

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DINI
VICE-CHAIRMAN ULLOM
ASSEMBLYMAN BROOKMAN
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
ASSEMBLYMAN SMITH
ASSEMBLYMAN GETTO
ASSEMBLYMAN GOJACK
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD

ALSO PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN DEMERS
HOMER RODRIGUEZ, CARSON CITY ASSESSOR
JAMES LIEN, NEVADA TAX COMMISSION
CHARLES B. MARRIAGE, INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS
ED GREER, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS
ROBERT WARREN, NMA
JOHN MEDER, CCA
ROBERT PETRONI, CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS
BILL ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RICHARD MORGAN, NSEA

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 107 - Provides county assessor with remedy or redress in court of Law from findings of state board of equalization.

Mr. Rodriguez told the committee that he felt that the assessors should have the same right to go to court to protest a decision of the state Board of Equalization as the taxpayer. He felt that the assessors would be representing tax-payers as a body.

Assemblyman Demers told the committee of a case in Clark County where the assessor did not agree with the judgement of the Board of Equalization, but was unable to take the matter any higher. He also felt that it would speed up the process of settling such cases.

Mr. Lien told the committee that the Tax Commission liked the concept of the bill and in many cases would ask an assessor to bring a suit in order to have a court decision to base further actions on.

Richard Morgan told the committee that his organization supported the bill and he felt that the County Commissioners and District Attorney could provide a check system so that the assessors did not misuse this method too often.

John Meder told the committee that he felt that this was

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a matter which he felt should be studied by the sub-committee on county government during the next two years.

AB 124 - Provides additional compensation for employees of county assessors' office who acquire professional assessor's designation.

Mr. Rodrigez told the committee that the Nevada Association of County Assessors felt that this would provide additional incentive for assessors and their employees to become professionals. He said the entire process took approximately six years.

Assemblyman Ullom suggested that this matter could be taken care of by increasing or upgrading employees on a county level and the increase of county assessors could be considered when local salary studies are done.

John Meder told the committee that he felt that his might open the door for legislation in cases of other county employees who attend professional schools.

Mr. Lien told the committee that the Tax Commission was required by law to provide training for assessors every year.

AB 125 - Provides biennial census to adjust apportionment of certain taxes distributed to local governments on basis of population.

Mr. Wannan stated the NMA supported this bill and felt it would provide for better budget planning for smaller cities.

Mr. Lien told the committee that the Tax Commission had some question about this bill as it did not provide for new areas which might become incorporated, however, they were in favor of it in concept. He hoped any legislation would be flexible so that new or growth areas could be provided for. He also asked that the intent of the legislation be clearly spelled out so that the Tax Commission would know just what was expected of them. The provision providing for census or estimate was very good and left a lot of room for determining the estimated population.

AB 75 - Prescribes contents of notice to insurance agents required of local government entity prior to purchase of insurance.

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Robert Petroni told the committee that he felt the schools got better service and were able to have better insurance under the old law. He said the schools could work with their insurance man and change benefits during the year because the company knew that they would be the insurance carrier the next year.

Robert Warren told the committee that the cities felt they would lose all the bargaining power they had with the insurance companies.

Bill Adams said the city of Las Vegas had not received any rebates since this law was put into effect. He also said that they were losing the reserves they had accrued reserves which allowed the companies to lower the rates.

Mr. Petroni told the committee that insurance was not a hard item and should be excluded from bidding. He recommended that Section 2 be deleted.

Vice-Chairman Ullom asked Mr. Wooster if Section 2 conflicted with Section 1. Mr. Wooster replied that the intent was not to produce a conflict and in his opinion, it did not conflict.

MR. Marriage of the Independent Insurance Agents told the committee that the insurance agents knew when insurance contracts expired and did not need formal notice.

John Meder told the committee that Carson City had a problem in just getting bids on their insurance.

Assemblyman Brookman asked Mr. Adams how the city of Las Vegas chose a new insurance company.

Mr. Adams told the committee that a firm in Los Angeles looked over all the bids and compared them and made a recommendation.

Mr. Morgan told the committee that he felt school districts should be excluded from AB 206.

COMMITTEE ACTION

AB 75 - Assemblyman Smith made a motion that Section 2 be deleted and "DO PASS AS AMENDED"
Assemblyman Ford seconded the motion.

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Assemblymen Ullom and
Brookman voted No.

All of the other members voted yes.
The motion carried.

AB 206 Assemblyman Ullom moved for "INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT"
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 124 -Assemblyman Getto moved for "INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT"
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 107 Assemblyman Getto moved for "INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT"
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 125 - The chairman appointed Assemblyman May and Smith
as a sub-committee to study this bill and recommend
amendments.

AB 205 - Assemblyman Ullom moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 56 Assemblyman Smith moved that the prior action on the
bill be recinded and the bill be re-referred to
Ways and Means.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
Assemblymen DINI, ULLOM, SMITH, GETTO AND YOUNG
voted Yes.
Assemblymen MAY, GOJACK AND FORD voted No.
Assemblyman Brookman did not vote.
The motion did not carry.

AB 142 - Assemblyman Gojack moved "AMEND AND DO PASS."
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

ASSEMBLY

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 2/20 Time 2:00 PM Room 214

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A. B. 107

SUMMARY—Provides county assessor with remedy or redress in court of law from findings of state board of equalization. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-635)

A. B. 124

SUMMARY—Provides additional compensation for employees of county assessors' offices who acquire professional assessor's designation. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-636)

A. B. 125

SUMMARY—Provides biennial census to adjust apportionment of certain taxes distributed to local governments on basis of population. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-626)

A. B. 75

SUMMARY—Prescribes contents of notice to insurance agents required of local governmental entity prior to purchase of insurance. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-628)

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HEARINGS PENDING

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