

Assembly
LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 2, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN - EILEEN BROOKMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN - DON MELLO
REVEREND BENNT
MR. BREMNER
MR. JACOBSEN
MR. TORVINEN
MR. YOUNG

ABSENT - NONE

GUESTS -
ART PALMER
STAN WARREN
LES KOFED
BOB MC ADAM
ZEL LOWMAN
JEAN FORD
JEAN McERIN
NANCY GOMES
HER GUEST
HER GUEST
PAUL GENEVEIL
DICK MORGAN

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE - KEITH ASHWORTH
CHIEF CLERK - MOURYNE LANDING

The meeting came to order approximately 12:20 with Chairman Brookman presiding. The first order of business was in regard to a letter from Nick Lauri on April 25, 1971, having to do with A.C.R. 54, authorizing the sum of \$1,390.00 out of the legislative fund for the current session. The committee had decided then to establish a "token payment" of \$7.00 per service, per each house. This is for the Ministerial, or prayer service that I am referring. Further, in regard to this letter written to Reverend Thunder, and in conjunction with the discussion of the present situation a motion was made by Mr. Jacobsen that we continue the same procedure - \$7.00 per prayer session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bremner and all agreed - Resolution to be drawn - then turned over to Mr. Mello.

Mr. Lowman then came before the committee and his first discussion at the hearing was A.B. 655, dealing with the specific duties and responsibilities of director of Legislative Counsel Bureau, and making the position full time. He stated that it should become more functional and independent. A.B. 655 was given a "do pass" as amended.

Mr. Lowman then discussed A.J.R. 7 - Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to provide for annual session. Reverend Bennett made a motion for "do pass" and was seconded by Mr. Bremner. All in favor. "Do Pass."

Mr. Lowman's A.J.R. 12 was given an "Indefinite Postponement." Mr. Lowman's A.J.R. 13 and A.J.R. 24 was given an "Indefinite Postponement."

The next guest speaker was Daisy representing the League of Women Voters of Nevada. She spoke on A.B. 655 in favor of this bill, noting that it would streamline its internal legislative process, believing that it is a step toward the end. I am sure that all of the members of this committee has the material or if not, I will have copies made in regard to further comments on the above. She also commented on A.J.R. 7 Proposing to amend section 2 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, relating to the sessions of the legislature, by providing for annual session: Her thought for one, was that due to the shortness and infrequency of sessions and a general lack of between-session committee work, that this was a deterrent. She noted that more intensive consideration of budget needs and time to establish priorities for allocating public funds could be worked out. She was very much in favor of A.B. 655

Assemblyman Jean Ford also spoke at the hearing on A.J.R. 7 and annual sessions. She said that most sessions are followed by "special sessions" which could be eliminated if there were annual sessions, also if annual sessions were a reality - first time legislators would listen and learn for the next year when they return. She told the members and guests that during her campaign she was asked the question many times - "what do you think of annual sessions." ?

Mr. Howard Gray was introduced as a speaker at our hearing, representing the Nevada Taxpayer's Association and discussing A.J.R. 12 - Proposes constitutional amendment to remove restriction on number of days for which legislators may be compensated during any session. One of his thoughts was considering lengthening time for legislative bodies. He suggested "staggering" - thirty days in session - thirty days at home to talk it over and think seriously - and sixty days to come back and finish it up.

Mr. Kofed was the next speaker at the hearing and discussed A.J.R. 13 - Proposes constitutional amendment to permit legislature to add items for consideration in special session called by Governor and to permit legislature to call itself into special session He said that he was not just speaking for Gaming, but considering all the bills introduced. He hoped, he said that we don't try to pattern after all of the other states and do what we want to do . He likes Nevada the way it is and wants to keep it that way.

Mr. Lowman feels that we should get advice from other states.

Nancy Gomes was introduced and spoke on annual sessions and felt that it doesn't give the legislative body the opportunity to properly operate on a two-year basis.

Paul May was introduced - and discussed A.C.R. 12 (which was given a "do pass) Directs legislative commission to study financial conditions of housing authority. He told the committee and the guests that Public Housing serves a very important need. He felt that sub-committees should be established to meet and discuss this. The question is does the state want to get involved in Public Housing. Mr. Jacobsen felt that it should be the legislators or out-side help to take care of this. Jean Ford said that she would like to support Mr. May. There is accompanying literature in relation to the Public Housing and if you do not have it, I shall have copies made for you.

Chairman Brookman asks Art Palmer about a bill that was defeated, and the technical aspects, and his reply was that he would have to look further into the matter. Roy Torvinen said that it is dangerous to act on a bill until it is reprinted, and not to change a rule that protects us.

A motion was made for adjournment and seconded. 1:29 P:M

Respectfully submitted:
Virginia Pace, Secretary

ASSEMBLY

H E A R I N G

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

Date Monday - April 2, 1973

Noon Recess. om 222

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

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| <p>A.B. 655 Lowman <i>or amended</i>
 <i>"Do Pass"</i></p> | <p>Specifies duties and responsibilities of director of Legislative counsel bureau and makes the position full time.</p> |
| <p>A.J.R. 7 Lowman
 <i>Rep. Bennett</i>
 <i>and Brenner</i>
 <i>"Do Pass" (Do Pass)</i></p> | <p>Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to provide for annual sessions.</p> |
| <p>A.J.R. 12 Lowman
 <i>"L.P."</i></p> | <p>Proposes constitutional amendment to remove restriction on number of days for which legislators may be compensated during any session.</p> |
| <p>A.J.R. 13 Lowman
 <i>"L.P."</i></p> | <p>Proposes constitutional amendment to permit legislature to add items for consideration in special session called by Governor and to permit legislature to call itself into special session.</p> |
| <p>A.J.R. 24 Lowman
 <i>"L.P."</i></p> | <p>Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution by allowing regular sessions of the legislature to commence any time during first quarter of odd years and by providing for an organizational period at the beginning of each regular session.</p> |
| <p>A.C.R. 12 Lowman
 <i>May</i>
 <i>will move "Do Pass"</i>
 <i>"Do Pass"</i></p> | <p>Directs legislative commission to study financial conditions of housing authorities.</p> |

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at Hearing

4/2/73
Do pass, as amended.

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"Do Pass"

"I.P."

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Multiple "Do Pass"

"Do Pass"

A.B.	113	"Killed"
A.B.	558	"Killed"
A.B.	655	Hold <u>Hearing</u>
A.B.	659	"Do Pass"
A.J.R.	2	
A.J.R.	7	Hearing
A.J.R.	12	"
A.J.R.	13	"
A.J.R.	22	Indef. Postponed
A.J.R.	24	Hearing
S.C.R.	6	Hold
A.C.R.	8	Hearing <u>Hold</u>
A.C.R.	9	Do not Pass
A.C.R.	12	Hearing
A.C.R.	18	Do Pass
A.C.R.	19	
A.C.R.	20	
A.C.R.	28	
A.R.	13	

BILLS ADDED SINCE AGENDA OF MARCH 22, 1973:

A.B.	769
A.B.	770
A.B.	771
A.B.	869
A.J.R.	31
A.C.R.	32