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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Mello
Mr. Bennett
Mr. Bremner
Mr. Jacobsen
Mr. Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Brookman
Mr. Torvånen

GUESTS: Jean Ford, Assemblyman
Mouryne Landing, Chief Clerk
Randall Capurro, Assemblyman
Keith Ashworth, Speaker of the Assembly

In the absence of Chairman Brookman, who was ill, the meeting of the Legislative Functions Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Don Mello at 11:30 in Room 234. Mr. Mello informed the members of the committee the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Intern Program, AR-5 and AB20. He asked Mr. Jacobsen to explain the problems of the Intern Program before Mr. Capurro made his statement. Mr. Jacobsen commented that the program did not seem well organized. He felt the program should have been requested by the Department at the University through the Legislative Functions Committee, and that it seemed to be a rather hit and miss affair. Most of the interns could not be depended upon to be here when they were supposed to be. Mr. Jacobsen really felt that guidelines should be drawn up for the interns in regards to their dress, checking in and out and other things. He said that he felt that they should be required to follow the rules of dress layed down for the Assemblymen by the Assembly. He also added that he did not feel that they should be allowed to use the Assemblymen's Lounge without being accompanied by a Legislator. The idea of the whole program was for the interns to learn something from this experience.

Mr. Capurro began by stating that perhaps the instructor did take more for granted than he should have. Senator Swobe, who is in charge of Senate interns and Mr. Capurro had met with the interns before the start of the session to explain their functions and advise them what would be required of them. They are all juniors in college and have good grades or they would not have been selected. The intern program is a sought out program by the students at the University and they had to turn away half as many as they selected. They tried to be very careful and selective in their choices. Interns do receive credits for their work and they should be able to schedule themselves to be helpful to their Assemblyman and not get in his way. Mr. Jacobsen re-emphasized his feeling that these interns should be more

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governed then they are. "After all, we (Assemblymen) are responsible for them while they are here."

Mr. Capurro said that he would get together with Senator Swobe and perhaps together they could have a meeting with the interns to set up certain guidelines that the interns would be required to follow. Mrs. Ford stated that the interns were required to make a weekly report stating what they had done that week and when they had attended the Assembly and that Mr. Shields, their instructor was here on Tuesdays and Thursdays to observe them. She felt that perhaps he should be included in the meeting. Mr. Bremner than said that as a Freshman Legislator he did not really know what was expected of him in connection with his intern and perhaps a little instruction should be given to the Assemblymen on what to do with their interns. Mr. Mello then asked Mr. Capurro to meet with Senator Swobe and then perhaps he could meet with Mr. Mello and Mr. Jacobsen and they could resolve this problem.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Mello said that he did not wish to go through all the bills, but that there were several that needed to be enacted upon. He asked Mr. Jacobsen to explain AB20. Mr. Jacobsen said that AB20 was a complete set of standards and procedures for the mailing lists. Many of the things in the bill are just clarification. The mailing has gotten so broad that "just tons and tons of stuff is mailed out and just wasted." He felt that AB20 should have a hearing so that the State Printer could have his say. The purpose of the bill is to tie down the whole situation and make the Assembly and the State Printer both accountable. The intention of the bill is to give the Printer the authority, by the Assembly's direction, as to who and what he mails. The Printer used to mail out anything requested and bill the Assembly for it and any monies received for it were put in printing funds. The bill would correct this by placing monies received into the Assembly printing fund. Mr. Jacobsen hoped to have a hearing scheduled before going into the bill any deeper.

Mr. Mello than asked if they could move onto the rules - AR5. AR5 is a result of the rules committee recommendations of the Interim Committee. It more or less spells out the rules and puts them in the proper sequence. The reserved areas of the bill are for additional rules that may come about in the future. The rules would coincide in many ways with those of the Senate. The only rule that Mr. Jacobsen felt might need some explanation was §52 on Concurrent Referrals. If a bill has been referred to two committees then one committee cannot kill the bill and not send it to the other committee. Both committees must get a chance to observe it. If one committee reports unfavorably and the other favorably the bill will not be reported to the Assembly but the committee reporting unfavorably must give the Assembly their reason for not favoring it. A bill must have a "Do Pass" recommendation from both committees before going back to the

Assembly. Mouryne Landing then commented that she had noticed that under rule 40, the Health and Welfare Committee was listed as having nine members when it actually had only seven. Mr. Mello amended the rule to read seven members on the Health and Welfare Committee.

Mrs. Ford was then recognized and made a statement regarding the amendments she wished to propose. She said that the bill was excellent but that there seemed to be so much discussion on setting up committee rules at the beginning of the Session that she was hoping to have a set of rules made up for the standing committees to use. The amendments she proposed were a combination of several committee rules, a study of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and other suggestions. If this committee did not intend to further amend the bill then she would amend it from the floor. Mr. Mello felt that amending it from the floor would be better method rather than having it hashed out in this committee. Mr. Mello then called for a motion to send AR5 back to the Assembly with a "Do Pass As Amended" recommendation, the amendment being that Health and Welfare Committee have seven members instead of nine. Mr. Bennett so moved. Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Mr. Jacobsen then requested that the committee take up one more bill before adjourning. That bill was AB21, limiting legislative travel allowances. The bill limits the legislators to one day per diem for travel to or from the Legislature. There was no discussion on the bill. Mr. Jacobsen recommended that the committee return the bill to the Assembly with a "Do Pass" recommendation. Mr. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mello adjourned the meeting at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Gagnier, Assembly Attache