

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 7, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: ASSEMBLYMAN PRINCE  
JON LEIN, NEVADA TAX COMMISSION  
JAMES WITTENBERG, STATE PERSONNEL  
ROBERT GAGNIER, STATE OF NEVADA EMPLOYEES ASSOC.  
BRET ARMSTRONG

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

AB 436 - Simplifies provisions concerning reports required by general improvement districts to Public Service Commission.

Assemblyman Prince explained to the committee that the Secretary of the Sanitation District in Ely had requested this legislation because they presently have to keep two set of books, one to turn into the Public Service Commission and one to the Tax Commission due on two separate dates. This bill will eliminate this problem. One set of books will take care of both reports. It was an oversight that the small districts were required to submit the reports and keep two sets of books.

Mr. Lein told the committee that only certain types of special districts have to submit a set of books to the Public Service Commission and the Tax Commission has been trying to clear this matter up for some time. He suggested that the bill be amended on line 13 a report shall be filed by December 31.

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

AB 437 - Provides compensation for hospital trustees in smaller counties.

Assemblyman Prince told the committee that he felt that hospital trustees in small counties should receive pay. This bill would set the salary at the same amount as school trustees and is identical to legislation passed for school trustees.

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

AB 441 - Deletes requirement that duplicate microfilmed county records be kept in rolls.

The chairman explained that this bill would change the word "microfilm" to "microfish", the process already in use in most governmental entities.

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

AB 370 - Relieves local governments of certain filing requirements under Local Government Budget Act.

Mr. Lein explained that since the Public Service Commission is only involved with the activities of an entity at the close of a year, it is felt that the requirements for filing a quarterly report should be removed and only the yearly audit should have to be submitted to the Public Service Commission. It was suggested by Mr. Lein that the section requiring a tentative and final budget be submitted also be deleted as the Public Service Commission does not have any use or need for the budget only the final audit.

Assemblyman Getto moved to amend and "DO PASS".  
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.  
Assemblymen Ford, Brookman, and Gojack were absent.

AB 432 - Permits Tax Commission to exempt certain special districts from requirements of Local Government Budget Act.

Mr. Lein told the committee that this bill would remove the automatic filing requirement of the local budget act those entities which have total expenditures of less than \$50,000. This would allow the Tax Commission to make the removal of filing requirements at the discretion of the Tax Commission. They could be allowed to dismiss the publication requirement except for annual budgets and allow them to operate on a cash bases if they wished. If the County Commissioners want an audit, they could require one under this bill.

The chairman asked why remove the publication requirement.

Mr. Lein explained that newspapers in rural Nevada are expensive and is not necessary in a small town where everyone knows what is happening. He said they felt it was not practical to require the smaller districts to publish anything but the annual budget.

Assemblyman May suggested that the \$50,000 be changed to \$30,000.

Assemblyman May moved to amend and "DO PASS".  
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.  
The motion carried.  
Assemblymen Brookman, Gojack, and Ford were absent.

AB 76 - Authorizes 4-day work week of 10 hours per day for public employees.

Mr. Gagnier told the committee that his association agreed with the amendments.

Mr. Wittenberg told the committee he felt that it should be amended to allow management to decide when to use this 10 hour 4-day week and that the Personnel Division should approve or disapprove all use of the plan.

Assemblyman Ford moved to amend and "DO PASS"  
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Getto presented the amendments to AB 127.

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

Assemblyman Smith moved committee introduction of BDR 581326.  
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Getto moved committee introduction of BDR 254.  
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Smith moved committee introduction of BDR 40.121286.  
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.  
The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Armstrong addressed the committee on the open meeting law stating that he felt that open meeting laws were not good because the law has been abused so often. It was his feeling that the Legislature and the committees just make a simple declaration of principles and policy stating the Legislature is a governmental body and a complex bill with lots of exclusions and loopholes. This would be better for the people and for the State. He said he felt the "personnel sessions" have been badly misused.

No law should be passed which infringes upon the right of freedom of the press. The delicate problem areas which should not be printed could be worked out by public officials and the newspaper men.

The meeting was adjourned.

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ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 3/7/73 Time 1:00 PM Room 214

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

**A. B. 370**

SUMMARY—Relieves local governments of certain filing requirements under Local Government Budget Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-920)

**A. B. 432**

SUMMARY—Permits tax commission to exempt certain special districts from requirements of Local Government Budget Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-688)

**A. B. 441**

SUMMARY—Deletes requirement that duplicate microfilmed county records be kept in rolls. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 19-1153)

**A. B. 436**

SUMMARY—Simplifies provisions concerning reports required by general improvement districts to public service commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1189)

**A. B. 437**

SUMMARY—Provides compensation for hospital trustees in smaller counties. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-1190)

\*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.