

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- January 31, 1973

The fifth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on January 31, 1973, at 3:15 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson  
John Foley  
Coe Swobe  
Carl Dodge  
Lee Walker  
Chic Hecht

Also present were:

Mr. Art Palmer, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Press representative

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting was to hear testimony on two bills:

SB-80 Updates provisions concerning control and maintenance of state buildings and grounds.

Mr. Palmer spoke to the purpose of SB-80, stating that this was overlooked at the last session -- that is giving control of the legislative building over to the Legislative Commission. He read the new language on page 1, starting at line 19 of this bill. This provision follows the exact practice that has been used here in the building since it was first moved into with the legislature having full control and supervision, except during periods when the legislature is not in session, the superintendent of buildings and grounds is responsible.

SJR-2 Memorializes Congress of the United States to adopt certain legislation concerning United States census.

Mr. Palmer explained that in essence SJR-2 authorizes that the State would, through the Governor, have some determination of how the census data would be collected and reported from any future census conducted by the United States government through the Bureau of the Census. This was precipitated by difficulties

not only in Nevada, but other states experienced that when they tried to use census data to reapportion the legislative bodies, there was no authority to direct the Bureau of the Census to consider these elements. Nevada is one of the few states that has unincorporated towns with specific boundary lines. The necessity for that is due to tax structure and also the adoption of resolutions by the boards and county commissioners acting ex-officio as a town board. "Unincorporated town" in almost every other state, under the Bureau of the Census, means a place generally known without any boundary lines. Two examples in the State of Nevada are Paradise and Winchester, which are both unincorporated. Our definition of where Paradise lies, is a legal definition, but doesn't meet the definition of the Bureau of the Census. The Bureau of the Census defines by when you get to a certain point and buildings become spread a certain distance apart you stop enumerating for that urbanized or consolidated area. This makes it impossible to come up with a population figure for Paradise or Winchester, as unincorporated towns. These figures would be handy to have, not only for reapportionment purposes, but also for allocation of taxes. There was also some confusion on enumeration districts.

This particular bill would authorize that the states would have a review of the method or the general criteria that was used by the Bureau of the Census in tabulating the state. This would guarantee that certain differences we feel are significant would be recognized by the Bureau of the Census.

The committee then took action as follows:

SB-80            Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

SJR-2            Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

Senator Swobe brought to the attention of the committee a bill draft request from the Fair and Recreation Board. Chairman Gibson stated that there was also one from Clark County, being BDR-20-776<sup>†</sup>. The committee consented to the introduction of these bills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi  
Committee Secretary

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SENATE BILL NO. 80—SENATOR YOUNG

JANUARY 23, 1973

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Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Updates provisions concerning control and maintenance of state buildings and grounds. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-432)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to state property; placing the supervision and control of the legislative building with the legislature; specifying relevant duties of the chief of the buildings and grounds division of the department of administration and of the director of the legislative counsel bureau; including all state property under the law prohibiting certain acts of defacement and obstruction; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 331.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 331.120 1. Except as provided in NRS 331.130 and 331.135, the  
3 superintendent shall assign the rooms in the Capitol Building, and rooms  
4 elsewhere used by the state, and shall determine the occupancy thereof  
5 in such manner as the public service may require.  
6 2. The executive and administrative officers, departments, boards,  
7 commissions and agencies of the state shall be provided with suitable  
8 quarters which shall, so far as is expedient, be in Carson City.  
9 3. The superintendent shall provide suitable office space for the use  
10 of the governor-elect, and expend funds for incidental expenses con-  
11 nected therewith. The provisions of this subsection do not apply if the  
12 incumbent governor is elected to succeed himself.  
13 4. The superintendent may provide suitable space in the Capitol  
14 Building for the permanent use of accredited members of the press and  
15 for the installation of communication equipment.  
16 SEC. 2. NRS 331.135 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
17 331.135 [The superintendent may establish and charge such fees as  
18 may be reasonable for the use by the public of the auditorium on the  
19 first floor of the legislative building.] *Except as provided in subsections*  
20 *2 and 3, the legislature reserves the supervision and control of:*  
21 1. *The entire legislative building, including its chambers, offices,*

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—SENATOR YOUNG

JANUARY 23, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Memorializes Congress of the United States to adopt certain legislation concerning United States census. (BDR 506)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt certain legislation requiring the decennial United States census of each state to be made according to a plan and form approved by the governor of the state whose population is being tabulated.

- 1 WHEREAS, The representation in the legislature of the State of Nevada  
2 is apportioned according to the population of districts within the State of  
3 Nevada, as determined by the decennial United States census; and  
4 WHEREAS, The process of reapportionment of the legislature is lengthy  
5 and complex; and  
6 WHEREAS, The process of reapportioning the legislature would be  
7 greatly expedited by the prompt reporting to the governor of the State of  
8 Nevada of the results of a census made according to a plan and form  
9 approved by the governor of the State of Nevada; now, therefore, be it  
10 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*  
11 That the 93d Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized to  
12 adopt legislation embodying the provisions of H.R. 15773 of the 92d  
13 Congress of the United States, which will require the tabulation of total  
14 population by state for the apportionment of the legislative bodies of  
15 each state to be made and promptly reported according to a plan and  
16 form approved by the governor of the state being tabulated; and be it  
17 further  
18 *Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted  
19 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
20 sentatives, the President of the Senate and the members of the Nevada  
21 congressional delegation.

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Original bill is on file at  
the Research Library.