

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 11, 1973

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
ASSEMBLYMAN GOJACK

ALSO PRESENT: SEE ATTACHED LIST

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

SB 126 - Makes provision for planned unit residential development in cities and counties.

SB 460 - Enables certain cities and counties to consult State Planning Board for proposed subdivision evaluation.

SB 481 - Redefines contents of master plan and zoning regulations.

Senator Young spoke in behalf of the above bills. He stated that SB 126 would enable cities and counties to be eligible for HUD money and was necessary. SB 460 would be of great help to the small counties as when they are presented with a large subdivision plan they do not have the expertise to evaluate it correctly. This would allow them to seek help from the State Planning Board. SB 481 is a major bill which will give cities and counties the proper tools for handling zoning problems. Senator Young asked support for all three measures.

Mr. Adams told the committee that he felt SB 126 was good legislation. He was in full support of SB 460. The League of Women Voters also supported all three bills.

SB 465 - Revises procedure for assessment of public utilities and financial administration of Public Service Commission.

Mr. Clark told the committee that this bill was a result of a legislative audit and would merely clean up some of the bookkeeping of the Public Service Commission.

SB 540 - Allows Public Service Commission to designate administrative assistant to hold public hearings.

Mr. Clark explained to the committee that as the state grows, the work load of the Commissioners also grows. Under a new plan each commissioner would have an administrative assistant and the assistant could hold some of the smaller hearings and report to the commissioner.

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SB 442 - Absolves State Engineer from liability for water safety on quantity and in inspection of dams.

Mr. Westergard told the committee that this bill would be of assistance to people who buy lots thinking the water supply was adequate because the State Engineer had so confirmed. If this bill is passed developers will not be able to say that the State Engineer states the water supply is adequate. The State Engineer will only approve the drilling of wells. It would protect the purchaser of lots. Mr. Westergard supported the bill.

AB 937 - Reorganizes local governments in Clark County.

Assemblyman Ullom explained this bill to the committee. He stated that at present the residents of Clark County are not getting adequate services for their tax dollar. He explained that this plan was a radical plan, it would dissolve the governments in the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City. The county would be the government of the entire area. This would result in better service and use of the tax dollar and less duplication of services. Town boards would be elected; they would have people from the townships plus the assemblymen from that senatorial district. This would provide more local participation in government. It would provide for smaller units of government and be closer to the people.

Assemblyman Smith stated that this plan was not so far-fetched as it might seem at first reading. Something has to be done in Clark County and it must be a radical change. He stated similar plans are working in other areas. The real objection he had to the plan was that the townships were based on senatorial districts which would change every ten years. He recommended that the plan be studied during the next two years.

John Crosley told the committee that the Legislative Auditors were much in favor of SB 465.

Mr. Warren told the committee that since there were two or more plans for reorganizing Clark County government, the plans should be worked out and placed on the ballot for the people to decide which plan they want.

Assemblyman Getto moved "DO PASS" on SB 465.
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS AND RE-REFER TO WAYS AND MEANS" on SB 464⁴⁶⁰.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
The motion carried unaimously.

Assemblyman May moved "DO PASS" on SB 442.
Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS" on SB 494.
Assemblyman May seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Smith moved "DO PASS" on SB 126.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman May moved "DO PASS" on SB 540.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
Assemblymen May and Ullom withdrew the motion and the second.

Assemblyman Young moved to "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" SB 540.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
The motion did not carry.

Assemblyman May moved to "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" AB 937.
Assemblyman Ullom seconded the motion.
The motion did not carry.
Assemblyman Young did not vote.

NAME	BILL #	TESTIFY YES NO	REPRESENTING
Roland D. Westergaard Jan MacEachern	SB 112	if requested	State Engineer HWV of Nevada
Robert Warren	AB 937	✓	New. Mun Assn.
WE "Bill" Adams	SB 126	✓	City of Las Vegas
Thad A. Clark	SB 540	✓	JSC

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ROOM 214

- AB 937 Reorganizes local governments in Clark County.
- SB 286 Consolidates sanitary sewer facilities in unincorporated area of Clark County with such facilities of Clark County Sanitation District No. 1, abolishes certain districts and annexes the area to such districts to the former district and otherwise concerns the foregoing.
- SB 318 Expands notice requirements for proposed regulations of administrative agencies.
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