

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 20, 1971

The forty-ninth meeting of the Senate Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 20th day of April, 1971.

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

Also present were:

Richard Morgan, Nevada State Education Association
Edmond Psaltis, Washoe County School District
William Adams, Assistant City Manager, Las Vegas
Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association
Ernest Newton, Nevada Taxpayers Association
Keith Henrikson, Peace Officers-Fire Fighters
Press

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Several matters were before the committee for consideration.

AB-318 Requires Clark County board of county commissioners to appoint a special committee to study local government problems in Clark county.

Chairman Gibson explained that this proposal would establish an advisory board to study local government problems. It was suggested that this be amended to allow voluntary annexation. Mr. Blyth of the Nevada Municipal Association concurred in this suggestion. Senator Dodge moved to "Amend to allow voluntary annexation and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion carried.

AB-826 Conforms NRS provisions to 1971 act concerning issuance of legislators' certificates of election.

Chairman Gibson stated that AB-792 has been passed which sets up a procedure whereby the governor sends out the certificate of election for the Assembly and the Senate rather than the

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county commission. There are two more sections that need to be conformed which is the purpose of this bill. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion carried.

ACR-50 Requests Legislative Commission to appoint certain legislators to study feasibility of combining certain divisions of Department of Motor Vehicles.

This would authorize the Legislative Commission to appoint three members of the Senate standing committee on Transportation, and three members of the Assembly standing committee on Transportation to make a study with regard to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Following discussion it was agreed that they would contact the governor and request that this study be included under the study on state government.

Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

SB-279 Amends Las Vegas Valley Water District law authorizing district to construct, operate facilities required to collect, treat, and redistribute all returns from various water uses.

Senator Dodge moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SB-283 Authorizes increase in compensation of board of directors of Las Vegas Valley water district.

Chairman Gibson stated that he had reviewed this proposal and found that the directors have approximately 10 meetings per month. It was suggested that line 9 of SB-283 should show \$250 per month maximum. Senator Swobe moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SB-436 Enlarges boundaries of Las Vegas Valley Water District to coincide with ground water basin in Las Vegas Valley as designated by State Engineer.

It is probable that this area will have to be expanded at a later date. Senator Dodge moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion carried.

SB-631 Authorizes Colorado River Commission on behalf of State to acquire sewer facilities and to issue securities therefor.

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

SB-632 Designates board of county commissioners of Clark County as ex officio board of directors of Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

AB-178 Extends amended provisions of Local Government Employee-Management Relations Act to all government employees; provides for binding arbitration; specifies certain prohibited practices.

Mr. Curt Blyth of the Nevada Municipal Association stated that the work submitted to the committee by Mr. MacEachern contained what they believe is a reflection of the amendments drafted last Saturday, plus further discussion in later meetings.

Mr. Keith Henrikson stated that he had reviewed the proposed amendments, both those prepared by Mr. Efroymsen and those prepared by Mr. MacEachern. He first referred to page 2, line 26, and said that they believe the language in this section as drafted by Mr. Efroymsen was preferable. He referred to Section 14 and the amendments prepared by Mr. MacEachern stating that they do not agree with the language defining administrative and supervisory employees. Discussion followed with reference to the community of interest and which employees would be supervisory and which would not. Mr. Henrikson's main concern was that the firemen not be splintered into several groups. Mr. MacEachern agreed with Mr. Henrikson, further stating that the language he has proposed would aid the situation he has outlined, because the only people that would be excluded from the bargaining group would be those in a supervisory position.

Mr. Richard Morgan, Nevada State Education Association, stated that they appreciate the extra time the committee is taking with this bill -- it is of great importance to the state and to the employee groups within the state.

Mr. Ernest Newton, Nevada Taxpayers Association, spoke on this bill. He stated that his main concern was with the new language on page 3, subparagraph 8, regarding the determination of the criteria for the factfinder who, (under these proposed amendments) can provide the terminal procedure. Subsection (a) under Section 8 will delete from the local governing body its basic authority, which is to determine just what the local government is going to do. That is a decision that, in his opinion, cannot be designated to a factfinder or anyone else. He suggested in this section after the word "based," new language be inserted: "on program priorities established by the elected governing board of the local government employer and on existing available revenue. ."

Chairman Gibson announced a meeting for 3:00 P.M. this same date. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi,
Committee Secretary

James I. Gibson
Committee Chairman