

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 5, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN DINI
VICE-CHAIRMAN MURPHY
ASSEMBLYMAN HARMON
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
ASSEMBLYMAN MOODY
ASSEMBLYMAN SCHOFIELD
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Russ MacDonald

(The following bills were heard: Cigarette tax BDR, S.B. 546,
A.J.R. 43, S.B. 491, S.B. 498, S.B. 505, A.B. 711 and S.B. 419).

Vice-Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order.

Mr. McDonald testified with regard to a BDR which would authorize a county cigarette tax. He stated that this was not the easiest bill to draft. This bill comes from the legislative creation of the northern and southern committees of last session. The northern committee has made a site selection and done some inquiry. The southern committee has gone further.

What this bill does is to allow a board of county commissioners (of any population) to levy a tax on cigarettes not to exceed 4-1/2% per package. This cannot pass without the approval of the people. There must be an election. The second question that arises is if bonds should be issued. If either question fails you would have to start over. If the convention center has sufficient monies, they could pay the cost of it. He stated that this bill should be introduced. He stated that it is not easy because of the tax commission, the vote and the convention authority. He suggests that if it is introduced that the Senate Government Affairs committee introduce something similar. Perhaps even joint hearings.

Mr. Young asked what the tax was now. Mr. McDonald stated that it was 10¢ per package.

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as BDR

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The committee next discussed S.B. 546, which authorizes additional counties to create flood control districts and confers additional powers.

Mr. McDonald testified. The present law is for counties over 200,000. This new one would include counties of 100,000 or more, which would include Washoe County. Mr. Murphy asked if property owners near the river would be included. Mr. McDonald replied that the property owners would have the right to object.

Mr. McDonald stated that this would be around Rock Boulevard to Vista and into Storey County.

AB 793
as BDR

Mr. Midmore testified next on the BDR for a cigarette tax. He represents the tobacco tax counsel. He stated that because the two committee have worked hard, the only decent thing to do would be to introduce the bill. He stated that the committee was being asked to introduce a bill within two weeks of the end of the session that will increase a ~~increase~~ a tax 45%. He stated that even though both committee have worked hard, that that was not a good reason for the introduction of a bill. He does not feel that the counties would use less than the 4-1/2% tax. This would be a large jump in any tax.

The committee next discussed AJR 43. Mr. Demers stated that this would be utilized as a facility for young people.

Mr. Dini moved for a do pass, which was seconded by Mr. Young. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Craddock was not present at the time of the vote.

Mr. Oakes testified on S.B. 546. Mr. Dini asked him if a county under 100,000 in population can create this district. Mr. Oakes stated that they did not think that any of the counties under 100,000 were interested. Mr. Dini stated that he thought that the population clause should be taken out. Mr. Oakes stated that he did not object.

Mrs. Ford moved for an amend and do pass which was seconded by Mr. May. The amendment would be the removal of the population clause. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Craddock was not present at the time of the vote.

The committee next discussed S.B. 498. Mrs. Ford stated that Mr. Daykin was preparing the amendments for S.B. 505. Mr. Moody moved for indefinite postponement on S.B. 491, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon. Mrs. Ford stated that the town of Beatty has a problem. There is a boundary problem. Mr. Moody stated that S.B. 491 will not solve Beatty's problems. Mr. May stated that he did not think that one bill will solve every problem. Mrs. Ford stated that the kind of election under this bill would be optional. She stated that in Nye, Clark and White Pine counties there were problems and that the county commissioners ignore them. There should be a policy set up. Mr. Moody stated that every town in Nye County has an advisory board and that they did meet with the County Commissioners. Mrs. Ford stated that there were some problems relating to some powers of the board. Mr. Moody stated that

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they were advisory only.

The motion made by Mr. Moody and seconded by Mr. Harmon for indefinite postponement carried. Mrs. Ford voted no. Mr. Craddock was not present at the time of the vote.

Mrs. Ford stated that if you kill one bill you have to kill the other. Mr. Moody moved for indefinite postponement on S.B. 498, which was seconded by Mr. May. The motion carried. Mrs. Ford voted no. Mr. Craddock was not present at the time of the vote.

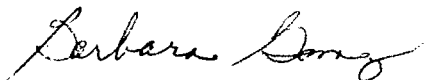
The committee next discussed BDR 26-1483 for committee introduction. Mr. Schofield moved for no action which was seconded by Mr. Young.

The next bill to be discussed was A.B. 711. Mr. Schofield testified. He stated that there is no person who is not classified as a specialist. He stated that at this time the expertise being put into this area is by a consultant who charges \$50.00 per hour. It is for counties of 200,000 or more, which would make it Clark.

Mr. Murphy moved for indefinite postponement on S.B. 419 which was seconded by Mr. May. Mr. Murphy stated that a number of people in Washoe delegation have some reservations about this bill. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Harmon and Mr. Craddock were not present at the time of the vote.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



BARBARA GOMEZ
Committee Secretary

