

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
February 2, 1977  
8:00 am

Members Present: Chairman Murphy  
Mr. May  
Mr. Craddock  
Mr. Jeffrey  
Mr. Mann  
Mr. Moody  
Mr. Robinson  
Mrs. Westall  
Mr. Rhoads

Guests Present: Joe Bensinger, Carson City Supervisor  
Henry Etchemendy, Carson City Manager  
Bob Warren, Nevada League of Cities  
John Crossley, LCB, Audit Division  
Twain Walker, LCB, Audit Division  
Sue Morrow, Nevada Appeal  
Tom Moore, Clark County

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murphy at 8:03 am for the purpose of discussing Assembly Bills 3 and 66.

ASSEMBLY BILL 3

Mr. Joe Bensinger, member of the Carson City Board of Supervisors, Mr. Henry Etchemendy, Carson City Manager and Harold Jacobsen, Mayor of Carson City told the committee that the Board of Supervisors supports this bill because Carson City is now at close to 30,000 people and needs a full time District Attorney.

Mr. May asked the gentlemen what is the present workload of the D.A. He was told that the D. A., Mike Fondi, who had to be out of town today, could answer that question more accurately when he testified before the committee at a later date. They did tell the committee however, that the Assistant D. A. assigned to the Board of Supervisors did more than full time work for them and only had time for a very minimal private practice of uncontested divorces for example. His salary is \$15,000 a year. The District Attorney has a salary of \$20,000 and is now permitted to maintain a private practice. The men added that with this level of salary, the D. A. is not able to give the City a sufficient amount of his time.

Mr. Robinson asked why the enactment date was in 1979 instead of upon passage of the bill or at the beginning of the next fiscal year. He was told that there is a provision in the Constitution prohibiting the change of salary of public officials during their term of office. Questions were raised as to the applicability of this provision to city, county, and state officials. Counsel was to be requested by Mr. Robinson on this matter. Mr. Mann added

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that there is also consideration in matters such as this to allow time for the attorney to draw his private practice to a close over the time period given instead of just cutting it off in the middle of cases.

The Chairman announced that it was his intention to hold another hearing on this bill when the District Attorney was able to attend and that action would not be taken until that time.

ASSEMBLY BILL 66

Mr. John Crossley and Mr. Twain Walker of the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau explained to the committee that this bill is a result of two of the audits which they conducted during the past year of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission and the Indian Affairs Commission. The audits revealed that each of these agencies receive gifts and donations from private sources and although there are administratively created funds which provide for the collection of these gifts and donations, there is no provision made for their deposit. This could result in the money being confused with the General Fund money and as a result the purpose for which the gifts and donations were made might not be served. A. B. 66 will provide the statutory authority needed for these funds in accordance with their fund accounting project which is in keeping with A. B. 67 which this committee recently heard and recommended a DO PASS.

COMMITTEE ACTION

ASSEMBLY BILL 66 - Mr. May moved for a DO PASS recommendation, seconded by Mr. Moody, Mann and Craddock. Passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Morgan, Committee Secretary

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	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
CHAIRMAN MURPHY	✓		
VICE CHAIRMAN MAY	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN JEFFREY	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN MANN	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN MOODY	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN ROBINSON	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN WESTALL	✓		
ASSEMBLYMAN RHOADS	✓		
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NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NO.	REPRESENTING	TESTIFYING ON BILL NO.
JOE BENSINGER 1359 ASH CANYON CARSON CITY	CARSON CITY SUPERVISOR	AB 3
<sup>Carson City,</sup> Hank Etdiemendy	Carson City	AB 3
Bob WARREN	NEU. LEAGUE of CITIES	?
John V. Crosby	LEB - audit	AB 66
TWIN WALKER	LEB - AUDIT	AB 66
Sue Morrow	Nevada Appeal	—
Tom Moore	Lamb Co	