

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

20th DAY OF APRIL, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Senator Close in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Foley
Senator Dodge
Senator Bryan
Senator Hecht
Senator Swobe
Senator Wilson

Howard Hill, Director, Department of Motor Vehicle
Richard Bortolin, Deputy Attorney General,
Department of Motor Vehicles

A.B. 47 - Provides standards of ethical conduct for public officers and employees and establishes a State Ethics Commission.

Senator Close questioned if the provisions of this bill would apply to legislators' partners or associates. Senator Wilson felt that the record could show the intent of the legislature that these provisions do not apply to partners or associates.

A.B. 929 - Establishes certified shorthand reporters board and provides for examination and licensing of shorthand reporters.

Senator Hecht moved "DO PASS." Motion seconded by Senator Wilson. Motion carried.

A.B. 925 - Provides hearing prior to suspending license of registration of person under provisions of Safety Responsibility Act.

Howard Hill testified that a supreme court decision rendered approximately 1 year ago held that before the Dept. of Motor Vehicles may suspend a license of someone with no proper responsibility, that person must be afforded a hearing. The Department immediately changed their procedures in accordance with that decision. This bill would conform the statutes to their present procedure. The Department has been challenged by one attorney on their authority to allow such a hearing.

Mr. Bortolin testified that this procedure is very successful in that they have had a number of hearings where injustices have been

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solved in favor of the motorist. The Department feels these hearings are necessary.

Senator Hecht moved "DO PASS." Motion seconded by Senator Bryan. Motion carried.

A.B. 254 - Increases fees for certification of copies of public records submitted to custodian of public records.

The Assembly is processing a similar Senate bill (S.B. 57), and therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

Senator Bryan moved to indefinitely postpone action on this bill with the understanding that the Assembly will process S.B. 57. Senator Hecht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A.B. 871 - Adds methaqualone to list of controlled substances included in Schedule IV of Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

The committee agreed, on the advice of the Pharmacy Board, to amend the bill to place methaqualone into Schedule III.

Senator Hecht moved to amend and "DO PASS." Motion seconded by Senator Bryan. Motion carried.

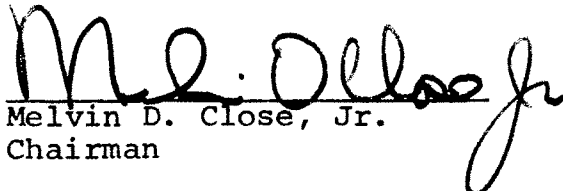
The minutes of the meetings of March 28th, April 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Wynkoop
Secretary

APPROVED:


Melvin D. Close, Jr.
Chairman