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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DINI
VICE-CHAIRMAN MURPHY
ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK
ASSEMBLYMAN HARMON
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
ASSEMBLYMAN MOODY
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

MEMBERS ABSENT: ASSEMBLYMAN SCHOFIELD

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Robert J. Gregory, Civil Defense

Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. and informed the committee that A.B. 176 was inadvertently submitted and that it would be placed in the dead file. Mr. May moved that this be done and Mr. Young seconded the motion. All of the members of the committee were in favor of the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Dini then stated that the next bill on the Agenda to be discussed was A.B. 81 and that Mr. Gregory of the Civil Defense Department was here to testify. Mr. Gregory stated that this bill was designed primarily to give legislative sanctions to mutual aid compacts which were enacted in 1952 and 1953 and which were ratified by Nevada along with 34 other states and which is on file in the Office of the Archives of the United States Congress. Mr. Gregory stated that this bill adds additional language to the pact by way of Paragraph 15. He further stated that the additional language was put in to further define the word emergency so that it would apply to lost hunter incidents, radioactivity, spillage and things of this nature and that it would require mutual aid between states. He further stated that the word emergency was broad and that it deals with emergencies that are caused militarily or naturally.

Mr. May stated that the additions are usually italicized and asked Mr. Gregory if he could give the committee a line and page number.

Mr. Gregory stated that the only new language in the bill is Article 15.

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Mr. May asked if the entire compact had been adopted in the past with the exception of Article 15.

Mr. Gregory replied yes; that there had been no change in the first 14 Articles.

Mr. May stated that it appeared that this was a whole new addition and that it was not in Title 36.

Mr. Gregory stated that it has never been coded in the statutes.

Mr. Dini asked if Governor Russell originally joined the compact, and read from Article 13, which stated that the governor was able to take the state out of the compact.

Mr. Gregory stated that that was true, but that it was on 30 days notice. He pointed out that Article 6 gives the governor the authority to enter into the agreements.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Gregory if they were just being asked to ratify it and Mr. Gregory replied yes. He stated that he would like the sanction of the legislature and to add Article 15.

Mr. Dini asked Mr. Gregory if any money was needed.

Mr. Gregory stated that they did not and stated that the finances are inherent in the budget.

The committee members then proceeded to review the bill further.

Mr. Gregory then stated that the bill provided for people, such as doctors and other persons required to be licensed in the State, to provide services during an emergency without being licensed.

Mr. May asked if "emergency" was defined in the compact.

Mr. Gregory stated that it was not, but that it was defined elsewhere in the law in Section 414.

Mrs. Ford stated that there was just a definition of Civil Defense.

Mr. Gregory stated that that was correct.

Mr. May asked if the compact worked hand and glove with A.B. 177?

Mr. Gregory stated that that was correct.

Mr. Murphy then asked about doctors again and questioned Mr. Gregory if there was some kind of provision already.

Mr. Gregory stated that there was none that he was aware of.

Mr. Murphy asked if a doctor was brought in from California would he be challenged by someone.

Mr. Gregory replied that he thought he would be.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Gregory if he had not already said that this compact was now in effect and that all the committee was doing would be to ratify it.

Mr. Gregory stated that that was correct.

Mr. Murphy stated that if this compact went into effect under Governor Russell why it had taken such a long time to get here. He asked how long this compact had been in effect.

Mr. Gregory replied that ratification by all of the states involved varied from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Gregory stated that he had been in his job for six years and that this was the third time he had made an appearance before the committee trying to do something.

Mr. Dini asked if there was any change in wording which would match up 177.

Mr. Gregory stated that there was not. He stated that about three years ago he contacted several contiguous states that have agreed to the compact and asked what their thinking was on changing some of the language. They felt that because the compact is with the 48 states, it would be too much of a job to make any difference. He stated that the language in places was just archaic. He further stated that this compact, as well as A.B. 177 was endorsed by the Council of State Governments.

Mrs. Ford indicated that she was not present when A.B. 177 was discussed by the committee. She asked Mr. Gregory if it was patterned after model legislation that was put out by the Council of State Governments.

Mr. Gregory replied that it was.

Mrs. Ford informed Mr. Gregory that the subcommittee may want to look at the model and Mr. Gregory informed her that he had brought it with him. He stated that he would be able to get someone from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration or legal counsel to go over this.

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Mr. Young stated that this bill sounded like it had to go with the other one.

Mr. Gregory stated that that was not the case. He stated that the governor needed some powers to say what things should be done.

Mr. May then asked Mr. Gregory if he had to coordinate with San Francisco.

Mr. Gregory stated that we were in Region 7 which is made up of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam.

Mr. May asked if the president declared a national emergency within the various regions if Nevada would respond and would that be under Mr. Gregory's jurisdiction.

Mr. Gregory replied yes.

Mr. May asked Mr. Gregory if federal law would supersede.

Mr. Gregory stated that the answer was not in all cases cases, not as far as the state was concerned. He informed the committee that the state is responsible for itself and it works hand and glove with the federal government.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Gregory who ratified the compact in 1955?

Mr. Gregory stated that it was Governor Russell.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Gregory if this was being brought before the committee to be put in the statutes.

Mr. Gregory informed the committee that if the legislature did not act upon this, the original 14 Articles are still in effect. He stated that he had authority from the governor to go to all agencies.

Mr. Gregory further stated that in his office he has a disaster survey team, and that he could call upon them when necessary.

Mr. Dini asked how many people worked full time.

Mr. Gregory stated that he had one director in each county but that only two counties had a director 100% of the time and that was Clark County and Washoe County. He stated that the other counties varied - some are 50% of the time, some are 20% of the time and some are 80% of the time. He stated that he coordinated all of the planning. He further stated that there were only five people on his staff.

Mr. Dini asked if his agency had been able to get a lot of surplus in equipment in the past.

Mr. Gregory replied yes. IN the past two years, some \$750,000 in surplus property.

Mr. Dini asked if every county had a master plan.

Mr. Gregory said yes that they had a basic plan and this must be reviewed every two years. He stated that some of them even have search and rescue annexes. He stated that even some members of private industry are involved.

Mr. Dini asked Mr. Gregory how many times in the last five years his agency has had emergency situations at the local level.

Mr. Gregory stated that Nevada has been very fortunate. Nevada has had no large scale emergencies. The last time was in 1969 when Ely had the flood and that they got a presidential declaration. He stated that he was personally involved in the Eldorado Canyon flash flood. He further stated that his agency was involved in 15 or 16 fires around the state. All requests go to his office and that he makes a determination as to whether he should go to the governor. In most cases, such requests are approved.

Mr. May asked Mr. Gregory if leakage at the test site would fall into his jurisdiction.

He stated that the Department of Environmental Health is responsible, but that his agency is capable of monitoring.

Mr. Dini then read from the bill, the definition of disaster.

Mr. Dini then asked if there were any other questions, and asked the committee what they wanted to do.

Mrs. Ford stated that it seemed to her that the two bills should be taken together, particularly on the floor of the assembly.

Mr. Dini then suggested that the subcommittee get together today and he was informed by Mr. Harmon that they were meeting today.

Mr. May then made a motion to have A.B. 81 and 177 both studied by the committee. Mrs. Ford seconded the motion. All of the committee members were in favor of the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The meeting then adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez
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Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
Thursday,
Date February 13, 1975 Time 8:00 A.M. Room 214

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Counsel
requested*

Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
A.B. 176	Extends certification of eligibles in classified service to include all persons having five highest whole percentage scores.	
A.B. 81	Enacts Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact.	

8:00 A.M.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

