

Assembly

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSION

January 21, 1975

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dreyer at 2:15 PM.

PRESENT: Chairman Dreyer, Mr. Mello, Mr. Jacobsen, Mrs. Brookman, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Sena and Mr. Bennett.

ALSO PRESENT: Keith Ashworth.

Chairman Dreyer appointed Don Mello as Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

Rules and Guidelines for the Committee were established (see attached). Mr. Mello moved to adopt these rules and Mr. Jacobsen seconded. This was approved unanimously by the Committee.

Mr. Dreyer read three requests for Legislative Bills which he had received. Gail Allen, Nevada State Welfare requested ten copies of the Legislative Bills and Resolutions and five copies of the Journal History. Ed Bowers, Nevada Gaming Commission, requested four copies of each, and Howard Hill, Department of Motor Vehicles requested three copies of each. Chairman Dreyer asked how these requests should be handled. Mr. Jacobsen stated that we now have our own mail out room and any changes in the mailing list can be given to the mail room and they will be acted upon immediately. He suggested that he and Mr. Palmer handle this responsibility. Mr. Ashworth felt that it should be delegated to a Legislator, not Mr. Palmer and he would like to be involved in screening these requests. Mr. Jacobsen stated that many of the lists are old and contain incorrect addresses and names of deceased. These lists should be re-submitted each year, as the return postage is very costly. The ladies who put the bill books together will also do the mailings in the afternoon. Mr. Ashworth stated that it is necessary to keep a tight control as a limited number have been printed. Chairman Dreyer asked if there were any objections to he, Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Ashworth be the Committee to handle these requests. There were none.

Chairman Dreyer stated there was a request to hire Marlene Andraese in the mail room. This was moved by Mr. Jacobsen and seconded by Mrs. Brookman. The Committee voted unanimously to approve this request.

Mr. Ashworth felt that weekly meetings of the Legislative Function Committee should be held at a designated time. New rules should be adopted as soon as the problem areas are known. He stated the Senate will look to this Committee to develop these rules.

Mrs. Brookman requested a legal opinion as to the validity of a bill if a person's vote is placed by another person, perhaps while he is out of the room. Mr. Ashworth stated that if necessary the cut-off switch can be used every time a Legislator leaves the room. Mr. Ashworth stated that the floor should be more sacred during voting and a rule should be made suggesting that no others be on the floor at this time. Mr. Dreyer stated he would get a legal ruling per Mrs. Brookman's request.

Mr. Jacobsen mentioned that it should not be necessary to have stickers for those cars having Legislative plates. This was moved by Mr. Bennett and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

RULES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

1. A quorum consists of at least four (4) committee members.
2. It will require at least a quorum to hear a bill.
3. It will require a simple majority of the committee to pass or reject a bill.
4. It will require a two-thirds majority of all committee members to reconsider an action on a bill.
5. The committee shall address the chair at all times for permission to be heard.
6. There will be no committee action on bills during a hearing.
7. The names of movers and seconds and the vote tally shall be entered on a "Legislative Action" form.
8. The chairman will vote on all issues stated at committee meetings.
9. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman of the committee has and exercises the powers, responsibilities, functions and duties of the chairman.
10. The name of anyone casting a "no" vote on an issue will be recorded in the minutes or on the "Legislative Action" form.