

ASSEMBLY
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
May 4, 1977
8:00am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Murphy
Mr. May
Mr. Craddock
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Mann
Mr. Moody
Mr. Robinson
Mrs. Westall
Mr. Jacobsen

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

SENATE BILL 219

The committee had informal discussion of the measure.

SENATE BILL 153

Mr. Kelly Jackson reexplained the amendments to the committee that were presented on April 20 and are included in the minutes of that committee meeting. He added that it would be in the public's interest to retain the Nevada State Energy Resources Advisory Board. He told the committee that the Governor's office and Senator Gibson concur in these amendments.

COMMITTEE ACTION

S.B. 153 - Mr. Mann moved to AMEND AND DO PASS AND REREFER TO WAYS AND MEANS, seconded by Mr. May. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Robinson were not present for the vote.

S.B. 197 - Mr. May moved a DO PASS, seconded by Mrs. Westall, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Robinson were not present for the vote.

S.B. 166- After Mr. Broadbent told the committee the bill would not freeze the cost of the land and reminded them that the taxes are paid a year in arrears so that the people aren't paying taxes on land that is tied up, Mr. Mann moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE, seconded by Mr. May. The motion failed 4-5 with Mr. Craddock, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Moody, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Jeffrey voting against the motion. Mr. Craddock then made a motion to AMEND AND DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the motion passed 5-4 with Mr. May, Mrs. Westall, Mr. Mann and Mr. Jacobsen voting against the motion. The amendments were to delete page 2 lines 46,47,48,49 and limit the time period to one year.

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A.C.R. 59 - Mr. Craddock moved a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Robinson, remarks by Mr. Craddock, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Moody, Mr. May, Mrs. Westall, Mr. Mann and Mr. Craddock who then amended the motion to delete lines 10-18, this motion failed 4-5 with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Moody and Mr. Craddock voting in favor of the motion.

A.J.R. 48 - Sheriff Barton Jacka explained to the committee that if the resolution passed the word conceal should be amended to be concealable to alleviate problems with local registration of weapons for control. Mr. Mann moved to AMEND AND DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Moody, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 subject to the call of the Chair for an afternoon meeting.

Chairman Murphy called the meeting back to order at 2:50pm. All members of the committee were present. See attached guest list for others present.

Senate Bill 157

Chairman Murphy noted that testimony had already been taken before the Washoe Delegation from the Washoe County Elected Officials on the subject of salaries therefore testimony should be brief.

Assemblyman May told the committee that there were three possible amendments that were to be discussed by the witnesses and in the interest of time he reviewed them for the committee they were:
1) to move the effective date of the measure to July 1, 1977 instead of 1979. 2) Provide an additional 10% increase to county elected officials and/or county employees as of January, 1979. 3) Humboldt County should be put in the same category as White Pine in regard to the classification of salaries.

Mr. Robert Broadbent reminded the committee that A.B. 54 which had been rereferred to the committee perhaps could be considered with this subject matter as it in effect gives county officials a 7-8% raise.

Mr. Howard McKibben, Douglas County District Attorney, asked the committee to consider the possibility of placing Douglas County in that section of the statutes that would provide for an option between having private practice or having a straight salary for the District Attorney.

Ms. Pat Williams, Douglas County Recorder, told the committee that one of her concerns with the bill was that in counties of 200,000 or more (Clark County) the County Commissioners can be paid \$50

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a day for attending extra meetings. She explained that her county commissioners attend a great deal of meetings also and they only get mileage. They should be entitled to the extra money too.

Larry Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney, appearing on behalf of himself, and the other Washoe County Elected Officials, introduced the officials that were in attendance, Mr. Don Peckham, Assessor, Mr. Gary Simpson, Treasurer, Mr. James Jones, Recorder, Mr. Alex Coon, County Clerk; and Mr. Bob Galli, Washoe County Sheriff, could not be in attendance due to other commitments.

He told the committee that he had already submitted a lengthy memorandum in support of the requested salary increases on behalf of the Washoe County Officials. He said that since the time county officials salaries were last set the cost of living has risen slightly more than 36%. The bill as worded would not allow the increase until 1979. He requested that the increase become effective in 1977. The cost of living will have risen 47% by 1979. The current salaries are not enough to support their families. State employees and county employees get increases at least every two years. They receive a cost of living increase as a matter of right. Yet the heads of the departments cannot get an increase for four years and even those are inadequate. The Nevada Constitution only prohibits increases of STATE elected officials not COUNTY elected officials during the term of office.

Mr. Bill McDonald, Humboldt District Attorney, urged the committee to change the classification of Humboldt to the level of White Pine salaries. Humboldt should receive class 5 salaries. He noted that this was the purpose of A.B. 54 which was introduced by Assemblyman Bode Howard. He also noted that the salaries on the county level were much lower than those in state and private employment.

Mr. Howard McKibben of Douglas County urged the committee to allow Douglas County the option of private practice for the District Attorney. He also noticed that there was a disparity in the salaries through the class 3 counties and said that that was not fair.

Assemblyman Mann wondered why the Washoe County Commissioners were not getting the same percentage of increase that Clark County Commissioners were getting. Mr. Broadbent told him that the bill does not allow the Clark County Commissioners to receive their \$50 per meeting anymore and therefore they were only really getting a 10% raise after their past salaries plus the meeting expenses were added in. He supported the amendments proposed by Mr. May.

Mayor Jacobsen, Mayor of Carson City, told the committee that he was in favor of making the bill effective in 1977 and that there be another increase in 1979.

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The committee discussed the \$50 per meeting regulation for the Clark County Commissioners.

Mr. Steve McMorris, Douglas County District Attorney, asked that his position retain the option of private practice until at least 1979 . Also the decision should be made at the local level of whether the D.A. could have private practice. He also added that the salary should be \$32,000 for full time position of D.A.

Pat Williams, speaking for the County Recorders, told the committee that the increase should be effective 1977 and that the salaries in each class range should be the same. She added that it was difficult to attract Deputies because the salary level was so low.

Mr. Barton Jacka, spoke for the Clark County Sheriff, and said that he supported the amendments as proposed by Mr. May.

Gary Millican, Clark County Assessor, supported Mr. May's amendments.

SENATE BILL 503

Senator Ashworth gave an introductory explanation of the bill to the committee and submitted the mailgram which is attached as Exhibit 1.

Mr. Andrew Grose, Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained the bill to the committee.

Chairman Murphy explained that this bill and the entire consolidation concept of Clark County would be discussed at a joint meeting of the Clark County Delegation and the Government Affairs Committee later this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Morgan

Kim Morgan, Committee Secretary

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

GUEST REGISTER

DATE: 5/4

NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NO.	REPRESENTING	TESTIFYING ON BILL NO.
<i>[Signature]</i>	RESIDENT PARADISE LACED LAS VEGAS.	
LARRY WICKS	WASHINGTON DA	SB 157
<i>[Signature]</i>	Carson City Mayor	SB 157
Bill Macdonald	HUMBOLDT COUNTY ALSO DAs ^{officers} generally	SB 157
Steve McMorris	DOUGLAS COUNTY DIST. ATTY.	SB 157
Howard McKIBBEN	" "	" "
Pot Williams	DOUGLAS COUNTY CLERK	" "
Andy Grose	L.C.B.	SB 503
<i>[Signature]</i>	CITY OF LAS VEGAS	SB 503



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SENATOR KEITH ASHWORTH
CARSON CITY NV 89701

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DEAR CLARK COUNTY DELEGATION MEMBER,

IN OUR LETTER TO SENATOR ASHWORTH ON MARCH 25 1977 A COPY OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO YOU, THE UNDERSIGNED ASKED THAT ANY ANNEXATION REFERENDUM REQUIRE " A MAJORITY IN EACH OF THE AFFECTED UNINCORPORATED TOWNS." YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AN AMENDMENT TO SB 503 WHICH APPEARS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, BUT ACTUALLY ACHIEVES JUST THE OPPOSITE RESULT. WHILE PROPOSING THAT SUNRISE MANOR IN EAST LAS VEGAS BE VIEWED AS ONE VOTING ENTITY, AND WINCHESTER AND PARADISE AS ANOTHER, THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW EITHER OF THE AREAS TO BE ANNEXED SHOULD THE REFERENDUM SUCCEED IN THAT AREA ONLY. THUS, INSTEAD OF REQUIRING THE CONSENT OF ALL OF THE UNINCORPORATED TOWNS AS WE REQUESTED, THE AMENDMENT MAKES ANNEXATION OF MUCH OF OUR AREA POSSIBLE EVEN IN THE EVENT OF THE REFERENDUMS DEFEAT ON AN OVERALL BASIS.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE AMENDMENT WILL MAKE THE REFERENDUM AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION FOR OUR VOTERS. THE RESIDENTS OF SUNRISE MANOR, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE FOR THEIR OWN ANNEXATION WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT PARADISE AND WINCHESTER WILL BE ANNEXED AS WELL. MANY PERSONS WITH STRONG FEELINGS FOR OR AGAINST "UNIFICATION" OF ALL THE TOWNS INTO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WOULD FEEL QUITE THE OPPOSITE ABOUT A PARTIAL ANNEXATION. THE WHOLE QUESTION WILL BE TOTALLY OBSCURED IF THIS AMENDMENT IS ALLOWED.

OUR RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED THAT SB 503 PROVIDES FOR REFERENDUM. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS LATEST AMENDMENT TO MAKE THE REFERENDUM AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION

JEAN TURNBAUGH CHAIRPERSON SUNRISE MANOR ADVISORY COUNCIL
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FRED KIRSCHNER CHAIRPERSON WINCHESTER ADVISORY COUNCIL
DART ANTHONY CHAIRPERSON CITIZENS AGAINST ANNEXATION

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