

## SENATE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Senator Drakulich in the chair.

PRESENT: Senator Herr  
 Senator Blakemore  
 Senator Lamb  
 Senator Pozzi  
 Senator Swobe  
 Senator Hecht

A. B. 587 - Prohibits use of aluminum wire in electrical systems of factory-built housing, mobile homes and travel trailers.

Motion Senator Blakemore, Do Kill, seconded Senator Herr, at the request of the introducer. Carried unanimously.

S. B. 621 - Provides for employee contribution for unemployment compensation from tips and gratuities.

Motion Senator Herr, Do Kill, seconded by Senator Blakemore, carried. Senator Swobe voting no.

A. B. 161 - Increases amount of insurance coverage required for motor vehicles leased for short term, and requires short-term lessor to carry insurance.

Senator Hecht presented amendments to the bill.

Motion, Senator Hecht, Amend and Do Pass, seconded by Senator Blakemore. Carried unanimously.

A. B. 301 - Creates consumer affairs division of department of commerce and regulates deceptive trade practices.

Mike Melner, Direct of Commerce, appeared before the committee to speak in support of the measure. He explained that this bill would create a consumer affairs division within the department and give it the power enforce violations of unfair trade practices.

Larry Struve, Deputy District Attorney, spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Swobe objected to the \$2500 penalty for each offense as being excessive.

Senator Pozzi objected to the penalty.

Senator Blakemore asked if there was anything in the bill to give the merchant recourse for a false complaint. The answer was no.

Senator Drakulich spoke in favor of the bill.

Motion by Senator Blakemore, Do Pass, seconded by Senator Herr. Senator Swobe moved to amend the motion to reduce the civil penalty to \$1,000.

Discussion: Senator Swobe stated that the penalty was not in the Governor's original bill.

Mr. Melner stated that they did not have certain information from the office of the District Attorney at the time the Governor presented his budget message.

Ayes, Senators Pozzi, Swobe and Hecht, Nays, Senators Herr, Lamb, Blakemore and Drakulich.

Original Motion was renewed, Senators Lamb, Herr, Blakemore, and Drakulich voting Aye, Senators Swobe, Pozzi and Hecht voting nay.

Motion by Senator Lamb, the bill be referred to Finance Committee, seconded by Senator Swobe, carried.

S. B. 500 - Creates consumer protection board to administer provisions of unfair trade practices and consumer protection law and door-to-door sales.

Motion, Senator Lamb, Do Kill, seconded Senator Pozzi, carried.

A. B. 245 - Clarifies procedure in making deductions from employees wages.

Stanley Jones, Labor Commissioners, appeared before the committee and spoke in favor of the legislation.

Motion, Senator Swobe, seconded Senator Pozzi, Do Kill, carried unanimously.

S. B. 629 - Enacts the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act.

John Reiser appeared before the committee and spoke in support of the measure.

Ralph Langley, NIC, spoke in support of the bill.

Rowland Oakes, Associated General Contractors, spoke in support of the bill.

Motion, Senator Lamb, Do Pass, seconded Senator Blakemore, carried unanimously.

A. B. 23 - Deletes provision requiring physicians to advise workmen of rights under Nevada Industrial Insurance Act.

John Reiser appeared and spoke in support of the legislation. He said, however, it would be somewhat difficult for it to be enforced.

Motion, Senator Lamb, Do Kill, seconded by Senator Herr, carried unanimously.

A. B. 625 - Increases certain interest rates for annuity contracts and life insurance policies and provides for use of modern mortality tables.

Milo Terzich, American Life Insurance Group, spoke in support of the measure.

Richard Rottman, Insurance Commissioner, spoke in support of the measure. He stated that it would lower the reserve requirements for insurance companies. It would not be detrimental to the consumer, and might in some ways be of help.

Motion, Senator Blakemore, Do Pass, seconded Senator Lamb, carried unanimously.

A. B. 275 - Declares negative option merchandise plans void and unenforcible.

Fred Scarpello, representing Doubleday and Company, spoke in opposition to the measure.

Joe Midmore, representing the Record Groups, Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Motion, Senator Pozzi, Do Kill, seconded Senator Lamb, carried. Senator Herr absent.

A. B. 247 - Amends law relating to wages, hours and employment on public words.

Rowland Oakes, Associated General Contractors, appeared and spoke in favor of the measure, but presented an amendment. Said Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Motion, Senator Lamb, Amend and Do Pass, seconded Senator Hecht, carried.

A. B. 593 - Amends industrial insurance rating schedule for teeth.

This is not part of the package of NIC bill presented by the Dodge committee.

Motion, Senator Pozzi, Do Kill, seconded Senator Lamb, carried. Herr and Blakemore absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mae Lofthouse, Secretary

APPROVED:

Stanley J. Drakulich, Chairman

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Exhibit A

Name

FRED SCARPELLO  
 John Thomas  
 Gally Bolloway  
 JOBBINS CAHILL  
 Mike Hujik  
 Bob Holdere  
 Joe Truoper  
 MIKE MELNER  
 Stan Jones  
 Jack Skatt  
 R. H. O'Connell  
 J. Humm  
 A. Blake  
 Keith Layton  
 Grant Bastian  
 ROWLAND OAKES  
 FRED DAVIS  
 ANDY SLOBODIAN  
 BOB McCoy  
 JOHN MADOLE  
 Joe Midmore  
 Pete Kelley  
 J. A. MacEachern  
 Alan J. Gunnan  
 RALPH LANELEY  
 Larry Struce

Who Representing  
 Double Day & Co. AB2

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 NEV. ASSN - CHAMBERS of <sup>Commerce</sup>  
 DEPT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

THE GIBBONS Co Inc

ASSOC GEN CONTR

Builders Assoc of N. Nev.

Wash. Retail Assn

City of Wash Dept

State Fire Marshal

N.I.C.

Washoe Co. Dist. Atty Office

Amend AB 247

Line 20

2. When public work is performed by day labor, or performed by employees of a public body, the prevailing wage for each class of mechanics and workmen so employed shall apply and shall be stated clearly to such mechanics and workmen when employed.

After Line 25

4. Nothing in this section shall prevent an employer who is signatory to a collective bargaining agreement from assigning such work in accordance with established practice.