

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 1971

Chairman Monroe called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

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

Others Present:                     None

Chairman Monroe announced that this meeting was called to formulate a policy for the conference committee's action.

A.B. #620 - Enacts new divorce and family law act.

Senator Close said that we are in the second conference on A.B. #620. He and Senator Pozzi are willing to reduce the residency to 4 weeks, the Assembly members want nothing but the 3-week reduction.

Senator Young was opposed to the no-fault concept more than the residency reduction, but was informed by Senator Close that no issue had been made of the no-fault concept yet.

Senator Swobe made a motion to allow the conference committee to amend the residency requirement to 4 weeks. Senator Close seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

A.B. #242 - Increases penalty for issuance of wage check  
 without sufficient funds.  
 Assemblyman Torvinen.

Senator Close mentioned that our committee lowered the penalty from a felony to a misdemeanor because they felt it was a policy of hardship rather than fraud. He informed the committee that in conference they compromised to a gross misdemeanor and he suggested raising the amount from \$50.00 to \$100.00. The Assembly wanted to leave it at \$50.00 but was willing to compromise to a gross misdemeanor.

Senators Dodge and Wilson felt the committee should stay with the \$100.00 gross misdemeanor, and if the Assembly does not accept, the bill should die.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

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