress and Bureau of Land Management to protect mountain and upland meadows.

Senator Monroe explained that there is work being done in some areas which is unauthorized wherein bulldozers are working and clearing mountain and meadow lands. There should be some control to prevent this type of thing from happening.

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

There being no further business, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary