

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 15, 1973

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

ALSO PRESENT: ROBERT ARCHIE, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPT.
 HARRY SPRINGER, STATE MINE INSPECTOR
 HEBER P. HARDY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 JOHN CROSSLEY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUREAU
 WILLIAM SWACKHAMER, SECRETARY OF STATE
 ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN
 FRANK MATHEWS, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFICE
 JOHN MEDER, CCA

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 505 - Reimburses counties for certain welfare payments made to state welfare recipients.

Assemblyman Getto moved that AB 505 be re-referred to Ways and Means. Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 298 - Consolidates labor-related activities of executive branch of State Government.

Mr. Springer told the committee that this bill would hurt the mining industry in Nevada. He opposed the placing of mine inspecting under the NIC. He stated that there was no overlap in the duties of the mine inspectors and the safety inspectors from NIC.

Assemblyman Smith questioned Mr. Springer about his jurisdiction over federal operations.

Mr. Springer said he had no jurisdictions over federal operations.

Assemblyman Smith said he felt the testimony of the Mine Inspector was personal and the bill was not personally directed at any one person.

Robert Archie told the committee that he favored the legislation. He felt the real savings would be from the saving of time of the executive officers of the departments. If one person were reporting to the Governor, then the others would have more time to run their departments. He said he felt this would allow the Governor more

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time also. He said he felt it would bring about closer cooperation between the various departments involved. He stated that he would also be able to obtain more federal funding for the Labor Commission if it were part of the same agency as the Employment Security Department which is 100% federally funded.

The chairman asked if all rehabilitation activities of the state would be under this department.

Mr. Archie told the committee that they would not.

Mr. Swackhamer told the committee that this bill had serious drafting errors and asked if it could be amended to only include placing the mine inspecting activities under the NIC.

Assemblyman May asked if this bill would abolish the State Mine Inspector's Office.

Mr. Swackhamer told the committee that Mr. Springer would be in office until 1974, as he was elected for a four year term, so the office would remain.

AB 507 - Requires Public Service Commission of Nevada to make utility rate increase affecting political subdivision effective for that subdivision no earlier than beginning of subdivision's next fiscal year.

Mr. Hardy told the committee that the PSC opposed this legislation because it would create a burden of work on his staff and it would also be special legislation. If the rate increase for political subdivisions was only increased at the beginning of the fiscal year, all other institutions with a budget would also request the same type of treatment.

Assemblyman Ullom moved that AB 507 be "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED". Assemblyman Brookman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 504 - Clarifies accounting procedures to be used in computing transactions of the working capital and operating fund under the State Purchasing Act.

Mr. Crossley told the committee that the legislative auditors recommended this legislation because it would bring the accounting procedures used into line with those used by other agencies. It would not affect the way the department was run and might cause some confusion to put into practice, but the result would be worth it.

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

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AB 485 - Creates state rural housing authority. *

Mr. Mathews told the committee that this bill would allow the rural population of Nevada to have a vehicle for obtaining money for low cost housing. He explained that most of the lesser populated counties and smaller cities in the State were endorsing the idea. The only complaint that was received was from the City of Las Vegas, which would not be included in the rural housing authority in any way. The idea was suggested by the federal authorities in order to create the mechanics of receiving federal funds.

Assemblyman Ford asked if state money would be required to finance this agency.

Mr. Mathews told the committee no; the agency would have permission to be formed and then would apply for a federal loan to get started and then apply for federal funds once it was formed.

The chairman asked if the loans would be the responsibility of the state or the county.

Mr. Mathews said no; the loan would be the responsibility of the housing authority.

Assemblyman Smith asked if the smaller existing housing authorities would be able to join.

Mr. Mathews said they would be permitted to join.

Assemblyman Smith asked if there were some way they could be forced to join.

Mr. Mathews said there was no way to make any join if they did not wish to, however, the ones already in operation had expressed a desire to be included.

John Meder told the committee that Carson City had reorganized housing authority but needed guidance in this area and would welcome the chance to join.

Assemblyman Brookman spoke in favor of the bill, explaining that the idea had come from a sub-committee of the State Advisory Board on Problems of the Aging. The older citizens of the State are in need of low cost housing. She explained that in some areas the housing authority could build the housing and rent to older people.

Assemblyman Ullom moved that AB 485 be given a "DO PASS".
Assemblyman Brookman seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

Assemblyman May moved "DO PASS" AB 630.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
The motion carried unannimously.

Assemblyman Getto moved that AB 243 be re-reffered to a study group with no further action.
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Smith moved that AB 298 be re-referred to a study group and given no further committee consideration.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AB 543 - Repeals compulsory retirement for classified employees in State Personnel System and prohibits discrimination in private employment on the basis of age.

Assemblyman Brookman told the committee that this bill was also a result of a study by the Advisory Board on Aging.

Assemblyman Brookman moved "DO PASS".
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried with Assemblyman Young voting NO.

Assemblyman Ford told the committee that she would like to have amendments drawn for AB 241 whih would incorporuate AB 214.
The committee agreed with the idea. ✓

✓ AB 570
Creates the county assessor's office in Esmeralda County.

Assemblyman Hafen told the committee that the County Commissioners had requested this bill. Esmeralda County is the only county in the state to still have the assessor and sherriff's office combined.
Assemblyman Ullom moved "DO PASS".
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

✓ AB 624 - Provides for election of county treasurer in Nye County.
Assemblyman Hafen told the committee that he had introduced the bill at the request of the Nye County Commissioners. He said there was some problem in just how to fill the office until the next election, but he felt it could be worked out.
Assemblyman Ford said that there was a procedure to accomplish this.
Assemblyman Getto moved "DO PASS".
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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Assemblyman Ullom moved that AB 455 be "INDEFINITELY POSTPONED".
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman May voted NO.

Assemblyman Gojack moved for committee introduction of a bill
having to do with annexing of land in the City of Reno.
Assemblyman Ford moved for committee introduction.
Assemblyman Gojack seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

DATE: _____

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NAME	DESIRE TO TESTIFY	BILL #	REPRESENTING
John [unclear]			LCB
Michael L. Medema	Yes	AB 504	LCB
Rene Foster	NO	AB 298	FSD
James Oliver	NO	AB 298	ESD
Robert Archibet	Yes	AB 298	ESD
Harry Jungin	yes	AB 298	Inspector of Mines
Barney York	yes	same	" " "
Bob Robbins	yes	AB 298	" " "
Zed Meern	YES	AB-298	INSPECTOR OF MINES
HEBER P. HARDY	IF NECESSARY YES	AB 507	P-S-C.
STAN WARREN	IF NECESSARY YES	AB 507	Mr Bell
Walter [unclear]		AB 507	SPPRA
Al [unclear]	yes	AB 298	Gen Comm on E & E

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 3/15 Time 1:00 PM Room 214

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A. B. 298

SUMMARY—Consolidates labor-related activities of executive branch of state government. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 18-374)

A. B. 485

SUMMARY—Creates state rural housing authority. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 25-32)

A. B. 507

SUMMARY—Requires public service commission of Nevada to make utility rate increase affecting political subdivision effective for that subdivision no earlier than beginning of subdivision's next fiscal year. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1066)

A. B. 505

SUMMARY—Reimburses counties for certain welfare payments made to state welfare recipients. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-1209)

A. B. 504

SUMMARY—Clarifies accounting procedures to be used in computing transactions of the working capital and operating fund under the State Purchasing Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-808)

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The proposed State Rural Housing Authority legislation would make it possible for the small cities and towns of rural Nevada to have some new rental housing. Emphasis would be on servicing the housing needs of the senior citizens. Counties whose population exceeded 100,000 would be excluded (this provision would exclude Washoe and Clark Counties who have their own Housing Authorities)

The principal justification for a State Rural Housing Authority is to be found in the economy of operation. One umbrella administrative office for rural Nevada would be much cheaper to operate than a single Housing Authority in each town. The Federal Housing and Urban Development Agency favors a State or Regional Housing Authority.

The State Rural Housing Authority would be composed of a five man board appointed by the Governor from the rural counties.

The Rural Housing Authority would be picked by the Governor this authority would be a State Public corporation; having power to issue revenue bonds and borrow monies from the Federal Government. The bonds would not be an obligation of any city, town, county or State. The bonds would only be an obligation of the State Rural Housing Authority. The Federal Government would guarantee the bonds and would likewise make good any deficit operation.

The need for a State Rural Authority is well justified by a recent State Housing survey which shows the following:

34,291 Rural Residences of which

- (1) 9,173 were constructed prior to 1939
- (2) 3,325 were overcrowded
- (3) 2,309 lacked some or all plumbing
- (4) 5,463 families were eligible for public housing
- (5) 6,520 persons in the State 65 years of age or older whose income was less than poverty level
- (6) 1,860 of this number were in the rural counties whose income was less than poverty level.

As of now, Federal Funds are not available but is assumed within 1 year to 18 months housing subsidy funds would be available. At this time the Governor could appoint the Housing Authority and the Authority could make application for Housing.

Exhibit I