

MINUTESLEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSIONApril 24, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dreyer at 4:20 p.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Sena
 Mr. Jacobsen

Chairman Dreyer announced the first order of business would be AB 628. This bill increases compensation of legislators.

Mr. Robert Guinn stated that he would encourage the Committee to provide adequate compensation for legislators for 100 days. His only quarrel, he stated, was with annual sessions. Mr. Dreyer pointed out that 10 senators would still be receiving the present \$60 per day in November of 1976. Mrs. Wagner stated that she could not support the measure because she voted against the pay raise for State employees. Mr. Bennett pointed out that the Committee must consider future legislators since this salary increase does not become effective until the next legislative session and that people who serve should be adequately compensated.

AB 628. Mr. Bennett moved to pass the bill; Mrs. Brookman seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" with the exception of Mrs. Wagner, who voted "no".

Mr. Dreyer agreed to speak for the bill on the floor.

Mr. Chairman announced the next order of business would be AB 454, a bill requiring lobbyists to register and file a registration statement and periodic disclosure statements with the secretary of state and providing other duties for the secretary of state.

Mrs. Wagner suggested that a sub-committee be formed to work on the amendments as suggested by the lobbyists. Mr. Dreyer felt that the Committee should come up with something or the bill would end up as a resolution. Mr. Guinn explained that the amendments as proposed by the lobbyists do not meet with the complete approval of all lobbyists; that the amendments go too far for many of the lobbyists and that the Committee, if it approves their amendments, will have their help in getting the bill through on the floor and in the Senate. He pointed out that he felt the language on page 2, lines 41 and 42 should be put back into the bill. It had been deleted by their amendments. Mr. Mello so moved; Mr. Bennett

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seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This language applied to including the news media as lobbyists. Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Guinn why the amendments to the bill had deleted under Section 12 in the bill, [a description of the general areas of interest on which the registrant expects to lobby]. He stated that many times a lobbyist does not know exactly what his areas of interest may be until the bill appears on the floor and that by leaving the requirement in the amendments it would force lobbyists to be dishonest. He continued that an individual lobbying for himself does not have to register. It is "buttonholing" legislators which most clearly defines their status as lobbyists.

Mrs. Brookman asked how many lobbyists were registered this session. Mr. Midmore stated approximately 350 and that some of the people presently required to register will not have to register under the new law. He continued that many professional people want to know who is spending what; that many obscure organizations may be spending much more than is apparent.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Guinn if he didn't think a monetary figure as proposed in Section 8 which the amendments delete shouldn't be retained. Mr. Guinn stated, "Who knows whether you're going to spend more than \$250 in one year." He also stated that it would be difficult to enforce and that California has revised its requirements under Proposition 9 by changing the definition of lobbyist to include the expenditure of 40 hours time in 2 months because they could not enforce the monetary figure and would a lobbyist be in violation of this requirement if he spent \$251.00. He also explained that under the amendments a witness before a committee would not have to register as is also currently not required.

Mr. Midmore stated that it is important that the legislators be aware of "who is paying the bill". Mr. Bennett stated that he is not interested in the person paying the bill when he testifies for himself. Father Dunphy representing "Common Cause" stated that if an individual is now paid to appear before a committee, he is required to declare who is paying him.

AB 454. Mr. Mello moved to accept the amendments to this bill. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Guinn why the amendments change the times for registering with the Secretary of State. Mr. Guinn stated that monthly reporting would still be required during legislative sessions, but that interim reporting would not be necessary because lobbying activities would be very limited.

AB 454. The motion was unanimously approved.

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AB 454. Mr. Mello moved to recommend "DO PASS"
as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded the
motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman Dreyer advised the Committee of Mrs. Brookman's request for committee introduction of an Assembly Concurrent Resolution commemorating the week of April 20 to April 26 as Volunteer Week. She explained that there are approximately 50,000 people in Nevada who do volunteer work and feels that their efforts should be recognized; that she was asked to present this resolution by a group of volunteers.

ACR 58 Mrs. Brookman moved for introduction of
this ACR; Mr. Bennett seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously passed.

Discussion was held regarding AB 671, an act relating to the state legislature, providing for a joint rule determination of the legislative commission composition; and providing.....

Mr. Dreyer explained that this measure sets up alternates to the legislative commission. Mr. Bennett asked what this bill does that isn't presently done. He stated that this deletes the appointment of alternates by party representation. Mrs. Wagner further explained that this would create a total of six alternates who would serve at large. In prior sessions, there was one alternate assigned to each member of the commission. This would not be the case under AB 671.

Question arose as to a percentage figure mentioned in either this bill or another "floating around". Mr. Dreyer suggested that AB 671 be held until this was checked out.

Mr. Jacobsen arrived at the meeting.

AB 671. Mr. Mello moved to recommend a "DO PASS"
to the measure; Mrs. Brookman seconded
the motion.

Mrs. Wagner concurred with Mr. Dreyer's suggestion that the bill be held in committee for further detail information.

AB 671. Mr. Mello withdrew his motion; Mrs. Brookman withdrew her second to his motion.

Mrs. Brookman inquired of Mr. Dreyer the intent of the committee regarding AB 629, a bill providing travel and per diem expenses for legislators attending pre-session orientation conferences. It was agreed to hold the bill until a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS BERKSON, Acting Sec'

ASSEMBLY
AGENDA

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COMMITTEE ON..... LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS.....

Upon P.M.

Date April 24, 1975 Time Adjournment Room 222.....

SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS AGENDA POSTED FOR THIS DATE.

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

AB 628

Increases compensation of legislators.

AB 454

Requires lobbyists to register and file a registration statement and periodic disclosure statements with the Secretary of State, and provides certain duties for Secretary of State.

~~AB 629~~

Provides travel and per diem expenses for legislators attending pre-session orientation conferences.

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AB 671

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LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE Thursday, April 24, 1975

SUBJECT AB 628 - increasing compensation of legislators

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mrs. Brookman

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Bennett	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes _____

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE Thurs., April 24, 1975

SUBJECT AB 454 - requiring lobbyists to register, etc.

MOTION: Approve amendments: Moved by Mello; seconded by Bennett. Unanimous.

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Mello Seconded By Mrs. Brookman

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Bennett	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED X AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE Thursday, April 24, 1975

SUBJECT ACR ? : Request by Mrs. Brookman of committee introduction of resolution commemorating "Volunteer Week" April 20 - 26.

MOTION:

Do Pass x Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Bennett

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

VOTE:	MOTION		AMEND		AMEND	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Mr. Bennett	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed x Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

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