

SENATE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Senator Drakulich in the chair.

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

S. B. 521 - Defines and clarifies certain terms to the Nevada Industrial Insurance Act.

Motion Senator Blakemore, Do Kill, seconded by Senator Herried, carried unanimously.

S. B. 270 - Makes certain provisions concerning wages, hours and working conditions of female employees in private employment applicable to all employees.

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

S. B. 542 - Requires savings and loan associations to pay interest on impound accounts.

Motion Senator Hecht, Do Kill, Seconded Senator Lamb, carried.

S. B. 309 - Provides that in specified circumstances heart diseases of certain peace officers are occupational diseases.

The bill has been amended to read 5 years instead of 10 years; also the language, "as a firefighter, sheriff, deputy sheriff, city policeman or uniformed employee of the Nevada State prison whose position requires regular and frequent contact with the convict populaton and subjects the employee to recall in emergency situations."

Rowland Oakes, Associated General Contractors, spoke in opposition to the bill. He stated that he was on the committee of Labor and Management appointed by the Governor which had agreed upon a package and S. B. 309 was not one of them.

Bob Guinn, representing the Motor Transport Association and Franchized Auto Dealers, endorsed the remarks made by Mr. Oakes.

S. B. 538 - Requires funeral directors to furnish information to customers.

Senator Swobe spoke in behalf of this bill. He stated that in many instances he feels funeral directors take advantage of people when they have the least amount of guard up. He feels it is a valid piece of consumer legislation. The bill allows the funeral board to write rules and regulations which would require that funeral directors to present to people their initial cost so that they would know exactly what they are paying for and what they are ordering. There is no longer a state law which states that a casket is necessary for cremation.

Mike Melner, Director of the Department of Commerce, spoke on behalf of the consumer affairs division of the department and spoke in favor of the bill.

Orin Alexander, Alexander Pyramid Funeral Home, spoke in opposition to the bill. He stated if the bill is passed his fees will have to go up about two hundred dollars per funeral, because an itemized list would have to be presented.

Mr. Melner stated that most of the complaints he has received have come from Southern Nevada. The complaints were of pressure at the time of bereavement, that they didn't know what they were getting and the bill was always larger than they expected.

Edmond Caffrey, Walton Funeral Home spoke in favor of the bill, but with an amendment. His amendment is that all professionals or industries in the state of Nevada be required to supply an itemized price list to protect the consumer.

S. B. 305 - Provides certain changes in regulation of real estate brokers and salesmen.

Mike Melner, Director of the Department of Commerce, spoke in favor of the redraft of this bill. He stated that a new section in the bill would make it effective upon passage and approval.

Dick Gaylord, Education Dynamics, commented on the bill.

Mary Frazzini spoke in favor of the bill, but had a few reservations. She feels it should be mandatory rather than advisory.

Gene Milligan, Nevada Association of Realtors suggested deleting the residency requirement. He felt it should be the state legal residency.

Anna Manson commented on the bill.

S. B. 444 - Progressively increases education requirements to obtain real estate broker's license.

Paul Argeres, real estate association, spoke in favor of the bill. He stated it was a good bill, one day out of every year the real estate broker will have to attend a class. He feels this will put more qualified people in the real estate business.

Mr. Gaylord spoke against the measure.

Mary Frazzini spoke in opposition to the bill.

Virgil Getto, assemblyman, spoke in opposition to the bill.

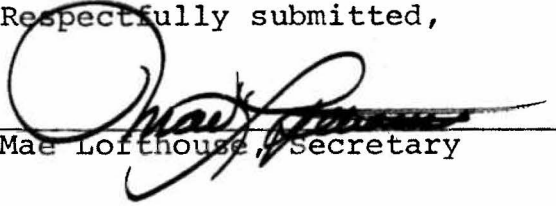
S. B. 538 - Motion by Senator Herr, Do Pass, Seconded by Senator Swobe, carried. Senator Lamb voting no.

S. B. 309 - Motion by Senator Herr, Do Pass, seconded by Senator Lamb, carried unanimously.

S. B. 444 - Motion by Senator Herr, Indefinitely postpone the bill, seconded by Senator Hecht, carried. Senator Pozzi voting no.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Mae Lofthouse, Secretary

APPROVED:

Senator Drakulich, Chairman.