

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 14, 1973

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

ALSO PRESENT: GARY PRESNELL, STATE RETIREMENT BOARD
EVERETT HESS, STATE PARKS
BOB GAGNER, SNEA
ASSEMBLYMAN TORVENIN
RICHARD MORGAN, NSEA
WILLIAM BIBLE
WILLIAM SWACKHAMER, SECRETARY OF STATE
JOHN DOLAN, FISCAL OFFICER
JIM WITTENBERG, PERSONNEL DIVISION
ERIC CRONKHITE, STATE PARKS

E. Cronkhite

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 474 - Extends certain provisions relating to fair and recreation boards to all counties.

Mr. Torvinen told the committee that this bill would allow the Washoe County Fair and Recreation Board to change its name to a name more in keeping with the activities of the board. It contains other changes the most important being the fact that the boards will have to comply with the Local Budget Act,

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

AB 483 - Authorizes administrator of Nevada State Park System to dispose of certain state property in Lincoln County.

Mr. Cronkhite and Mr. Hess explained that the State Park System had bought a ranch in Lincoln County which included grazing rights and several excess pieces of property which the Parks Division wanted to sell in order to apply the money to the purchase price of the land and so that the grazing rights would not be unused.

The chairman presented an amendment in the legal discription of the land.

Assemblyman Getto moved "DO PASS AS AMENDED"

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Assemblyman Ford seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 242 - Reorganizes administrative and financial services within executive branch of state government.

Mr. Swackhamer told the committee that this bill would divide the Department of Administration into two departments. One having the Budget, Personnel and Retirement under one head. The other having Data Processing, Purchasing, Buildings and Grounds, Printing and Capital Construction. He said this split would help by giving the Budget Director time to spend on the budget and not being over-loaded by other things unrelated to the budget function. Over the years various jobs have been imposed on the office so that now many people feel it is too powerful. He stated that presently Personnel and the Retirement Board are keeping duplicate records.

Mr. Wittenberg told the committee that he favored the legislation. He also referred to the duplication of records between Personnel and Retirement. He said that he felt that the administration of retirement benefits was a proper personnel function.

Assemblyman Ford stated that she was concerned that the Insurance Committee was only advisory.

Assemblyman Getto voiced his concern that if too many boards and commissions are abolished, the people will not have as great an interest in government. He stated he felt that this was a good way to stimulate interest. He also was opposed to the idea of the Retirement being placed under the Personnel. In his view the Personnel Division deals only with state employees and the Retirement covers all governmental employees.

Mr. Dolan told the committee that from personal experience, he felt this would be a good bill. He stated that he felt the Budget office had too many duties to do the job it was set-up to do.

Assemblyman Getto told the committee that he felt the creation of more hearing officers would only lead to trouble.

Mr. Wittenberg told the committee that there are more and more hearings every year and a board composed of lay people does not have the time to sit on all the hearings.

Mr. Presnell told the committee that the Retirement Board had asked him to express their opposition to this bill. He stated that the records kept by the Retirement Board were not the same as the personnel records.

Bob Gagner told the committee that his organization does not have a stand on this matter. He merely pointed out several things in the bill he felt the committee should look at. The bill would provide for more unclassified personnel. He also said his group was concerned about the Retirement Board and the Insurance Committee. Assemblyman May stated he felt the reorganization bills should be postponed for two years in order to see how the federal government's reorganization worked out.

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Mr. Morgan told the committee of his organizations concern for the retirement board. He also pointed out that all terms would expire at the same date.

The meeting was adjourned so that the committee could hold a joint hearing with the Federal, State and Local Government Committee on the Las Vegas Water Plan.

ASSEMBLY
H E A R I N G

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 3/14 Time 1:00 PM Room 214

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

A. B. 242 ✓

SUMMARY—Reorganizes administrative and financial services within executive branch of state government. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 18-371)

A. B. 474 ✓

SUMMARY—Extends certain provisions relating to fair and recreation boards to all counties. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-1206)

A. B. 483 ✓

SUMMARY—Authorizes administrator of Nevada state park system to dispose of certain state property in Lincoln County. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-336)

A. B. 458

SUMMARY—Removes restriction on carrying forward accumulated unused sick leave for employees in public service. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-799)

A. B. 412

SUMMARY—Eliminates United Spanish War Veterans from consideration for post of Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs and Nevada deputy commissioner for veteran affairs. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 37-151)