

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 16, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

ALSO PRESENT: WILLIAM SWACKHAMER, SECRETARY OF STATE  
FRANK DAYKIN, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL  
MIKE MIRABELLI, STATE TREASURER  
JORDAN CROUCH  
ASSEMBLYMAN JACOBSEN  
KEITH HENDRICKS, FIRE FIGHTERS  
ROBERT WARREN, NMA  
JOHN MEDER, CCA  
BILL ADAMS, CITY OF LAS VEGAS  
JOE BOSWELL  
WILLIAM LANCOCK, STATE PLANNING BOARD  
HARRY SPRINGER, STATE MINE INSPECTOR  
ASSEMBLYMAN GLOVER  
VAUGHN SMITH, CARSON CITY CLERK  
DICK MORGAN, NSEA  
MR. CARRINGTON, CARSON CITY RESIDENT  
GEORGE GOTTSCHALK, CARSON CITY SUPERVISOR  
GEORGE CRITESER, CARSON CITY SUPERVISOR  
HEBER HARDY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 229 - Abolishes state board of finance.

Mr. Swackhamer told the committee that his sub-committee had recommended these actions. After a study of the way the state invests its money, the sub-committee felt that a sizable savings could be realized by a change in the investment practices of the state. It was decided if the State changes its investment practices, the time would be right to change the investment board also. He stated that the sub-committee had decided to abolish the State Board of Finance and turn the duties over to the Board of Examiners because the Board of Examiners was provided for in the Constitution and the Board of Finance was merely statutory.

Mr. Marabelli told the committee that he agreed that some changes could be made in the investment practices of the State, but felt that the sub-committee should have presented its recommendations to the Board of Finance. He stated he could see no reason to replace the Board of Finance with another board. He pointed out that the two representatives appointed by the Governor had been

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of great help to the elected officials serving on the Board. He felt that no purpose would be served by this legislation.

Dick Morgan told the committee that his interest in the bill was limited to how the Public Employees Retirement Fund was invested. He read the report the sub-committee on retirement had prepared which pointed out that the investment practices were not in the best interests of the Fund. He recommended that the State Board of Finance be taken out of the picture as far as the Retirement Fund was concerned.

Mr. Crouch told the committee that he supported Mr. Marabelli in his statements. He stated the investment practices of the Board of Finance had been conservative because it was dealing with the public's money. The policy of the Board has been to invest for the greatest yield at the least risk. He said he had had no chance to study this bill and would not make any statements until he knew more about the situation.

AB 361 - Enlarges number of ambulance drivers exempt from special licensing requirement.

Assemblyman Jacobsen told the committee that this bill related to other bills that have been considered this Session. It would exempt, not only volunteers, but also commercial ambulance services in areas which have under 10,000 population. He cited the difficulty in obtaining the training as the reason for the bill.

Assemblyman Gojack asked Mr. Jacobsen about a letter she had received saying that no care was better than care by persons who did not know what they were doing.

Mr. Jacobsen said each member of the committee would have to make up his own mind about that matter.

Keith Hendricks told the committee that his organization favored this legislation, but felt the situation would be corrected as soon as the Emergency Medical Plan for the State was in full operation.

AB 412 - Eliminates United Spanish War Veterans from consideration for post of Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs Commissioner for Veteran Affairs and Nevada Deputy Commissioner for Veteran Affairs.

Mr. Jacobsen told the committee that this bill was only a "clean-up" bill as there were no Spanish American War veterans living.

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

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AB 454 - Increases membership of county planning commissions and provides ex-officio members thereof shall not vote.

John Meder presented the committee with the amendments which were acceptable to everyone. See attachment. Assemblyman Brookman moved "DO PASS AS AMENDED" Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AB 540 - Regulates compliance by state and its political subdivisions with local zoning regulation.

Mr. Hancock told the committee that he felt this would require the state and counties and cities to obtain a building permit which would result in higher costs in construction. He said he could see no point in this legislation. He also pointed out that this would place the Governor in a difficult position as he could over-rule the local government if he felt it necessary.

\*AB 577 - Brings all public and private buildings under city and county building codes. (see exhibit I)

Mr. Hancock told the committee that his objections to this bill were based on the fact that standardized plans for schools could no longer be used.

Bill Adams told the committee that this bill would allow the cities to upgrade their building codes and lower insurance rates.

Mr. Hendricks told the committee that his organization favored this bill because it would bring all buildings built in line with the city code and allow insurance rates to be lowered.

\*AB 604 - Eliminates the requirement that interior doors of public buildings swing outward. (see exhibit II)

Mr. Hancock told the committee that this bill was requested because of an Attorney General's opinion that this also included interior doors.

Mr. Hendricks told the committee that he opposed the bill because of the fire danger.

AB 601 - Changes name of State Planning Board and transfers certain planning functions to Governor.

Mr. Hancock told the committee that this bill would change the name to one more in keeping with the duties of the department. It would be known as the Public Works Division and the planning functions would be transferred to the Governor's office.

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

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Assemblyman Brookman moved to "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" AB 604.  
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.  
Assemblymen Ford and Getto voted NO.

\* AB 565 - Allows increase in state fire marshal's inspection and license fee. (see exhibit III)

Mr. Hendricks told the committee that he favored this bill as it would allow the \$25.00 fee to be eliminated and the fee set by the fire marshal to be set to cover the cost of inspections and license costs.

A letter for the State Fire Marshal was presented to the committee and is attached.

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

Assemblyman Brookman moved no further consideration on AB 299.  
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.  
Assemblyman Smith voted NO. ✓

AB 525 - Provides for public safety precautions relating to excavations.

Mr. Springer told the committee that he felt this was necessary as there have been several accidents due to the open shafts.

The chairman asked if this did not place too much liability on the County Commissioners in cases where the owners of the mines were not able to be traced.

Assemblyman Getto asked if this would not place a burden on the counties to fence the mines.

Mr. Springer said there may be federal money available for this.

Assemblyman Ford said the first part of the bill seemed very necessary, but she did not know how the second part could be enforced.

Mr. Springer suggested the second part could be amended.

Mr. Warren said he felt it was good legislation, but suggested that owners be allowed to do the fencing in sections so as to not impose a financial burden that would be too heavy.

Mrs. MacErcheron told the committee that there might be a problem of jurisdiction.

The chairman appointed Assemblyman Ullom and Assemblyman Getto as a sub-committee to recommend amendments to this bill.

AB 615 - Amends Carson City charter and NRS to provide for the office of treasurer.

Mr. Glover told the committee that this bill was introduced because so many of the citizens of Carson City were opposed to the appointment of a treasurer.

Mr. Winters told the committee that the Carson City Democratic Central Committee and the Democratic Club favored this bill.

Mr. Smith told the committee that the work load of his office had increased almost 200% during the last 10 years and he felt that the split was necessary.

John Meder told the committee that the treasurer's job was complex and that appointment was the only way a qualified person could be found.

Mr. Gottschalk told the committee that the Board of Supervisors favored appointment of the treasurer.

Mr. Cristeser told the committee that he felt all but the District Attorney should be appointed.

Mr. Carrington told the committee that, as a voter in Carson City, he favored the process of electing officials.

✓ AB 632 - Extends power of Governor under Local Government Employee-Management Relations Act to make certain factfinding procedures binding.

Mr. Morgan told the committee that this legislation was vital to the teachers as the Legislature meets past the date of April 1, and the amount of money available is not known before adjournment.

Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS".

Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

There were three NO votes.

AB 527 - Provides for annual assessments on general improvement districts subject to jurisdiction of public service commission.

Mr. Hardy told the committee that this was clarifying legislation as some improvement districts objected to paying the assessment.

This would prevent anyone from not paying their fair share.

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 3/16 Time 1:00 PM Room 214

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

AB 615

Amends Carson City charter and NRS to provide for the office of treasurer.

A. B. 565

SUMMARY—Allows increase in state fire marshal's inspection and license fee. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 42-400)

A. B. 525

SUMMARY—Provides for public safety precautions relating to excavations. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-1286)

A. B. 229

SUMMARY—Abolishes state board of finance. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-372)

A. B. 361

SUMMARY—Enlarges number of ambulance drivers exempt from special licensing requirement. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 16-999)

A. B. 386

SUMMARY—Adds to projects under County Improvements Law and authorizes county commissioners of certain counties to appoint trustees of improvement district. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-995)

A. B. 450

SUMMARY—Prohibits issuing building permit unless restrictions on property are observed. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-1307)

A. B. 454

SUMMARY—Increases membership of county planning commission and provides ex officio members thereof shall not vote. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-1068)

A. B. 527

SUMMARY—Provides for annual assessments on general improvement districts subject to jurisdiction of public service commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1326)

A. B. 550

SUMMARY—Creates Nevada American revolution bicentennial commission.

A. B. 540

SUMMARY—Regulates compliance by state and its political subdivisions with local zoning regulations. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-1342)



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March 13, 1973

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

RE

A. B. 577

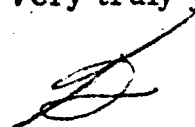
Assemblyman Joseph E. Dini, Jr., Chairman  
Assembly Government Affairs Committee  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Assemblyman Dini:

I would appreciate the opportunity of discussing with your committee the provisions of A. B. 577 and the adverse affects it may have on the State Capital Improvements Program.

Please let me know when the hearing on this bill is scheduled.

Very truly yours,

  
William E. Hancock, A. I. A.  
Manager

WEH:km  
cc: Mr. Peter Echeverria

Exhibit I



STATE OF NEVADA  
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Assemblyman Joseph E. Dini, Jr., Chairman  
Assembly Government Affairs Committee  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada

March 19, 1973

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

RE


1973 Legislation  
A. B. 604

Dear Assemblyman Dini:

At the Committee hearing concerning A. B. 604, which proposes to modify the existing State law concerning the swing of doors, I made reference to certain correspondence we had received on this matter.

Attached for your Committee files is a copy of the letters we have received from Mr. List and Attorney Peter Echeverria.

Very truly yours,

  
William E. Hancock, A. I. A.  
Manager

WEH:km  
Encl.

*P.S. I discussed the bill with the State fire marshal - he has developed some new language which, if satisfactory to your committee, solves the problem as we see it.*

Exhibit II





STATE PLANNING BOARD  
 RECEIVED AUG 14 1972  
 R.L.  
 [Handwritten signature]  
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 15813 11/14/72

STATE OF NEVADA  
 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
 ROOM 341, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
 CARSON CITY 89701  
 August 1, 1972

ROBERT LIST  
 ATTORNEY GENERAL

William E. Hancock, Manager  
 State Planning Board,  
 Legislative Building, Room 306,  
 Carson City, Nevada. 89701

Dear Mr. Hancock:

The obvious intent of the Legislature in adopting NRS 202.510 was to apply it to buildings where large numbers of people habitually gather. It is a safety measure intended to prevent the tragedy that occurs when masses of people, panicked by some disaster, are unable to open inward-opening doors and so make their escape.

Quite obviously, therefore, it was not the intention of the Legislature to apply the statute to all doors within a building, but only those entrance-exit doors in buildings or portions of buildings, wherein a number of people are habitually expected to gather. Doors of janitorial closets, toilet rooms, small offices, et cetera would certainly not be considered as falling under the requirements of NRS 202.510.

Sincerely,

ROBERT LIST  
 Attorney General

RL:DK: hh



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Mr. William E. Hancock, A.I.A.  
Secretary-Manager  
Nevada State Planning Board  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

July 28, 1972

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

RE NRS 202.510

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of July 24, 1972 and certainly agree that all doors for a building should not swing out, whether it be a public building or a private building and my present feeling is that we should support legislation modifying the statute to comply with the Uniform Building Code.

I can see that this could become a substantial problem. It is my thought that this statute really talks about existing doors but I can see that that also would need some clarification.

Thank you for keeping me advised.

Very truly yours,

Peter Echeverria

PE:mf

CC: All State Planning Board Members



STATE OF NEVADA  
OFFICE OF  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN  
GOVERNOR

101 South Fall Street  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

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March 16, 1973

Honorable Joseph E. Dini, Jr.  
Chairman, Government Affairs Committee  
The State Assembly  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: A.B. 565

Assembly Bill 565 was introduced by request of the Nevada licensed fire extinguisher agencies noted on attached list.

NRS 477.033 sets a limit of \$25.00 to be charged for a fire extinguisher agency license. Servicing fire extinguishers and fire extinguishing systems is a highly competitive business and attracts many unexperienced persons wishing to start agencies. In the two years we have been licensing these agencies we have found many start-up agencies can afford the \$25.00 fee, but end up doing service work from the back seat, or trunk, of their automobile. The end result is poor workmanship, sloppy, and dangerous service to the customer.

NRS 477.033 also mentions licensing of fire alarm systems and fire sprinkler system companies; there are not enough of these companies doing this type of work in Nevada to license them at \$25.00 and have the program pay for itself. With the \$25.00 maximum set for the alarm and sprinkler companies, out-of-state companies have and will move in, and in many cases outbid our own fine Nevada companies.

The State Fire Marshal feels by leaving the fee charge silent in the Law we can go to the agencies and companies in public hearings and let them decide what they feel is reasonable and establish this fee by amending Regulation 3-70 FM.

I would appreciate your consideration in the passage of this Bill.

Very truly yours,

DAN J. QUINAN  
State Fire Marshal

DJQ: kr

cc: Chief Lester Groth, Carson City Fire Department  
attachment - 1

Exhibit III

# NEVADA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## LICENSED FIRE EXTINGUISHER FIRMS

Regulation 3-70 FM, Section 5, Subsection A, paragraph 1, STATES:

"No firm, except as provided by this regulation, shall service or install a portable fire extinguisher or fixed fire extinguishing system unless licensed under the provisions of this regulation. Every licensee shall be properly equipped and staffed by personnel qualified under this regulation to perform the act or acts for the type of license issued. Licenses are non-transferable and shall be any one, or any combination of, the following types:

**Type B:** Service, charge, recharge, inspect, install, or any combination thereof.

**Type C:** Hydrostatic testing of wet chemical or non-ICC dry chemical cylinders or both.

**Type D:** Hydrostatic testing of any ICC listed cylinder.

(1) Hydrostatic test any or all ICC listed cylinders using Water Jacket Valumetric Expansion Method.

(2) Hydrostatic test any or all ICC listed cylinders using Direct Pressure Method.

(3) Hydrostatic test any or all ICC listed cylinders using the Pressure Recession Method.

(4) Hydrostatic test any or all ICC listed cylinders using the Proof Pressure Method."

This list does not include any license issued after JANUARY 10, 1973

FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	LICENSE NO.	LICENSE TYPE
Lee's Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service 348 Fifth Street Elko, Nevada 89801	EL 1	BC
Western Fire Prevention, Inc. 301 West St. Louis Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	EL 2	B
ABC Fire Extinguisher Company 1309 Locust Street Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 4	BC
Advance Corporation 2601 East Plumb Lane Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 5	BCD1
CAD, Inc. 8701 Lakeside Drive Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 7	BC
Fire Tec Sales and Service 1227 Falls Avenue, East Twin Falls, Idaho 83301	EL 9	BCD1
American Cryogenics 1500 East Second Street Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 13	BD1

FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	LICENSE NO.	LICENSE TYP
Clark County Fire Equipment Company 2640 South Highland Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	EL 14	BCD1
Genung Electric and Refrigeration G and H Extinguisher Service 985 Avenue G East Ely, Nevada 89315	EL 15	B
Solon Fire Control 510 Mill Street Folsom, California 95630	EL 16	BCD1
Universal Safety and Fire Equipment 727 South West Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84110	EL 18	BCD1
American Fire and Safety 1214 South Main Street Las Vegas, Nevada 89104	EL 19	BCD1
Nevada Safety and Fire Department 2330 South Highland Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	EL 20	BC
H. Russell Taylors Fire Prevention Service Box 2056-1831 Golden Street Highway Bakersfield, California 93303	EL 22	BCD1,2,3
Ace Fire Extinguisher Service 2640 South Highland Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	EL 24	BC
Nevada First Aid Supply Company 715 Redwood Place Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 26	BC
General Systems Industries, In c. dba/Firemaster 2732 East Lake Mead Boulevard North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	EL 27	BC
Restaurant and Store Equipment Company 144 West Third Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84110	EL 28	B
Nevada Fire Extinguisher Nevada Fire Extinguisher Service 1155 Industrial Way Sparks, Nevada 89431	EL 29	BCD1,2
Union Pacific Railroad Company Box 1010 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	EL30	B

Dahn Brothers, Inc. 5415 Fenno Way Reno, Nevada 89502	EL 32	BC
AFC Fire Equipment 2732 E. Lake Mead Boulevard North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	EL 33	BC
Dave's Fire Equipment 2246 N. Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701	EL 34	BC
Ace Fire Equipment Company 955 Glendale Road Sparks, Nevada 89431	EL 35	BCD1
Tri-State Sales Company P. O. Box 34 Enterprise, Utah 84725	EL 36	BCD1
ChemCal Company 8030 Sacramento Street Fair Oaks, California 95628	EL 37	BC
National Fire Equipment 2640 S. Highland Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	EL 38	BCD1