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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dreyer at 1:40 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mouryre Landing, Chief Clerk

Mr. Jacobsen moved for the approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 4. This was seconded by Mr. Mello and unanimously carried the committee.

The amendment to AR 6 was discussed. It reads:

Only a member certified by the committee on credentials of the Assembly may vote in the Assembly. A member shall not vote for another member on any roll call, either electronic or oral. Any member who votes for another member may be punished in any manner deemed appropriate by the Assembly.

Mrs. Wagner moved that AR 6 be "Do passed as amended". This was seconded by Mrs. Brookman and unanimously carried the committee.

Mr. Dreyer then spoke about the Legislative Reform Package. He had received a sizeable amount of correspondence regarding this package and wondered if the committee would like to see it incorporated into the minutes of the hearing held on this package March 11. It was decided this correspondence would be filed rather than entered into the minutes.

It was decided that individual hearings will be held for each of the bills comprising this package. They will be heard in this committee in groups of 4 to 5 bills of similar context beginning March 25.

Mr. Jacobsen suggested the collection of money from each Assemblyman be done as in past sessions to cover costs of flowers, birthday gifts, gifts for the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tem, Sergeant at Arms, girls at front desk, etc. It was decided \$20.00 would be collected from each Assemblyman. Mr. Dreyer appointed a committee consisting of Nash Sena, Chairman, and Sue Wagner, Vice-Chairman, to handle the collection of these funds. A bank account will be opened

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entitled Legislative Gift Fund through the Accounting Department and Mr. Sena and Mrs. Wagner will be the authorized signers on this account. A memo will be sent out this afternoon giving every Assemblyman advance notice that Mr. Sena and Mrs. Wagner will be coming around to each desk next week.

Mr. Dreyer then brought up a letter he had received from Dick DeWitt, Lee Adler, Brian Bland, Guy Shipler and Norm Cardoza asking that there be a wire extended to the radio-TV booth for pickup of the P.A. system and also that audio jacks be installed at the press table in the Assembly so that all members of the media can patch into the P.A. system with recorders. Mrs. Wagner said since these facilities would be at the access of all that she would have no objection. Her previous objections had been because the facilities would be used by only a few. Mr. Bennett said in view of the fact that other states have it perhaps we should check into it. Mr. Sena and Mrs. Brookman agreed. Mr. Mello felt this should be handled by the Legislative Commission while Mr. Jacobsen said he would be happy if all members were in favor, to take the matter from this point and go to Mr. Palmer in the Legislative Counsel Bureau and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Dreyer then discussed the agendas for the upcoming meetings. On March 20, AJR 6 would be discussed. On March 25, ACR 8, ACR 22 and ACR 24 would be discussed.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Anderson, Secretary

March 4, 1975

Assemblyman Darrell Dryer  
Chairman of the Legislative Functions  
Committee  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Legislature has been using this building since 1971, yet the facilities for the broadcast media have not been improved. We have a television booth overlooking the Assembly floor which has now been converted into use for both radio and television. But, after six years, we still do not have the facility to tape record for radio feeds or "live" broadcasts what is said by state law-makers on the floor of the Assembly.

In the state of Washington and California, the press and broadcast media can patch right into the public address system of either house and listen to the floor debates or tape it for later broadcast. Here in Nevada members of the broadcast news media must rush down to the press section and try to pick-up this floor debate with their tape recorders 50 to 100 feet away. As you know, this does not give us good audio quality for rebroadcast.

We have been informed by the director of Buildings and Grounds that a wire can be extended to the radio-TV booth for pickup of the P.A. system of the Lower House activities. We will purchase a speaker to be installed to the P.A. wire if your committee will give us the approval, or you do not have the money.

We would also like to see your committee approve the installation of audio plugs at the press table in the Assembly, so that "all" members of the media can patch or jack into the P.A. system with their tape recorders. After six years it is time the Nevada Legislature joined all of the other forwarding thinking state legislative bodies.

Sincerely,

Dick DeWitt  
News Director  
KCRL Am & TV  
Reno, Nevada

Lee Adler  
Reno Journal  
Carson City, Nev.

Brian Bland  
KOLO TV  
Reno, Nev.

Guy Shipler  
KTVN & KLAS  
TV  
Carson City,  
Nevada

Norm  
Cardoz  
Reno  
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CC: Assemblymen BENNETT, BROCKMAN, MELLO, SENA, JACOBSEN,  
and WAGNER.