

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58TH SESSIONJANUARY 28, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 A.M. by Chairman Dreyer.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Speaker (Keith Ashworth)
Assemblyman Mann
Assemblyman Robinson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Mello made a motion that the minutes be adopted. Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

Discussion followed on ACR 1 which:

Directs joint committee composed of the Senate Health, Welfare and State Institutions Committee and the Assembly Health and Welfare Committee to study problem concerning medical liability insurance in Nevada.

Assemblyman Mann stated that the situation in Nevada is getting so serious that doctors are moving out because they cannot get insurance. He emphasized that something must be done prior to March 17 to help alleviate this problem. That it could not wait for two more years. Mr. Mello questioned whether there would be travel involved for those on this committee. Assemblyman Mann replied that there would be none. It will just be evening committee meetings, etc. He continued in saying that doctors are prepared to come to these meetings and that all that really need be done is some advertising. Mrs. Wagner asked if the members of this committee would be able to serve effectively and still accomplish their other commitments. Mr. Ashworth stated that the bill as it now is calls for the entire Senate Health, Welfare and State Institutions Committee as well as the entire Assembly Health and Welfare Committee. It calls for two full committees jointly acting. He felt this would be a bit unwieldy because of the size. Mr. Mann said a subcommittee was originally requested and wondered if it could be changed to that since the intention was not that the entirety of both committees be involved.

Mr. Ashworth questioned why there was this March 17 deadline and Mr. Mann replied that time was needed for both houses to deal with this and that the situation is already critical regarding liability insurance.

Mrs. Brookman moved that ACR 1 be amended to comprise of a select appointed committee but Mr. Jacobsen questioned what jurisdiction was had here and felt it would be better to let the two committees meet and decide on who would comprise this subcommittee. He felt this should be their task and that the Legislative Functions Committee should not get involved in this area. Mr. Ashworth commented that four years ago when Mr. Jacobsen was Speaker of the House, he had appointed a committee to look into the Nevada Industrial Insurance composing of three members from each House and that this had worked quite satisfactorily. He also felt that this committee should not be restricted to members of the two above mentioned committees only. He felt someone would probably be wanted on this subcommittee who is articulate in insurance matters. He recommended a select committee of three members from each House.

Mr. Mello suggested that the Speaker should select from the Body two majority members and one minority member, and that the President of the Senate should do the same. Mr. Bennett moved that ACR 1 be so amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded the motion. The motion to amend ACR 1 was unanimously approved. Mr. Mann then asked that when the amendment was submitted to remind the Body that it is an emergency.

Discussion then continued to AB 1. Mr. Ashworth explained that a bill was passed last Session allowing pre-filing of bills. This has created a problem in that we now have a "gentlemen's agreement" to pre-printing but we really cannot pre-file. We do not have a method of numbering legislation that is pre-filed. He continued to say that if the law was allowed to remain on the books, public opinion and lobbying could begin right after the general election in November creating a problem of control of the paper flow and control of the bills. We presently have a very tight control on all bills. He then asked that a bill be drafted to eliminate the part which allows pre-filing leaving the pre-printing of the bills in. He added that most states which allow pre-filing have Chief Clerks and Secretaries of Senate working full time and many states have standing committees even when they are not in Session that can still originate legislation. He also added that the law now could allow someone to come along and start lobbying in November and referred to a committee that does not really exist yet and could be holding hearings under the authority of it.

Mrs. Wagner asked if Senator Young was agreeable to this. Mr. Ashworth said he thought Senator Young was convinced this could create havoc. Mr. Mello moved "do pass" of AB 1. Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Ashworth then asked that someone be assigned to speak on this matter when it comes to the Floor. Mr. Jacobsen volunteered to speak for this bill.

Mrs. Wagner commented that she had been approached by an Assembly Attache who posed the question to her why the attaches were not allowed to wear pants stating that the rooms were so cold and pants would be much warmer in addition to the fact that assemblywomen wore pantsuits while the attaches could not. Mr. Mello felt that the dress code for the Legislative Counsel Bureau should be followed and that nowhere in that code did it state that women employees could not wear pantsuits. Mr. Jacobsen said he thought 2 subjects were being discussed--the dress code and the heat in the various rooms. He said it was a simple matter to regulate the temperature in the rooms and he felt that this should be taken up with the Senate to determine what to do in order that the rules be kept uniform. He added that whatever the women want to wear as long as it was attractive would seem fine with him. Mr. Ashworth commented that he had no objections to pantsuits and did emphasize the present flu epidemic in this area. He said he would go talk to Senator Brown and to Leola about the matter and have something for the committee prior to the next meeting.

Chairman Dreyer said the next meeting would include AB 31 and a look at electronic voting.

Mrs. Brookman requested that the N.R.S. be brought to the Legislative Functions Committee room.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Anderson, Secretary

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

20

DATE January 28, 1975

SUBJECT ACR 1 - Directs joint committee composed of the Senate Health, Welfare and State Institutions committee and the Assembly Health and Welfare Committee to study problem concerning medical liability insurance in Nevada.

MOTION:

Do Pass _____ Amend X Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mrs. Brookman

AMENDMENT: The Speaker should select from the Body two majority members and one minority member, and that the President of the Senate should do the same.

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mr. Bennett	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes January 28, 1975

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

21

DATE January 28, 1975

SUBJECT A.B. 1 - Repeals provisions relating to prefiling of legislative bills and resolutions.

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Mello Seconded By Mr. Jacobsen

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mr. Bennett	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes January 28, 1975

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

Date JANUARY 30, 1975 Time Room 222

22

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
requested*

A.B. 31

Amends provisions on legislators'
stationery.

Examine standing rules with
emphasis on electronic voting.