

**Assembly**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 6, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN DINI  
ASSEMBLYMAN ULLOM  
ASSEMBLYMAN BROOKMAN  
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY  
ASSEMBLYMAN SMITH  
ASSEMBLYMAN GOJACK  
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD

MEMBERS ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN GETTO (EXCUSED)  
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

ALSO PRESENT: ROBERT WARREN, NEVADA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

The chairman called the meeting to order.

**A. B. 4** SUMMARY—Amends the new charter of the City of Wells, enacting changes, additions and transitional provisions. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-213)

assemblyman smith explained to the committee the reason for the change in the portion of the charter which allowed for meetings without public notice. Assemblyman Ford stated she did not agree with holding meetings without proper notice. Assemblyman Smith explained that Wells has no newspaper and at certain times it is necessary to act immediately.

**A. B. 5** SUMMARY—Amends new charter of the City of Elko, removing mayor's power of veto and making technical changes. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-212)

Assemblyman Smith explained that the city had requested these amendments.

**A. B. 2** SUMMARY—Amends the new charter of the City of Caliente by providing for ratification of action by city council. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-214)

Assemblyman Smith explained that the City of Caliente requested that this bill be amended to that Section 2.06<sup>5</sup> be amended to delete the words or employment.

COMMITTEE ACTION

**AB 4** - Amends Wells city charter.

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

**AB 2** - Amends Caliente city charter.

Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS AS AMENDED"  
ASSEMBLYMAN ULLOM seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

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AB 5 - amends Elko city charter.  
Assemblyman Ford moved "DO PASS".  
Assemblyman Brookman seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

**A. B. 208**

SUMMARY—Corrects obsolete reference to temporary emergency loans.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-355)

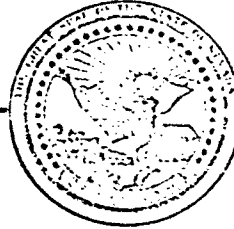
Assemblyman Ullom moved "DO PASS".  
Assemblyman Ford second the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

\* Attached is Exhibit A, re: A.B. 209

Exhibit A

ARTHUR J. PALMER, Director



CLINTON E. WOOSTER, Legislative Counsel  
EARL T. OLIVER, C.P.A., Fiscal Analyst  
ARTHUR J. PALMER, Research Director

February 6, 1973

MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen B. Brookman, Assemblyman  
FROM: James T. Havel, Deputy Director, Research Division  
RE: A.B. 209

Pursuant to your request on Friday, I have reviewed the contents of Assembly Bill 209 dealing with the registration of lobbyists. The general question of whether or not lobbyists should be registered is, of course, a philosophical question which only you can answer for yourself. However, I can make some observations on certain portions of A.B. 209 which may be of some value to you.

1. Section 7 (4).

Legislative Counsel Bureau employees should probably be covered by this definition, but the language as it now stands relates solely to staff or employees "of such a candidate or member," and, of course, our employees serve the legislature as a whole rather than acting as staff or employees of particular members thereof.

2. Section 10 (7).

This section will presumably result in very vague statements, for most professional lobbyists who commence their activities at the beginning of the session have no way of knowing at that time what specific bill will prove of interest to them. The occasional lobbyist will, however, be able to list bills in which he has a specific interest.

3. Section 10 (6).

This section should specify contingent fee arrangements related to lobbying activities. In the absence of the underlined language, a lawyer might have to

disclose all contingent fee arrangements of his office. This, of course, would provide a large volume of material which is irrelevant to the intent of the act and it might place an undue burden upon the lobbyist, as well as causing some violation of possible lawyer-client relationships.

4. Section 10 (8)

This section might cause problems for various groups. For example, the Christian Science Church does not publish or tabulate membership figures as a matter of doctrine, yet it lobbys for matters affecting the church. Other groups without paid membership may not be able to comply with this requirement for listing the number of members.

5. Section 11.

Would this section have to be amended each time a bill of interest to the lobbyist is introduced?  
[See Section 10 (7)].

6. Section 13 (3).

What if the contribution or fee is not paid "to the registrant" but is used to support lobbying activities?

7. Section 13 (4)

"Service or anything of value" should be defined to exempt things of minor significance, e.g., coffee, a ride home, etc.

JTH/jd

