

SENATE COMMITTEE

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ON

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 1975

The first meeting of the Legislative functions Committee was called to order on January 21, 1975 at 11:30 a.m.

Senator Warren L. Monroe was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Monroe
Vice Chairman Close
Senator Brown
Senator Echols
Senator Gibson
Senator Lamb
Senator Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Leola Armstrong, Secretary of the Senate.
Brian Greenspun, Las Vegas Sun.

Chairman Monroe opened the meeting, and recognized Ms. Leola Armstrong as the first speaker. Ms. Armstrong requested that the Committee approve the limit of twenty-seven (27) for the number of attaches to be hired. Senator Lamb made a motion that this limit be adopted, and Senator Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leola Armstrong also requested that through the means of a "one-house" resolution adopted by the Senate, that her per diem be given weekly instead of at the end of the session. Senator Lamb made a motion that this resolution be presented, and Senator Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary of the Senate also brought up the idea that in order to prevent any accidents concerning the new voting buttons, the button of an individual senator should be locked during his/her absence. Senator Gibson suggested that a set of rules be adopted to control this problem and presented to the floor.

Senator Lamb voiced his concern over the misuse of the Senate Lounge. Ms. Armstrong suggested that the Senate lock their Lounge at all times, so only those with keys will be able to use the facility. The Committee decided to use an automatic lock on the Lounge door and announce this action to the floor.

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Chairman Monroe said that the Committee should consider the degree of cooperation on motions with the Assembly Committee. Senator Brown remarked that unless the issue were of great importance, the Committees should give individual house consideration. The other members agreed.

Chairman Monroe said that there would be a meeting with Arthur J. Palmer, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau. Senator Lamb said that during this meeting, the problem of duplication drafts should be presented to the Director. Senator Gibson did not want the element of initial confidentiality to be violated. It was agreed by the members of the Committee that a solution should be reached with no interference to the draft's confidentiality.

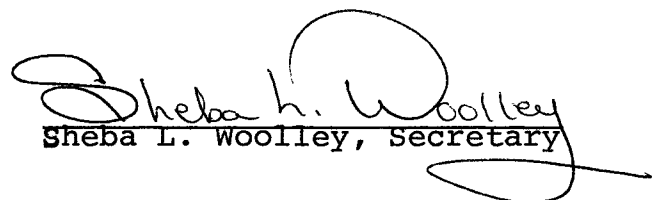
Senator Lamb said that the compensation allocated to the Legislators for postage, mailing and periodicals, as well as the per diem allowance is inadequate. After a general discussion, the Committee members decided that this issue should be brought up on the floor and presented as a retroactive measure.

Senator Brown requested that research be done on the specific responsibilities of the Legislative Functions Committee. Senator Young said that he would check with the sub-committee for this purpose, and give a report to the Committee.


Senator Echols questioned if there were to be any Security Officers in the Legislature Building. Chairman Monroe verified that six (6) retired Highway Patrolmen would be on duty and have been instructed as to back-up security measures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Warren L. Monroe, Chairman