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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MEETING

March 11, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Monroe  
Senator Close  
Senator Foley  
Senator Dodge  
Senator Young

Absent : Senator Swobe  
Senator Wilson

Others Present: Grant Davis - Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Jim Guinan - State Bar Association  
Bob McAdam - Bell Telephone

S.B. #220 - Repeals provision requiring the giving of  
ineffective notice under certain lien laws.  
Senator Pozzi

Jim Guinan stated that he redrafted this bill and it was introduced as S.B. #431. The committee reviewed the bill. Senator Dodge asked if the language in Line 4, "the owner with whom he intends to contract" is clear that they would not have to look beyond that person to find who the real owner is. Several members of the committee felt that the person who the contractor intends to contract with might not be the true owner, it could be a representative or a tenant. Grant Davis suggested the wording "record owner as defined in NRS 108.227".

There was further discussion regarding fraud on the part of the general contractor and the person posing as the owner. The committee was in agreement that this bill, with the amendment mentioned above, would take care of the biggest problem voiced by the subcontractors by making this notice mandatory and providing it be given by the general contractor to the owner with a copy to the subcontractor.

The committee will take final action when the amendments are prepared.

S.J.R. #21 - Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution by  
requiring that Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
be elected jointly as a team.  
Senator Dodge

Mr. Bob McAdam, representing the committee the governor appointed to set the salaries of the legislature, testified on this bill. He stated that when

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it came to the Lieutenant Governor's salary, they felt since he was not a full time employee and his duties were not outlined in the statues, they did not recommend any increase from his present salary of \$6,000. He felt it might be timely to make the Lieutenant Governor a full time employee and to adjust his salary accordingly. Senator Dodge said, as the introducer, he felt that the Lieutenant Governor should be more informed and active in his position in case he would have to take over for the Governor.

Senator Monroe objected that it would not work unless the candidates were of the same party affiliation. He suggested holding the bill for a while.

S.J.R. #22 - Provides for appointment and election of district judges.  
Senators Foley, Monroe, Wilson & Young

Senator Dodge felt that this bill would be an incentive for people to bucket S.J.R. 23 of the 55th Session which will go to the people for a vote in 1972 and he would oppose it. If S.J.R. #23 passes in the next election, it would be a different story. Senators Foley and Young felt that the district court judges are under more political pressure and need this protection.

Senator Foley suggested discussing the bill further when a full committee was present.

S.B. #291 - Increases period for candidates to change political party affiliation prior to primary election.  
Senator Titlow

Chairman Monroe felt that if you are going to have a two-party system, there should be some basic party responsibility somewhere along the line. Senators Close and Young did not object to the bill, and Senator Close felt that two years is a long time. As a compromise, Chairman Monroe suggested we amend the bill to set the date back to "January 1 preceding the filing date".

Grant Davis will prepare the amendment.

S.B. #480 - Increases maximum value of estates which may be set aside without administration and those eligible for summary administration, and modifies uniform fee schedule for estate administration.  
Committee on Jidiciary

Jim Guinan testified that this bill would raise the value of the estates to \$3,000; \$5,000; and \$10,000; because he felt the figures in the statute were no longer justified.

No final action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_