

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 26, 1971

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 26th day of March, 1971.

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

Also present were:

Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
 Roy Robinette, Incline, Lake Tahoe  
 Maxine Polsin  
 Noel Clark, Public Service Commission  
 Bill Hancock, State Planning Board  
 Leroy Bergstrom, C.P.A.  
 Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association  
 William Adams, Assistant City Manager, Las Vegas  
 Ray Knisley, Compact Commission of Nevada  
 John Meder, Board of Supervisors, Carson City  
 Dave Henry, Clark County Administrator  
 Norman Glaser, Assemblyman

Press representatives

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Several bills were before the committee for consideration.

SB-600 Authorizes city commissioners, registered voters to propose charter amendments in city having commission form of government.

This bill was drafted and introduced at the request of the city attorney of Boulder City. Mr. McDonald of the Legislative Counsel Bureau explained that what this bill proposes to do is to re-enact what was Section 267.130 of the old commission form of government act, which was repealed in 1967. They now feel it would be helpful to have this section back in the statutes.

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

AB-330 Increases amount of contract which can be let by a school district without approval of State Planning Board.

Mr. Hancock of the State Planning Board explained that this bill in effect increases the amount of a school district project from \$5,000 to \$10,000 before it has to be checked by the State Planning Board. He stated that even though the school district would probably favor this legislation, the Planning Board considers it good procedure to check on plans on all projects irregardless of the amount of money involved.

AB-421 Requires certain general improvement districts to share excess capacity.

Mr. Noel Clark of the Public Service Commission testified that this proposal would create several problems as far as the commission is concerned. He referred specifically to the language regarding "excess capacity," the provisions on "notifying trustees within 10 days of a complaint and in 60 days shall hold a hearing," and the determination of rates. He also pointed out that the present penalty act does not cover 318 districts, and that the language in this bill is too broad.

Mr. Robinette also testified on AB-421, stating that he lives at the lake and is familiar with the situation there. He stressed that the new language in this proposal limits it to the Lake Tahoe area and that presently there is a serious problem for the people in this area, as they have no one to turn to, and that this should fall under the authority of the Public Service Commission.

The committee also heard testimony from Mr. Knisley and Mr. Meder in opposition to this legislation. Mr. Knisley requested that he have an opportunity to contact other members of the compact commission and be heard at a later hearing on this matter. Mrs. Maxine Polzin, a resident of the Lake Tahoe area, spoke in favor of this bill, stressing that they need the assistance of the Public Service Commission in setting the rates for this particular area.

AB-527 Repeals emergency loan provisions and provides for short-term financing of counties, cities, towns, school district, and other entities.

AB-528 Changes definitions of various funds of local governments.

SB-586 Permits local government budget augmentation if resources available.

Mr. Henry, Clark County Administrator, stated that these three bills were proposals from the local government advisory committee to the tax commission and that they had been before the associations of cities, counties and school districts. He noted that AB-528 is to conform language to that of the National Committee on Governmental Accounting. Mr. Leroy Bergstrom, member of the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants, also testified in support of these three bills.

AB-527 Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

AB-528 Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

SB-586 Senator Dodge moved "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

AB-290 Authorizes Town of Carlin to improve, equip its sanitary sewer system and to issue general obligation bonds, other general obligation securities for such project not a certain amount.

Mr. Glaser, introducer of this proposal, said that this was a sewer improvement bill which would allow the town of Carlin to issue general obligation bonds up to \$125,000. They do not anticipate going to the full amount on this, but would use this as the upper limit. He said that they are in a hurry to accomplish this as their present sewer system is antiquated and it is presently overloaded. If this were to be put on the ballot it would be overwhelmingly approved, and their present sewer assessment would be sufficient without raising the rates.

Chairman Gibson requested Mr. Glaser to check again with the town of Carlin and see if they can put this on the ballot in May or June and then report his findings back to the committee.

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AB-651 Creates state advisory committee on federal land laws.

Mr. Glaser said that this bill is an extension of a bill that is presently law, and they have changed the wording to conform with an action that Congress has taken in the intervening time since the bill was passed. The language proposed does several things: (1) brings it up-to-date with what Congress has done; (2) removes director; and (3) changes the composition of the committee to give conservationists and recreationists more say in view of the current trend in this direction. The sum of \$10,000 -- \$5,000 per year was put in as this was the amount they will revert back to their present budget for the next two fiscal years.

Chairman Gibson noted that this bill would have to be referred to the Senate Finance committee. Senator Dodge moved to "re-refer to Senate Finance and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

AJR-36 Memorializes United States Postal Service to make V & T Railroad subject of commemorative stamp issue.

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

SB-591 Provides for staggered elections of Sparks city officers.

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

SB-599 Authorizes term of state lease to Washoe County fairgrounds to be extended to 99 years.

This bill was drafted in place of AB-43. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Monroe. The motion carried.

SB-602 Amends certain bonding provisions of Caliente charter.

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

AB-380 Specifies number in staff as prerequisite for keeping state office open during noon hour.

It was pointed out that in many instances people have to do business during the lunch hour with some of the state offices and it would be helpful if they were kept open at this particular time.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Jean Pondi,  
Committee Secretary