

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Senator Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman  
Senator Warren L. Monroe  
Senator B. Mahlon Brown  
Senator James I. Gibson  
Senator William J. Raggio  
Senator Archie Pozzi  
Senator Clifton Young

Jeffry Menicucci, student intern  
Bob Warren, Nevada Municipal Association  
Gene Echols, Senator from NLV  
Cy Ryan  
Don Mello, Chairman, Assembly Ways and Means  
Earl Oliver, Legislative Council Bureau  
Bob Tripp, Legislative Council Bureau

Senator Lamb discussed the fact that in the past after a bill has been defeated it required five committeemen's votes to revive the bill. Senator Young moved that this rule continue to be followed. Senator Gibson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson stated that a quorum required four senators to be present and all four must be in agreement in order to act upon a bill. Raggio moved that this continue. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The committee discussed what time to start future meetings. Senator Young stated that he would like to start at 8:00 a.m. or 7:30 if the workload required it and if they found they were holding up the work of the rest of the legislature. Senator Lamb stated that in the past the Senate Finance Committee has finished their work at least ten days before the conclusion of the legislature and that this was not usually a problem. It was suggested that perhaps Senator Lamb could make this decision in view of his past experience. Senator Raggio mentioned that the Republican senators might have difficulty due to their being on five committees. Senator Lamb stated that they would all be provided with an agenda with five or six days in advance and that this would be helpful to them. No definite decision was reached.

Senator Gibson asked if Howard Barrett would attend their meetings. Senator Lamb said he would but that their relationship was such that he would ask him to leave the room at times so the committee could express themselves more freely. Senator

Lamb stated that the public may attend committee meetings but in the past at times they have had interference from the art gallery. "We know what's going on better than they do and they hold up the work at times." He said he would ask the public to refrain from too much interference so the committee could discuss items more freely.

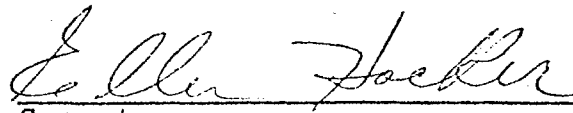
Senator Gibson mentioned that the committee would wait until the chairman is ready to vote on an issue. During hearings sometimes members want to make a motion on issues while everyone is present but that out of courtesy they should wait until the chairman gives the cue as to when to vote. Senator Lamb said he felt strongly on this, that he would be the bad guy and ask them to leave so they could discuss the issue to everyone's satisfaction. He said also he disliked members discussing their view in order to be put in a better light with individuals appearing before the committee.

Senator Brown stated that because of the committee's importance in the legislative structure the documentation of the actions of the committee, records of witnesses, bills, etc., were necessary. He said important statements should be recorded. Senator Gibson said it wouldn't be possible to keep verbatim records but that actions should be well documented. Senator Young asked if an electronic record would be kept as a permanent part of the meetings. This was discussed and everyone agreed that the tape recordings should be kept for a permanent reference.

Senator Monroe said there has been a procedure followed as far as making committee minutes available to the public. In the past individuals must request the minutes from the committee chairman, and he felt because they are public record the public should have access without constantly having to get permission. Senator Lamb said that he felt that some control should be maintained to keep the minutes from disappearing or getting lost. Senator Raggio said that by definition public record is record which is required by law to be kept, so that committee minutes were not actually a public record by definition. Senator Young said that this would be a matter which the Legislative Functions Committee would discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman