

Assembly
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 1, 1973

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

ALSO PRESENT: SENATOR YOUNG
SENATOR GIBSON
ASSEMBLYMAN TORVINEN
ASSEMBLYMAN LOWMAN
JOHN DOLAN, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU
RON SPARKS, BUDGET DIVISION
ART PALMER, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU
JAMES WITTENBERG, STATE PERSONNEL DIVISION
GERRY OWENS, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

SB 122 - Requires relocation payments, advisory assistance and procedural protections by condemning agencies for federally funded projects.

This bill was patterned after the Arizona act, which is considered a model act. The bill was amended in the Senate to exempt the Highway Department. It was introduced at the suggestion of Mr. Howard Barrett and Mr. Eric Cronkhite, to provide that local governments be eligible for federal grants for parks on a matching basis.

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

SB 298 - Permits cities to make state misdemeanors city offenses.

Senator Gibson told the committee that this bill was recommended by the sub-committee on local governments. During their tours of the cities they found that cities were charging people with lesser misdemeanors so that the cities could have the money from the fines in their treasuries. The cities were not charging people with driving under the influence because it was a state offense and had to be heard in district court.

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

SB 123 - Provides for seismic safety in preparation of master plans.

Senator Young explained to the committee that the the local government sub-committee had learned that many communities in Nevada were concerned about the possibility of earthquakes and this bill allowed them to include certain safety factors in their master plans. It is not manditory.

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

AB 369 - Removes prohibition against certain local ordinances relating to traffic accidents.

Assemblyman Torvenin explained to the committee that he had introduced this legislation at the request of the City of Reno. The cities feel that they can not issue non-felony hit and run citations. If these citations were allowed to be issued, the municipal courts could hear the cases in a much shorter time. It is really a clarifying law.

Assemblyman Gojack moved "DO PASS"
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 377 - Facilitates procedure for public officers and employees planning official trips outside state.

John Dolan explained that the Budget Division had to approve all out of state travel ten days in advance for any employee or official. They had no real power to prevent this travel except in cases of lack of money or in cases where the rules were not followed, but just the same, had to audit the forms at least ten days prior to the trip. After the trip the expense sheets are audited, so it is in effect a double audit.

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

Assemblyman Smith moved that the committee recind their action of February 15, 1973 on AB 56 and AB 56 be "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED"

Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman Ford voted NO.

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Assemblyman Gojack asked for committee request that a bill be drafted seperating the Washoe County Clerk and Registrar of Voters.

Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

✓ Assemblyman Getto presented the amendments on AB 127. The committee was concerned that the volunteers who did not drive the ambulances or act as attendents would not be exempt from liability. Garry Owens told the committee he would draft another section for the bill or amend the present bill so the intent was clearly stated.

AB 329 - Requires trustees of county hospitals to be appointed.

Assemblyman Lowman told the committee that Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital had a serious problem and he felt that by making the trustees appointive instead of elective the responsibility would be more firmly placed. He said he did not know if this was an answer or not, and he did not mind that the bill be amended so only Clark County was covered. The chairman stated that every member of the committee had received mail on this issue and set March 9, 1973 as the date for a public hearing.

SJR 2 - Memorializes Congress of the United States to adopt legislation concerning United States census.

Art Palmer explained to the committee that this resolution was introduced because there is presently pending in Congress a bill which would give the Governor of a state the power to approve or disapprove enumeration districts two years before a census. This is important because the states must use the data from the census for reapportionment. At present the districts are drawn from physical markers which have no bearing on legislative districts. This is why the districts are some times odd shaped.

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

AB 76 - Authorizes 10-hour 4-day work week for public employees. James Wittenberg explained to the committee that his division had some amendments to propose to this bill in addition to the amendments suggested by SNEA. It was his feeling that management should have the power to decide when to use this type of work week, not a majority of the employees. He also stated that the Personnel Division could approve the use of this plan and any employee dissatisfaction could be taken care of by the approval of or disapproval of the Personnel Division.

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Assemblyman Smith moved for committee introduction of BDR 23-799,
dealing with accumulated sick leave for state employees.
Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Ford moved for committee introduction of BDR 35-401
regarding state parks.
Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Getto moved the committee have drafted a bill
regarding lay-off of state employees, providing that the
employees with maximum retirement benefits be laid off first.
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

✓ Assemblyman Getto moved that AB 337 be re-referred to the
Taxation Committee.
Assemblyman Young seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

* A.B. 458

⊕ A.B. 480

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date MARCH 1, 1973 Time 1:00 PM Room 214

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

S. J. R. 2

SUMMARY—Memorializes Congress of the United States to adopt certain legislation concerning United States census. (BDR 506)

S. B. 122

SUMMARY—Requires relocation payments, advisory assistance and procedural protections by condemning agencies for federally funded projects. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 28-79) ±

S. B. 123

SUMMARY—Provides for seismic safety in preparation of master plans. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-320)

S. B. 298

SUMMARY—Permits cities to make state misdemeanors city offenses. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 21-681)

A. B. 369

SUMMARY—Removes prohibition against certain local ordinances relating to traffic accidents. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-1048)

A. B. 377

SUMMARY—Facilitates procedure for public officers and employees planning official trips outside state. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-706)

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.