

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 13, 1973
AFTERNOON MEETING

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

ALSO PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN HUFF
ASSEMBLYMAN LOWMAN
CARL LOVELL, CITY ATTORNEY, NORTH LAS VEGAS
LT. J.D. SMITH, LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
JOHN BUCKWALTER, SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
JOE FRADE, NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
WILLIAM ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS
LESLIE GRAY, VIRGINIA CITY HISTORICAL DISTRICT
ANGELO PETRINI
GENO DEL CARLO
E.S. PARSONS, VIRGINIA CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MERT CRONCH

Vice-chairman Ullom called the meeting to order.

AB 267 - Makes certain changes in the structure and duties of organizations responsible for land conservation.

Mr. Frade told the committee that this bill would bring the soil conservation districts together and provide for the creation of a board and an administrator under the Department of Conservation. Mr. Buckwalter explained that the bill had been amended in the Agriculture Committee and given a do pass by them.

Assemblyman Getto told the committee that this would be of value for land use planning.

Assemblyman Smith stated that the urban areas would also benefit from this legislation.

Ray Knisley told the committee that he felt this was much need legislation and that the committee had been working on it for two years.

Assemblyman Dini moved that AB 488 be "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED". Assemblyman May seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Assemblyman Getto moved that AB 523 be given a "DO PASS".
Assemblyman Gejack seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Dini moved that AB 478 and 479 be re-referred to
Ways and Means.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 372 - Regulates admission fees charged by adult motion picture
theatres.

Assemblyman Huff told the committee that the situation in Las Vegas
was out of hand. More and more adult theatres were being opened.
He felt that by lowering the admission price, no more would be
opened as the profit would be cut.

Assemblyman May expressed doubts that a lowering of admission
would cut attendance. He felt it might increase their business.

Lt. Smith told the committee that there was no way the Police
Department could control the growth of such movies. He felt
this legislation would be helpful to his department.

Assemblyman Brookman said she doubted if such action would be
constitutional.

Assemblyman May stated he felt there should be some other way to
control or eliminate these theatres.

AB 383 - Permits zoning restrictions for adult bookstores or adult
motion picture theatres.

Assemblyman Lowman spoke on both bills saying he had received many
letters from parents who were concerned about the fact that the
police and courts are not acting to correct the situation. He said he
felt the Legislature should take the leadership in control of such
activities. He told the committee that adult theatres were being
built in residential areas of Las Vegas. He told the committee that
the adult bookstores were being opened near schools.

Assemblyman Huff presented the committee with the petition
signed by numerous persons in Las Vegas in favor of the legislation.

Garry Owens told the committee that he could not give a definite
opinion as to the constitutionality of the bills. He said he felt
they would have to be tested in court.

Assemblyman Ford asked if special districts were not already a part
of many cities.

Mr. Owens told the committee that he felt zoning restrictions were
entirely legal.

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Bill Adams told the committee that there was a real problem in Las Vegas in that these bookstores and theatres were being built in every area of the city. He showed the committee some materials he had been able to buy.

Mr. Lovell told the committee that there was the same problem in North Las Vegas. He said he favored the bill but from a legal point of view, he felt that certain phrases should be deleted and certain words defined.

Shirley Wedin told the committee that the PTA favored the bills.

AB 476 - Enlarges powers of Virginia City Historic District Commission.

Mr. Gray and Mr. Parsons told the committee that they felt that the Historical Commission should be empowered to make decisions concerning the building activities in the District. Mr. Gray told the committee that the only thing in the bill that he felt would be controversial was the issue of trailers. He explained that it would be the Commissions duty to see that all the building done in Virginia City conform with the style of Virginia City.

Mr. Del Carlo told the committee that he felt that the County Commissioners should have some input into the question of trailers. He suggested that the applications be denied or approved with the consent of both the Historical Commission and the County Commissions. He stated that although at present the two groups work well together, he felt that this bill should be amended so that it does provide for the joint consent of the two groups.

Angelo Petrini told the committee that the final responsibility should be with the Historical Commission.

Mort Cronch told the committee that he felt that as a resident of Silver City he resented the name Virginia City Historical District he felt that it should be called Comstock Historical District. He said that the people of Silver City would work with the people from Virginia city, but did not want to be told what to do.

John Meder told the committee that he had reservations because a person would not have any place to appeal the decisions of the Commission.

The chairman appointed John Meder, Leslie Gray and Angelo Petrini as a sub-committee to amend the bill and present the amendment to the committee.

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

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Mr. Carrol Orgren spoke to the committee concerning hospital administration. He stated that an elected board had worked well in Washoe County over a great number of years. He said that the principal thing that a board does is set policy and then allow the administrator to carry out the policy. The administrator must be free to act as he feels best in day to day matters. He said he would quit if the board interfered in his way of running Washoe Medical Center. He told the committee that his hospital had been in poor financial shape in the past, much as Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital is now and was able to pull out of it.

Assemblyman Smith asked if there was any hope that Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital would be able to operate in an efficient manner.

Mr. Orgren told the committee that if the right man were found it could.