

SENATE PUBLIC RESOURCES AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Senator Wilson in the chair.

PRESENT: Senator Blakemore  
Senator Echols,  
Senator Bryan  
Senator Dodge  
Senator Young

S. B. 490 - Establishes Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.

It was the general consensus of the committee that they were not satisfied with the amendments as drawn. The powers of the NTRPA would be limited to the commercial areas and to the areas that TRPA does not have jurisdiction over. This was to limit the wording of Section 45. The intent of the legislation is not to draw a red line. The bill does not constitute a rezoning authority. It is intended as a means by which a delay may be imposed upon development within those four commercial areas which exist so that there will be available facilities and for traffic control.

Mr. Knisely felt the bill was alright.

Motion by Senator Dodge, Amend and Do Pass, Seconded by Senator Bryan, who made the following statement and made the following reservations:

"Some weeks ago when this bill first became vident, I made mention of the fact that I might have a conflict of interest due to the fact that for some years I have represented the heirs in an estate who would be directly effected by the action which we take this evening and which might be approved by the Senate and the Assembly and may become law. But if I should cast my vote on this it will be alleged that I to have a conflict of interest. I will vote for it in committee so that it may be brought out of committee, but I reserve my right to a no vote on the floor if I do find that I have a conflict of interest.

The budget section of the bill was deleted, as it was felt that the agency could operate without it.

The motion carried, with Senator Blakemore casting the dissenting vote.

Senator Echols reserved his right to review the amendments and change his vote.

S. B. 584 - Amends County Economic Development Revenue Bond Law to provide for sale of projects.

Noel Clark, of the Public Service Commission, appeared and spoke in favor of the bill. He said the primary purpose of the bill is to provide a source of funding other than the conventional borrowing to build pollution control devices for power plants and gives the county the necessary authority required by law to either buy, lease or sell to a company, or in the alternative to operate for a fee, any of the devices which might be built under this particular bonding provision. It makes available any type of bonding for sale, lease, or other arrangements. Pollution means any form of pollution. The bill is in the public interest.

Dwight C. Baum, Vice President of the Blyth, Eastman Dillon and Company, appeared and spoke in favor of the bill. He stated that this bill would help Nevada Industries and the state of Nevada. The clean air bills have placed a substantial burden on the authorities.

The purpose of the bill is to allow counties to sell, as a go between, non-taxable bonds in order for industries to place pollution devices on their power plants and in this way it would lower their cost of operation.

Jeff Zucker, LSC&W, spoke in favor of the bill. He explained that it would cost the counties nothing, because they would only be a conduit to selling of these bonds. The bonds would be paid for by the utility.

Senator Blakemore inquired if companies such as Kennecott would also benefit from this bill and the answer was yes.

Motion by Senator Young, Do Pass, seconded by Senator Bryan, carried.

S. B. 586 - Permits destruction of dogs harrassing deer and other wildlife.

Motion, Senator Blakemore, Do Pass, seconded by Senator Young, carried.

S. B. 442 - Absolves state engineer from liability for water safety or quantity and in inspection of dams.

This bill was brought before the committee for reconsideration.

Motion Senator Young, rescind action of March 29, 1973, to Do Kill, Seconded by Senator Dodge, carried.

Motion, Senator Dodge, Amend and Do Pass, seconded, Senator Young, carried. Senator Blakemore voting no.

Senator Hecht arrived from another meeting at 9:00 p.m.

S. B. 428 - Extends authority of state engineer over domestic

wells in certain areas or basins.

Senator Young is to get together with Roalnd Westergaard in order to work out the details. The bill will be considered on Wednesday, April 4, 1973.

S. B. 470 - Requires governor to prescribe and administer land use plans and zoning regulations upon failure of implementation of local planning and regulation by certain date.

This bill was briefly discussed. Line 12 was changed to "May" rather than "shall".

SJR 27 - Urges California to construct an all-weather trans-Sierra haighway near Minarets Summit.

Motion Senator Young, Do Pass, seconded Senator Hecht, carried unanimously.

S. B. 567 - Permits survey along river for potential flood control project ot be paid for from flood control revolving fund.

Motion Senator Blakemore, Do Pass, seconded by Senator Young, carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mae Lothouse Secretary

APPROVED:

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Senator Wilson, Chairman