

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

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JANUARY 23, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Senator Close was in the Chair.

PRESENT:                    Senator Close  
                              Senator Wilson  
                              Senator Foote  
                              Senator Dodge  
                              Senator Sheerin  
                              Senator Hilbrecht

ABSENT:                    Senator Bryan

The first item on the agenda was SJR 10 from the 57th session. This resolution, if adopted, would permit the legislature to enact laws enabling the justices and municipal courts to suspend sentences and grant probation.

Senator Hilbrecht moved a "do pass" on the resolution.  
Motion seconded by Senator Dodge.  
Motion carried unanimously.

SJR 30 of the 57th session was introduced. If adopted, the legislature would be authorized to expand membership of the Supreme Court and authorize the division of the Supreme Court into panels for hearing certain cases.

It was determined that information should be obtained from the State of California on how their system is set up. Additionally, testimony will be invited from the Nevada Justices on the proposal. SJR 30 from the 57th session will be placed on the agenda for January 27, 1975.

SJR 1 - Equal Rights Amendment. Senator Close informed the committee members the hearing on the E.R.A. would be held in Carson City at 3:00 p.m. on February 3 and could run as long as necessary. Consideration is being given to setting aside time allocations for the "pro's" then allow the same amount to the "con" representatives. Spokesmen on both sides will be encouraged to give comments and testimony in behalf of their group in an effort to eliminate repetition of statements.

It has been suggested that spokesmen would be given 10 minutes and individuals would received 3 minutes each. Prepared, written copy of statements will be encouraged in an effort to have presentations based on facts as opposed to emotional, unorganized statements. The location for the hearing in Las Vegas has not been established, however, he is making an effort to obtain a large auditorium to accomodate the anticipated audience.

Senator Close distributed a compilation of Nevada laws which might be subject to change should the E.R.A. become part of the United States Constitution. It has been revised by the Office of Research to reflect statutes enacted by the 1973 Nevada Legislature.

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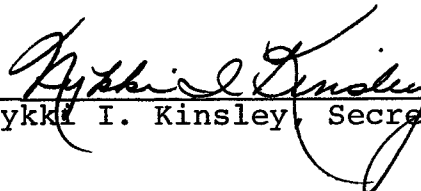
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The resume will be broken into thirds for study purposes; the first 15 pages will be discussed on Tuesday, January 28. The members were asked to be prepared at that time to recommend modifications in those laws.

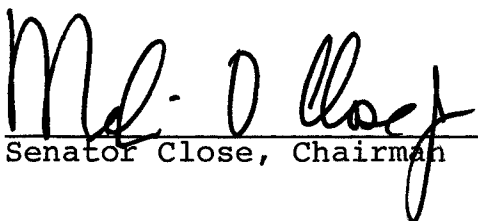
Senator Dodge recommended that we invite someone knowledgeable in community property laws to participate in those particular discussions. Senator Close will carry through with this request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to 10:30 a.m. January 27, 1975.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Nykki I. Kinsley, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Senator Close, Chairman