

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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April 16, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Others Present: Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson  
Jean Ford - League of Women Voters  
Grant Davis - Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Press

A.B. #602 - Permits publication of name of juvenile and names of his parents upon his second appearance in court. Prince, Swallow, and Lowman.

The committee felt that this bill would do more harm than good.

Senator Dodge made a motion to "kill" this bill. Senator Foley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A.B. #791 - Provides new procedure for terminating certificates of permission to perform marriages issued to ministers. Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson.

Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson testified that this bill would eliminate the requirement for ministers who perform marriages to get re-licensed each year. This is a burden on them, and the form is cumbersome and requires a necessary effort to complete. This bill would provide that they need not relicense, unless they are terminated, change their denomination, or are out of the ministry. In those cases, the denomination would report it to the county clerk, and they would no longer be able to perform marriages. Senator Dodge stated that the committee had not passed this bill because they have had a lot of problems with marriage chapel ministers who show up with congregations that are nebulous. The committee's concern was that if we place the burden on the congregation to notify the county clerk, it could get out of hand.

Senator Close was concerned about Subsection 4 which makes the county clerk an investigator, and felt that section should be removed because the county clerks don't have the time to handle this.

Senator Wilson suggested putting a penalty of a misdemeanor on a minister who performs marriages when not licensed, and Senators Young and Dodge agreed. Senator Foley objected, and offered to draw up an amendment.

No final action was taken.

A.J.R. # 39 - Ratifies proposed amendment to U.S. Constitution providing rights of citizens of United States who are 18 years of age or older to vote shall not be denied, abridged on account of age.  
Committee on Ways and Means.

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Senator Foley announced that the Finance Committee voted not to reconsider their action to "kill" A.B. #569. He felt we should now put this resolution on the floor for a vote. He felt the 18 year olds should be allowed to vote in all elections.

Senator Dodge felt that if we vote to pass this bill now and the people of the state turn it down in the 1972 election, we would be in a very bad position.

Senator Swobe and Senator Dodge both felt that there are a lot of ramifications that flow from this bill, and the legislature should not consider the measure without a feeling of the people.

Jean Ford of the League of Women Voters testified that the League is very much in favor of this legislation.

Senator Foley made a motion to adopt this resolution. Senator Wilson seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Yeas: Senators Young, Wilson, Foley and Close. (4)  
Nays: Senators Dodge, Swobe and Chairman Monroe. (3)

Motion carried.

Senator Close reserves the right to oppose this bill on the floor. Senator Swobe asked that the record show that he regrets that the Finance Committee did not fund the special election in June.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

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