

## Senate

## COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 5, 1971

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 5th day of April, 1971.

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

Also present were:

Hal Smith, Assemblyman  
 Joseph E. Dini, Assemblyman  
 Ty Hilbrecht, Assemblyman  
 Dwight Nelson, Washoe County Commissioner  
 Roy Pagni, Washoe County Commissioner  
 Bob Rusk, County of Washoe  
 Leroy Bergstrom, CPA  
 Juanita Blankenship, Clark County  
 Roy Robinette  
 C. B. Kinnison, Washoe County Manager  
 Shirley Richards, Washoe Welfare Office  
 Jack Cunningham  
 Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association  
 Ray Knisley  
 Press

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

SB-614      Amends law relating to county aid to indigents.

There was discussion of the proposed amendment which had been submitted by Clark county in the previous hearing on SB-614. Mr. Kinnison of Washoe county and Mrs. Blankenship of Clark county both appeared as witnesses and said that both counties were in harmony on the amendment with minor changes as follows:

"except that if the health of the poor is placed in jeopardy and there is a lack of monies to provide necessary medical care, under this chapter the Commissioners shall declare an emergency and provide additional funds for medical care only from whatever resources may be available."

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

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

Mr. Robinette spoke on AB-421, stating that there are six areas at Lake Tahoe presently outside the improvement district. The people that are now on an extended service basis are paying twice the rate that the people in the district are paying, and Mr. Robinette had hoped that some of the people would continue to receive service on an extended basis until the growth in population would justify putting in other facilities. It was also noted that the Public Service Commission does have authority over the 318 districts.

Mr. Knisley spoke in opposition to AB-421 pointing out that this is an invasion of the water laws of the State of Nevada (should delete all reference to Section 318.144 in paragraph 1.) and that it authorizes an overriding of the state engineer's allocation of water for the benefit of an area that doesn't have any water.

Senator Monroe moved that we "wait to take action on AB-421" seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

AJR-38 Proposes amendment of certain limitations on the operation of the initiative.

Mr. Hilbrecht explained that the resolution that came out of the last session, SJR-1, might have some serious legal questions or interpretation by some authorities. It is possible that virtually any question that might be the subject of an initiative petition would be barred by that statute without making some provision for expenses, even if those costs might be the costs incident to a special election, if indicated, or to take it to the absurd end -- the additional cost of setting the type for putting a particular proposition on an initiative petition on the ballot. This resolution is really a "backstop" to SJR-1 under which legal technicalities may arise.

AB-469 Authorizes joint issuance of bonds by school districts.

Mr. Dini testified that AB-469 provides a means for two school districts to issue joint bonds. There have been specific problem areas such as the Fernley-Wadsworth-Nixon area where the students from Washoe county come into Lyon county and they are running out of room in the school buildings. In a situation like this it would provide a basis for them to issue joint bonds in the school districts, however, each district would have to have an election.

AB-502 Places deputyinspectors of mines in classified service; repeals numerous statutes relating to mining health and safety.

Mr. Dini also testified on AB-502, stating that this basically brings the act into conformance with the federal act. One of the conditions for qualifying was to bring the deputy inspectors into the classified service, which this accomplishes.

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

Chairman Gibson reiterated that Mr. Hancock of the State Planning Board had appeared previously on AB-330 and had testified that code violations are actually more prevalent in the smaller self-engineered jobs than they are in the bigger ones. Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Dodge. The motion carried.

AB-433 Revises procedure for enforcing lien for county and city license tax.

Mr. Hal Smith, Assemblyman, testified that this bill was introduced at the request of the county assessors. Two years ago the legislature made the county assessors responsible for the room tax and provided the machinery to get it out of the tax rolls where it could be a collectible item, which is the purpose of AB-433.

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

AB-5 Creates position of ombudsman.

Senator Dodge moved to "send AB-5 to Senate Finance committee," seconded by Senator Monroe. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Cunningham again testified on AB-131 stating that this had been proposed by the association of county commissioners for the benefit of the smaller counties which may not have a local newspaper or a commercial printing office. This would give them the right to do their contracting outside of the county.

Senator Monroe spoke in opposition to this proposal. Senator Dodge moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

AB-700 Delays further annexations and incorporation of cities in Clark County.

Chairman Gibson explained that this bill is an extension of legislation passed in the last session -- it extends the prohibition against incorporation for another two years. Mr. Blyth pointed out that in his opinion this also prohibits annexation as well as incorporation.

Mr. Hal Smith, Assemblyman, testified that during the session AB-20 was introduced which changed the annexation laws requiring approval of only 50% of the residents of an area to effect annexation. The bill was quite defective in many areas. In AB-318 they revived another study of Clark county with respect to the annexation, consolidation problems, and the last section of 318 stops any further annexation or incorporation in Clark county until the results of the study are completed and reported back to the legislature at the next session. They are still working on 318 and trying to solve the problems.

Part of the problems that were raised earlier were the annexations that were accomplished by North Las Vegas that are in serious question now. Those annexations have an impact on the distributive taxes to the remainder of the county, and it was presumed that for this reason the prohibition

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should remain until the study is completed on the financial impact of further annexation and incorporation -- this is the purpose of AB-700.

It was decided that the committee would wait to take action until they have AB-318 to consider also.

The committee then took action as follows:

AB-469 Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Dodge. The motion carried.

AB-502 Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Dodge. The motion carried.

AB-345 Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

SJR-30 Senator Hecht moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.

AB-58 Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary