

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN DINI
ASSEMBLYMAN ULLOM
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
ASSEMBLYMAN GOJACK
ASSEMBLYMAN SMITH
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG
ASSEMBLYMAN GETTO
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
ASSEMBLYMAN BROOKMAN (LATE-EXCUSED)

ALSO PRESENT: JAMES WHITTENBERG, STATE PERSONNEL DIVISION
GENE PIERETTI, STATE BUDGET OFFICE
BOB GAGNER, NSEA
BOB WARREN, NMA
JOHN O'BRIEN, STATE RECORDS DIVISION
GENE PHELPS, STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
DEL FROST, REHABILITATION DIVISION
BILL ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS
JOE HAMMERNICK, BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 72 - Provides procedure for destruction of disposition of old records of incorporated cities.

Mr. Adams stated that he felt that something had to be done to give the cities guidelines.

Assemblyman Young questioned how the records to be destroyed were to be selected.

Mr. O'Brien stated that a plan had to be developed. The cities would only dispose of records that had no value for future reference or research.

AB 73 - Provides procedures for continued suspension of state employee pending final disposition of felony charge.

Mr. Whittenberg explained to the committee that in many cases a state employee is charged with a felony which makes him unfit to continue his employment, but the Personnel Department only has the authority to suspend the employee for thirty days.

Mr. Gagner told the committee that the Employees Association opposed the bill because they felt it might be unconstitutional and because they also felt that being charged with a felony is not the same as a conviction. A suspended employee needs

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legal fees. The Association objected to the fact that a suspended employee has no appeal rights. They felt the bill was too broad

Assemblyman May asked how many employees were suspended during a year and what the average length of time for the disposition of a case was.

Mr. Whittenberg stated that from six to twelve employees were charged with felonies during a year and it took between three to nine months to settle the cases.

Mr. Gagner stated that he felt that the Employees Association and the Personnel Division could work out a compromise if the bill were amended to allow suspension of an employee when the felony charge was directly related to his employment.

The committee was presented with a letter from the Tax Commission related to AB 72 which contained suggestions for broadening the bill.

AB 74 - Authorizes variable workweek scheduling in state agencies requiring weekend and holiday coverage.

Mr. Whittenberg told the state does this already and this is only the enabling legislation.

AB 76 - Authorizes 4-day work week of 10 hours per day for public employees.

Mr. Whittenberg explained that this was enabling legislation and would not be put into effect in every department. There are many areas of state service where this would be of great benefit and produce great savings in agency budgets. Mr. Frost of the Rehabilitation told the committee that his agency would like this legislation because in many instances travel takes up so much of an employee's day.

Mr. Warren told the committee that some cities already have tried this idea and are pleased with it. He stated that other cities feel that they need legislation in order to try this work plan. Mr. Adams told the committee that the City of Las Vegas used the 10 hour week for uniformed employees but not for other employees. He stated that Las Vegas was very pleased with the results. Gene Phelps of the Highway Department stated that the Highway Department would find this legislation very helpful. Mr. Warren told the committee that some cities would like a broader bill which would allow for nine hour shifts.

Assemblyman Young questioned if this would cut down on overtime. Mr. Whittenberg said that it would.

Mr. Gagner stated that the State Employees Association opposed this legislation in its present form and supported SB 164.

John Meder requested that the counties be left out of the legislation.

AB 77 - Modifies procedures for temporary and limited appointments of handicapped persons in the State Personnel System.

Mr. Frost told the committee that this was already being done and this would only legalize the actions.

AB 78 - Authorizes Buildings and Grounds Division to charge state agencies for costs of remodeling and other special services.

Mr. Pieretti told the committee that this was already being done and this was enabling legislation.

SB- 80 - Updates provisions concerning control and maintenance of state buildings and grounds.

The chairman explained that this updates the uses of the legislative building.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 72 Assemblyman Getto moved "DO PASS".
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

The chairman appointed a sub-committee of Assemblymen Ullom and Gojack to look into the possibility of drafting a new bill to cover state records.

AB 73 Assemblyman Young moved "INDIFINITE POSTPONEMENT"
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried with Assemblyman Ford voting No.

AB 74 Assemblyman Ullom moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 76 Assemblyman Young moved "INDIFINITE POSTPONEMENT"
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
Assemblyman Dini, May, Young voted yes.
Assemblyman Ullom, Smith, Getto, Gojack and Ford voted no.
The motion did not carry.

The chairman appointed Assemblyman Getto to work on some amendments to the bill and report back to the committee.

AB 77 Assemblyman Ullom moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Ford seconded the motion
The motion carried.

AB 78 Assemblyman Young moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion

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The motion carried unanimously

Assemblyman Brookman entered the meeting at this point.

SB 80 Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 2/14 Time 2:00 PM Room 214

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
<u>A. B. 72</u>	SUMMARY—Provides procedure for destruction or disposition of old records of incorporated cities. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 21-629)	
<u>A. B. 73</u>	SUMMARY—Provides procedures for continued suspension of state employee pending final disposition of felony charges. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-270)	
<u>A. B. 74</u>	SUMMARY—Authorizes variable workweek scheduling in state agencies requiring weekend and holiday coverage. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-273)	
<u>A. B. 76</u>	SUMMARY—Authorizes 4-day work week of 10 hours per day for public employees. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-272)	
<u>A. B. 77</u>	SUMMARY—Modifies procedures for temporary and limited appointments of handicapped persons in the state personnel system. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-269)	
<u>A. B. 78</u>	SUMMARY—Authorizes buildings and grounds division to charge state agencies for costs of remodeling and other special services. Fiscal Note: (BDR 27-268)	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

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