SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 15, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Chairman Monroe Senator Close Senator Dodge Senator Foley Senator Swobe Senator Wilson Senator Young

Guests:

Grant Davis - Legislative Counsel Bureau Press

<u>S.B. #3</u> - Provides for investigation by real estate advisory commission of out-of-state subdivisions before being offered for sale or lease in this state. Senator Herr

The committee will hear testimony from the Nevada Real Estate Commission tomorrow.

S.J.R. #8 - Proposes a constitutional amendment to deny bail to persons charged with felony while admitted to bail on separate charge. Senators Hecht and Lamb

Senator Swobe felt the committee should act on the bill now with the Arizona language. Chairman Monroe read the Arizona language for the benefit of the committee.

Senator Young made a motion to amend and "do pass." Senator Dodge second the motion. Motion carried.

<u>S.J.R. 23 - 55th Session</u> - Proposes to amend judicial article of Nevada constitution. Committee on Judiciary

Senator Foley suggested going ahead with this one and then considering another one for district court judges. There was some discussion about whether to put this on the ballot with the 18 year old vote. Senator Dodge suggested moving this one now and considering district court judges when the 18 year old vot was decided. Senate Judiciary Committee Minutes February 15, 1971

> <u>S.B. #82</u> – Increases number of district judges in first, second and eighth judicial districts. Senator Monroe

Senator Close suggested tieing the counties together and Senator Dodge felt that the whole district should be looked at. He felt that the most logical redistricting would be putting Churchill in with Pershing and Humboldt, and putting Eureka and Lander in with Elko, saving two judges. The committee will inform the judges and county commissioners of what they are considering and get their views at a hearing on March 1, 1971.

<u>S.B. 121</u> – Provides for court administrator and makes appropriation. Senators Young, Brown, Swobe, Walker, Wilson, Foley and Close

Senator Close suggested amending along the same lines as its handled in Claifornia. Reassignment would be handled by a committee, made up of perhaps one or two other judges, so it would be decided not only by the Chief Justice but two district court judges as well.

Senator Young felt that the committee should strike Section 7 altogether, since the Chief Justice would have the power to reassign. That would make the court administrator a statistical clerk. Chairman Monroe pointed out that if <u>S.J.R. 23</u> passed, the chief justice would have the right to reassign anyway.

Senator Close wondered if as a statistical clerk he should be entitled to the same salary as the district court judge, and mentioned that they could get a very excellent analyst without paying him \$30,000. He felt that it wouldn't be right for the court administrator to make more money than department heads in Nevada. Grant Davis was asked to draft an amendment to cover his salary.

Senator Foley made a motion to amend by removing Section 7 and change the appropriate language regarding salary, and "do pass". Senator Dodge second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

bellen Wynkoop, Secretary

Approved:

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