

## Senate

### COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 9th day of April, 1973 at 3:40 P.M.

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

Also present were:

Bob Warren, Nevada Municipal Association  
Bill Adams, City of Las Vegas  
David Finne, Las Vegas Valley Water District  
Bob Maples  
Richard Morgan Nevada State Education Association  
John Meder, County Commissioners  
James Wittenberg, State Personnel Department  
Bob Gagnier, State Employees Association  
Tim Hafen, Assemblyman  
Glade Hall, Public Service Commission  
George Varga, Assorney  
Assemblyman Jacobsen  
Assemblyman Crawford  
Press

SJR-21      Proposes amendment to Nevada constitution  
to extend general election to 2 days.

Following brief discussion Senator Swobe moved to "Hold Indefinitely," seconded by Senator Dodge. Motion carried.

SB-502      Brings private garbage and refuse haulers  
within control of public service commission.

Senator Walker moved to "Hold Indefinitely," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

SB-590 Changes name of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation and reorganizes rehabilitation functions of department.

Senator Walker moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Drakulich. Motion carried, with Senator Dodge and Senator Swobe voting "no."

AB-76 Authorizes 4-day work week of 10 hours per day for public employees.

Mr. James Wittenberg, State Department of Personnel, spoke on this bill. He stated that the department basically supports the concept of this legislation. This would permit them to do some experimentation in certain areas where it appears that a traditional 5-day week might improve services or bring about great efficiency. One example of this might be highway maintenance crews. It is necessary we have this on the statutes in order to try it. They do anticipate there may be some problems with the amendment requiring the consent of the majority of the employees.

Mr. Bob Gagnier, representing the State Employees Association, stated that they would support the bill the way it is presently written, but would oppose it if the amendment were deleted.

AB-652 Requires subdivision plats to show grant of utility easements and public utility company approval thereof.

Assemblyman Tim Hafen explained that this bill just adds a paragraph to the subdivision plat requirements which is taken off Clark and Washoe Counties subdivision requirements by local ordinance, but in the smaller counties they don't have this provision by ordinance. The committee also heard testimony from Mr. Hall of the Public Service Commission.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

AB-47 Provides standards of ethical conduct for public officers and employees, creates state ethics commission and requires disclosure of economic interests.

Mr. Hafen stated that AB-47 basically does three major things: (1) Sets up a code of ethics; (2) sets up an ethics commission; and (3) empowers subdivisions of the government to also set up local commissions and codes of ethics. Mr. Hafen noted that this bill as presently written is all the assembly subcommittee is willing to accept. Mr. John Meder pointed out that the position of the county commissioners, as a local government entity, feel if this is adopted, it should apply to all levels of government equally. After brief discussion, the committee decided to wait to hear testimony from Senator Bryan before taking any action on this bill.

SB-622 Authorizes county commissioners to lease property held in trust by county treasurer for purpose of production of oil, gas, other hydrocarbon substances, natural steam.

Mr. George Vargas explained that the problem is that when lands go tax delinquent the tax receiver, after a certain date, and after the passage of a two-year redemption period, issues a deed to the county treasurer for those tax delinquent lands. The county treasurer then holds those lands in trust and what the county treasurer can do with those lands is fairly limited. This legislation would solve that problem. After further discussion, Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

SB-623 Creates new agricultural district comprised of Lander County.

It was noted that this legislation was introduced by Senator Monroe, at the request of Lander County. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Foley. Motion carried.

Chairman Gibson then submitted to the committee a Bill Draft Request on the public employee negotiation bills. This is a composite bill and an effort to try and draw together the various proposals that have been made. He requested the committee to study the draft and then see what areas of consensus and disagreement they might have.

SB-60 Exempts certain school districts from provisions of Local Government Reapportionment Law.

The smaller county districts feel they need some relief, and have requested that the committee act on this legislation. Mr. Morgan

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of the Nevada State Education Association discussed this bill with the committee. Senator Foley moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-677 Puts offsite manufacture of all buildings under regulation of Nevada Factory-Built Housing and Manufactured Building Law.

Mr. Jacobsen explained to the committee that in some areas a number of pre-fab homes had been built, and in most cases they do not meet the building requirements. They have found them to be a big fire hazard, not only to the people that live in them, but also to those who have to fight the fires. This would require them to meet all the building standards.

Senator Foley moved "Do Pass," on AB-677, seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-758 Prohibits write-in voting.

Mr. Crawford, assemblyman, stated that this bill was introduced mainly at the request of Mr. Colton, Registrar of Voters in Clark County. Clark County is in the process of getting some new voting machines which would make it impossible for them to handle write-in votes.

Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass" on AB-758, seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-277 Deletes obsolete prohibition of outside occupation for secretary of Nevada commission on equal rights of citizens.

Mr. Crawford also spoke on this bill explaining that it is mainly "housekeeping" type legislation. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Foley. Motion carried.

SB-62 Provides for reapportionment of Carson City and rural county senatorial districts.

Chairman Gibson read and discussed the proposed amendments to SB-62 with the committee. Senator Swobe moved "Amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. Motion carried with Senators Drakulich and Foley voting "no."

AB-76 Senator Swobe moved to "Hold Indefinitely."  
Seconded by Senator Dodge.  
Motion carried with Senators Walker, Foley,  
and Drakulich voting "no."

SB-176 Adds new members to certain county fair and  
and recreation boards.

The committee heard testimony on this bill at a previous meeting.  
Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker.  
Motion carried.

SB-319 and SB-419 were both briefly discussed at this  
point, after which Chairman Gibson stated that he would check  
with Mr. Wooster of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and see  
what could be worked out.

SB-614 Authorizes CarsonCity to issue not to exceed  
\$700,000 of bonds for acquiring an auditorium  
and recreation center, and sites and grounds,  
equipment and furnishings therefor.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe.  
Motion carried.

SB-553 Removes county commissioners from board of  
Las Vegas valley water district and permits  
elected division directors to issue bonds  
without election.

Chairman Gibson read a proposed amendment to this bill and  
discussed the changes with the committee. After brief dis-  
cussion, Senator Dodge moved to "Amend and Do Pass," seconded  
by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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