

Assembly

Election Committee Minutes
April 8, 1975

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
Room 336

Members Present:

Mr. Demers
Mr. Chaney
Mr. Heaney
Mr. Vergiels
Mrs. Wagner
Mr. Young

Members Absent:

Mr. Sena (Excused Absence)

Guests:

Bob Warren
Bob Weise
Pam Wilcox
Jan Hunt

Representing:

Nevada League of Cities
Assemblyman
Self
Reno

Mr. Demers called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. He announced the first order of business would be A. B. 458 and A.B. 499.

Mr. Warren was the first to testify. He spoke and said that prior to 1973, the League of Cities at its first annual conference endorsed any election legislature that might require disclosure of campaign expenditures and campaign contributions. He stated he fully supported legislation for campaign disclosure or conflicts of interest.

Mr. Demers announced the next order of business would be A.B. 467., which creates additional single-member senatorial districts in Washoe County.

Mr. Weise testified and said that the bill was related to the state senate; transforming the existing multimember senatorial district in Washoe County into several single-member districts; altering the boundaries of the existing single-member district; and other matters relating thereto. One of the primary purposes of the bill is to clean up the boundaries. He stated this bill would not affect Senator Foote and four out of five Senators would retain their seats.

Pam Wilcox testified in behalf of the bill. She stated there were four persons in the audience who were in favor of the re-districting. She stated it takes time and money to run in big districts. She also felt it would improve the representation.

It was moved by Mrs. Wagner to pass A.B. 467. Mr. Heaney seconded the motion. The following members voted yes for the motion: Mr. Demers, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Vergiels and Mrs. Wagner.

Mr. Demers announced the next order of business would be A.J.R. 19.

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Ms. Wilcox testified saying that she would much rather see the legislature convene every year rather than every other year. She also felt that people want to vote for their representatives often, and therefore she was not for lengthening the terms of Senators or Assemblymen.

Ms. Hunt stated also that people of her homeowners association felt the legislature should meet every year. She also stated that six years is too long for a person to be in office; also people like to vote more often for their representatives.

A. B. 416 was discussed briefly before the vote was taken. Mr. Heaney made the motion to adopt the amendment (7533) to the bill. It was seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Mrs. Wagner made the motion to pass the bill as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heaney. The following members voted yes for the bill: Mr. Demers, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Young.

Mr. Demers announced the voting would take place on A. B. 434. Mr. Young defined his bill as follows: The bill changes the election procedures from the old Taylor Grazing Act in which State Boards were the same as those elected under Section 18 of the Taylor Act. It sets up new provisions to be elected under the supervision of the County Clerks in the counties of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters.

Mr. Demers made the motion to adopt the amendment (7602) to A.B. 434. Mr. Vergiels seconded the motion. Mr. Demers made the motion to pass the bill as amended. Mrs. Wagner seconded the motion. The following members voted yes for the bill: Mr. Demers, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Young.

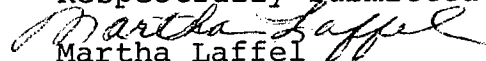
Mr. Demers announced the next order of business would be A.C.R. 41 which requests that the secretary of state, the attorney general and the several district attorneys take immediate and appropriate steps to enforce the provisions of NRS 218.034.

Mr. Demers stated that there were 11 individuals who had not filed with the Secretary of State even without 3 notices. Mr. Heaney felt the date should be moved ahead to June 1. He was overridden by the committee who felt the date should remain April 15, as these individuals had ample time to file their campaign expenses.

Mr. Vergiels moved to pass the bill and Mrs. Wagner seconded the motion. The following members voted yes for the bill: Mr. Demers, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Young.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Martha Laffel

Assembly Attache

Attachments:

Ltr to Mr. Swackhamer 4/2/75 ACR 41

Ltr to Mr. Demers 4/3/75 AB 437, AB 445, SJR 14, AB 458, SB 379

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COMMITTEE ON..... ELECTIONS.....

Date..... April 8, 1975 Time 8-9:30 a.m. Room..... 336.....

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

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| A.B. 458 | Requires cities and counties to enact certain requirements respecting political campaign contributions and expenditures. |
| A.B. 499 | Authorizes enactment of county, city ordinances requiring candidates for elective county, township and city offices to disclose campaign expenses, contributions. |
| A.B. 467 | Creates additional single-member senatorial districts in Washoe County. |
| A.J.R. 19 | Proposes Constitutional amendment to lengthen terms of state senators and assemblymen. |

ACTION TAKEN AT 4-1-75 MEETING

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| ✓ A.B. 431 | Amend and do pass |
| A.B. 437 | Amend and do pass |
| A.B. 441 | Indefinitely postpone |
| A.B. 398 | Amend and do pass |
| A.B. 410 | Do pass |
| SJR 14 | Do pass |
| A.B. 294 | Amend and do pass |
| A.B. 416 | Held pending clarification |
| A.B. 434 | Held pending clarification |



Nevada Legislature

ASSEMBLY

April 2, 1975

The Honorable William Swackhamer
Secretary of State
The Capitol Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Swackhamer:

This letter is to bring to your attention, A.C.R. 41. The Committee on Elections proposes to request that the Attorney General and/or the several District Attorneys take immediate and appropriate steps to enforce the provisions of N.R.S. 218.034.

It would be appreciated if you would write to the individuals who have not yet reported their campaign expenses and advise them of A.C.R. 41, which as you will note on line 24 still allows those candidates until April 15, 1975 to report, without punitive action being taken against them.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Demers
Chairman
Elections Committee

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Clark County Democratic Central Committee

MARGUERITE C. SEGRETTI
CHAIRMAN

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

RUTH J. DAY
SECRETARY



April 3, 1975

Hon. Daniel Demers, Chairman
Assembly Elections Committee
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Assemblyman Demers,

The Legislative Action Committee of the Clark County Democratic Central Committee wishes to advise you that we support AB 437 making bribery of an elector a felony. The Committee also feels an inquiry should be made as to the equality of penalties contained in other related offenses in NRS 293, citing NRS 293.585 relating to abduction of an elector as an example.

The Committee also supports AB 445, eliminating the requirement for a run-off election for non-partisan candidates receiving a majority of votes cast in the primary election.

We further agree with SJR 14 which proposes a constitutional amendment eliminating certain restrictions on the right to seek elective office.

We also feel that filing of expenditures should be 15 days prior to the primary election and 15 days prior to the general election and 30 days after the primary and 30 days after the general.

The Committee urges that Campaign contributions be filed 15 days before and 30 days after the primary and 15 days before and 30 days after the general election listing all contributions. Further, the donor should be listed in all contributions over \$200.00.

We approve the principle of setting limits on campaign spending (AB 458) and support the position that the State Legislature should set limits for the State offices, the County Commission should set limits for County offices and City Commissions should set limits for City offices.



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The Committee strongly recommends that SB 379 on Political Party disclosure of expenses not be passed, on the basis that this is a matter of Party business to be included in the State Charter provisions, which is in the process of being drawn up under the National Political Party's Guidelines.

Thank you and your committee for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Manuel Cortez, Chairman
Legislative Action Committee

Jan MacEachern
Bob Coffin
Dave Curtis
Ruth Manes
Aileen O'Neill
Ann Zorn