

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
February 4, 1977
8:00am

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

Guests Present: Henry Etchemendy, Carson City Manager
Joe Bensinger, Board of Supervisors, Carson City
Thelma Calhoun, " " "
Harold Jacobsen, Mayor, Carson City
Fred Case, Carson City
J. R. Calhoun, Carson City
Arthur L. Dale, Carson City
John Crossley, LCB, Audit
G. Holbrook Hawes
Assemblyman Alan Glover, Carson City

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murphy at 8:00 am. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Assembly Bills 4 and 68.

ASSEMBLY BILL 4

Assemblyman Glover, Co-Sponsor of A. B. 4, explained to the committee that this bill was suggested to him by the Carson City Board of Supervisors. It would allow them to create up to four different taxing districts in the Carson City area which would make the people who are receiving city services, pay for them. Presently there are only two taxing districts in Carson City (two taxing rates), one for the urban area or what used to be Carson City proper and one for the rural area which used to compose the rest of Ormsby County before the County and City were consolidated. Mr. Glover then introduced Mayor Jacobsen, Joe Bensinger, Thelma Calhoun, and Henry Etchamendy, who explained why they needed this legislation.

They told the committee that this bill would only affect Carson City and no other area in Nevada. Carson City has grown very rapidly during the last 15 years (from approximately 8,000 people to 30,000). With this growth the city has had to maintain and supply some services to the areas which became inhabited. With the two taxing districts, which have a tax rate difference of about 1.15 per hundred dollars of assessed property. The Mayor assured the committee that there would be no gerrymandering of district lines.

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After a question by Assemblyman Mann, he was told that the annexation of Carson City would be controlled by the general law of the state.

The committee asked the Supervisors how they intended to enact the changes that were proposed, by ordinance or by resolution. It was decided to make the changes by ordinance which require public hearings.

Mr. John Etchamendy then testified in opposition to the bill. His testimony is attached as Exhibit 1.

Assemblyman Jeffrey asked Mr. Etchamendy how did he think that the city should collect the money to pay for the services. Mr. Etchamendy said that he was not opposed to paying his share but he did not like the city coming to the State to solve local political problems.

Mayor Jacobsen then told the committee that this bill would put the control of these services in the hands of the Board of Supervisors instead of at the state level. The Board of Supervisors are available to the citizens of Carson City whereas the Legislators are only available every two years.

ASSEMBLY BILL 68

Mr. John Crossley of the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau told the committee why they proposed to abolish the obsolete data processing division funds. He said that it was a housekeeping bill. In 1969 when the State moved to the permanent computer facility the Legislature provided two separate appropriations to the data processing commission to accomplish that. NRS242.330 was an appropriation of \$75,000 to assist in the conversion from the interim equipment configuration to the permanent computer facility and NRS242.340 provided \$35,000 to prepare the Department of Motor Vehicles for the establishment of the interim computer facility. The funds have been completely utilized, they are all gone, and not necessary in the law anymore.

COMMITTEE ACTION ASSEMBLY BILL 4

After discussion, the committee decided to have Mr. Mann request amendments to include the provision for notification by mail for those property owners involved, and add to line 27 on page 5 to readshall be divided by ordinance into four taxing districts, and add to line 32 on page 5taxing district may be modified by ordinance as...(deleting from time to time). Mr. Mann motioned for an AMEND AND DO PASS recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Westall, passed unanimously.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 68

Mr. Craddock motioned for a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. May, passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Morgan, Committee Secretary

TESTIMONY OF MR. JOHN ETCHAMENDY BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 4, 1977 REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 4.

Some of us who are residents and who are not within the city are strongly opposed to A. B. 4.

Some of you might not be aware that the city recently attempted to annex this area and found it couldn't do it legally because of the overwhelming opposition of residents in that area.

Now those same proponents of annexation have turned to the Nevada Legislature to solve a local political problem the proponents can't solve themselves.

All cities in Nevada work within our Nevada annexation statute, Chapter 268.660, Nevada Revised Statutes. If A. B. 4 becomes law, Carson City would be the lone exception.

It was made clear by the petitions opposing annexation, that the city had failed to convince residents of this area that it was in their best interest to be annexed.

A. B. 4 is extremely broad and vague and would grant the board of supervisors carte blanche powers to form the taxing districts and to set the tax rate. We feel A. B. 4 is a subterfuge to circumvent our existing Nevada annexation statutes, which we feel are very solid laws.

We urge this committee to disapprove A. B. 4, so that those of us in this area may maintain the status quo.

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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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GUEST REGISTER

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NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NO.	REPRESENTING	TESTIFYING ON BILL NO.
Henry E. Heiney	Carson City	AB 4
JOE BENSINGER	" "	" "
Thelma Calhoun	Carson City	
Harold J. Jantzen	e e	AB 4
J. J. East	Carson City	AB 4
John B. DeJarneg	Carson City	AB 4
J. R. Calhoun	Urban area Carson City	AB 4
Arthur L. Dale	Carson City	
John L. Cusack	LEB - audit	AB 68
C. Hollbrook Hawks	SELF	Not Testifying
Jett Furush	SELF	AS. 4