Assembly

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES & FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE-Room 214

February 9, 1973

Members	Present:	Chairman Bremner	Broadbent	
		Vice-Chairman Crawford	Jacobsen	
		Ford	Lowman	
		Gojack	Smalley	
		Banner		

Guests: Jack Caramella, Independent Sanitation Company Lew Dodgion, Nevada Health Division Ernie Gregory, Nevada Health Division Bill Mcdonald, Humboldt County District Attorney Gerry Grow, Washoe County Commissioner

Chairman Bremner notified that he would be late for the committee meeting, so Vice-Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He announced that this meeting will be continuing to consider <u>A.B. 98</u>, the garbage bill, and hear a few more testimonies about this bill.

Mr. Gerry Grow, the Washoe County Commissioner, was the first to testify, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, except for Mr. Roy Pagni, who testified at the previous hearing. He came to reverse their vote on the bill. Before, they were against the bill, but now, with further analysis, the commissioners were definitely for the bill now. He had said that the reason for this confusing stand, is because the summaries of the bill were misleading. The reason they are for it now, is because the Board of County Commissioners felt that this bill gives them the power of such action if the need provides. With this benefit, Mr. Grow said it would be up to the Gounty commissioner to see fit if the county needs the aid of this bill, and only when the commissioner says to. Also, a county commissioner may exempt some people if needed, and only with good reasons from those to be exempted.

Dr. Broadbent showed a copy of a franchise already in operation to unincorporated areas to the vice-chairman. It was an agreement between the Independent Sanitation Company and the County of Washoe, that was signed on May 15th, 1967. He mentioned that hauling rates were stated in this agreement, along with areas served with this contract.

Mr. Smalley asked Mr. Grow about how effective the previous control has been, and Mr. Grow answered that the previous control of the garbage collection has really been no trouble. Mr. Smalley also asked about the cost per individual a week. The answer was that it depended on the area, with a dollar more per can that is extra. Of course, this rate could be reset between the county and the owner of the franchise by agreement. He said that maybe one of these days individuals will be able to have as many cans as they want to be out.

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Mr. Bernie Gregory, from the State Health Division, mentioned that the franchise is an agreement between the county and the disposal company only.

Mr. Gojack questioned the commissioners' opposition to the bill at the previous hearing about <u>A.B. 98</u>, and their sudden change. Mr. Grow said that they all thought that this bill would make it mandatory for everyone, everywhere to have franchise garbage service. He went on to say that this bill had been summarized at a wrong point of view earlier, but then it was explained in greater detail, which became more clearer and in good view from the commissioners. With this, Mrs. Gojack suggested that the bills be carefully examined by those reading them, because misinterpretations have been made before.

Vice-chairman Crawford brought up about the smaller franchise serving and was wondering if this smaller company would go out of business in case the county commission gave all business to the larger one. Mr. Grow answered that this bill would give the right to the county commission to negotiate with the franchise in the area, whether it was the smaller or larger one. He couldn't say which franchise the county would want to do business with, and Mrs. Ford asked if maybe a county could negotiate with both; in which Mrs. Grow said there was nothing to prohibit a county to do so.

Everyone was directed to the bill by Mrs. Ford at the paragraph stating:

AN ACT to amend NRS 244.187, relating to county franchise, by removing the provision prohibiting county-regulated, personal garbage hauling.

She said that the description of this bill is more described in this paragraph by the phrase "...removing the provision..." of the prohibiting county-regulated, personal garbage hauling.

Mr. Jack Caramelia, from the Independent Sanitation Department, was next to testify to the committee. He mentioned this department has been in operating agreement with the county since 1967, and has been in business on its own since 1950, covering Lemon Valley, Sun Valley, Washoe Valley, Panther Valley, Washoe Hill to Lakeview Hill, Pleasant Valley, Holcumb Lane (North to city limits), Mr. Rose, and Hidden Valley. He mentioned there are certain costs in certain areas; in example, Washoe Valley is charged \$3.50 for one can, \$4.50 for two, and \$5.50 for three cans per pick up. Trash is hauled along with the garbage if the customer wanted to pay for the extra cans.

Dr. Broadbent asked Mr. Caramella the percentage of Sun Valley, in which the Independent Sanitation Company serves, and Mr. Caramella answered with a good sixty per cent of the residents.

After further discussion, Mrs. Ford directed a question to Mr. Grow about their plans for making the people participate with whatever actions that the county decides. Mr. Grow said that if the county commissioners had the power, if the bill passes, long range enabling action, and aid from the Health Department would be their plans.

Mr. Bill Mcdonald, Humboldt County District Attorney, spoke about the

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manipulation of the Sanitary Land Fill so far, and brought up about the General Improvement District. He said that if the bill does not go through, then the County Commissioner has to goothrough the General Improvement District to be able to get any action done concerning garbage hauling and specific subjects in this area. He went on to say that this General Improvement District seems to be neglectant, and disagreeable at times, and the county would not want to go through this.

Mr. Grow put in a comment that one can not, economically, with a family of five children (as he has) possibly haul garbage out to a legal place to dump for the price that the franchise holder can.

Mr. Jacobsen asked Mr. Grow how he enforces illegal dumping and if they use police action in these cases. Mr. Grow answered that deputies are on guard against illegal dumping, and also fines from \$100 to \$500 are action against this type of lattering.

In conclusion, Mr. Grow apologized for their abrupt change in decision on their stand on A.B. 98.

The witnesses were dismissed by Vice-chairman Crawford, and further discussion was made with the committee members.

Mr. Bremner first suggested that two members be appointed to meet with the printers and have the bill wording changed so it would be more understandable. Then Mr. Banner motioned that this bill be indefinitely postponed, and Mr. Lowman seconded Mr. Banner's motion. This postponement word mean that this bill will be killed and could never be introduced again.

Vice Schairman Crawford said he would be in favor of just postponing it temporarily. Then, Mr. Jacobsen amended his idea, and motioned to holding <u>A.B. 98</u> until the time determined by the chairman. Mr. Bremner seconded this.

Vice-chairman Crawford asked for any other business, and then called the meeting to a close until Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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BILL NO.:AB-98DATE:January 24, 1973SPONSOR:Broadbent, Getto, Capurro.SUBJECT:Prohibits personal garbage hauling in unincorporated
county franchise areas.

COMMITTEE ACTION AMENDMENT: YES AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: SECONDED BY: DATE: February 9, 1973 NO X

COMMITTEE VOTE	YES	NO	EXCUSED	ABSENT	NO VOTE
BREMNER	х				
FORD	X				
GOJACK	X				
BANNER	X				
BROADBENT	X				
CRAWFORD	X				
JACOBSEN	X				
LOWMAN	X				
SMALLEY	X				

DISPOSITION:

DATE: March 2, 1973

DO PASS: DO PASS AS AMENDED: INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: X

Motion: Dr. Broadbent Second: Mr. Crawford

NOTES:

On February 9th, was motioned by Mr. Jacobsen to hold this bill until the time determined by the chairman, and Mr. Bremner seconded. Before this motion was carried out, on Feb. 9, Mr. Banner motioned this bill be indefinitely postponed, and Mr. Lowman seconded.

Dr. Broadbent motioned indefinite **pos**tponement with the provision that the Chairman be directed to refer it back to the floor with the appropriate reasons. (lack of interest of the County Commissioners)