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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58TH SESSION

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dreyer at 2:35 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mouryne Landing, Chief Clerk

The purpose of this meeting was to continue going over the Assembly Standing Rules. Discussion had left off at Section VIII, Conduct of Business, at the previous meeting. Today's meeting covered sub-sections 90 through 94 of Section VIII. Sub-section 94 is the only section creating any discussion. This section deals with the Privilege of the Floor and Lobbying. It was discussed that this section was not very strictly enforced but could be if anyone was having any problems. Discussion also touched on Legislative Interns and whether or not their presence on the Floor should be incorporated in this Section of the rules. It was discussed that the lobbyists have a set of rules which they go by which has been made up by the old time lobbyists. Mr. Jacobsen commented that there are presently about 203 registered lobbyists this Session. Some of these have registered to only give one presentation. From this discussion, it was decided that Mr. Wally Warren representing the Lobbyists and one of the Legislative Interns or Mr. Driggs who is the head of the Intern Program at the University of Nevada - Reno would be invited to the next meeting which will be Thursday, February 20, to talk to us about their rules or code of ethics. Letters of invitation will be sent out to these people.

Under this topic of guests, it was decided to invite Mr. Andrew Grose who is the head of the reserach division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, to come to the meeting on Tuesday, February 25, to discuss the Consent Calendar.

Keeping uninvited people off the Floor was a concern of the committee. Mr. Mello commented that he has had many things missing from his desk and that people are unfastening the ropes of the Chambers to get to the Floor and then they don't even replace them.

Mr. Jacobsen said the Speaker has talked to the Sergeant at Arms asking him to keep an eye out for people wandering onto the floor during recess. It was suggested that perhaps The Sergeant at Arms and his Assistant be present at the next meeting. Mrs. Brookman added that during lunch hours, for example, the pages and the Sergeant

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at Arms all leave at the same time leaving no one around to watch the Floor, etc. She suggested that perhaps they stagger their lunch hours. It was also discussed that perhaps two additional pages should be employed since the Speaker has one up at the podium to assist him and one sits outside in the Sergeant at Arms office leaving very few inside the Chambers to aid the Assemblymen.

With time running short, Chairman Dreyer suggested that the committee members go over the remaining rules and jot down any remarks or questions so time for reading each one in committee will not be necessary.

Chairman Dreyer also commented on the legislative reform package and that a joint hearing will be set up probably in mid-March of the two Legislative Functions Committees to discuss this package. Mrs. Wagner suggested that it be posted enough ahead of time so the public can attend.

Mr. Jacobsen made a motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion which carried the committee unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Anderson, Secretary