

MINUTES

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

March 21, 1977

8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Barengo  
Vice Chairman Hayes  
Mr. Price  
Mr. Coulter  
Mrs. Wagner  
Mr. Sena  
Mr. Polish  
Mr. Ross  
Mr. Banner

Chairman Barengo brought this meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Assembly Bill 311:

Assemblyman Kosinski testified as the introducer of this bill stating that the impetus of the bill, on his part, is after sitting in Ways and Means Committee and watching mostly government employees coming forward to testify. He found very seldom did they have people who spoke out against proposals. Very often it would turn out afterwards when they would have their fiscal analyst go back and check some of the information, they would find that some of the information was not always accurate. Mr. Kosinski stated that he is not claiming that these people knowingly offered false information it is just that he thinks they were not as careful as they should have been. He feels that legislation of this type might act as a deterrent or at least, create a little caution in the hearts and minds of people who come forward to testify before committees. Mr. Kosinski stated that he would prefer it to read "committee or sub-committee" , he sees no reason for having "house" in there. There was some discussion and questioning that followed his testimony.

Assembly Bill 315:

Assemblyman Robinson, District 8, Clark County, testified on this bill as the introducer stating that the purpose of this bill is to prevent a person from being arrested on a bench warrant without his having any knowledge of having committed any crime or having been involved in any violation of the law. He explained in detail to the committee the reasons that prompted his introduction of this bill. Considerable discussion and questioning followed.

Assembly Bill 355:

Chairman Barengo announced that it was his intention to take the bill out of committee this date, refer it to the floor to be amended and then return it to committee. The committee agreed. In addition, Mr. Price moved to DELETE SECTION 5 of the bill, Mr. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Assembly Bill 366:

Chairman Barengo conferred with Assemblyman Ross regarding the section in this bill that says you have to file your claim within six (6) months after the cause of action arises and the fact that this section has been struck down as unconstitutional. They decided to amend this bill to clean that section up.

Speaker Dini testified on this bill as its introducer. He stated that several years ago when they were defining "political subdivision" for the purpose of sovereign immunity, we left a lot of the lower boards and commissions out. What this bill does is take fire districts, as provided under county general law, and place them in a category of having sovereign immunity. Mr. Dini stated that it is important to understand that these fire districts are having an increasing amount of trouble getting liability insurance for their vehicles. He gave a typical example out of Fernley. Mr. Dini feels that this is a real serious problem and he believes it is a useful tool in local governments to extend this sovereign immunity to fire districts. Some discussion and questioning followed.

Assembly Bill 309:

Mrs. Wagner handed out proposed amendments of the Washoe County District Attorney's office to this bill and the committee discussed this bill at length.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Mr. Polish was absent during this voting.

As noted previously:

Assembly Bill 355, Chairman Barengo received the committee's approval in taking the bill out of committee this date, refer it to the floor to be amended and then return it to committee. Additionally, Mr. Price MOVED TO DELETE SECTION 5 of this bill, Mr. Ross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Assembly Bill 379, Mr. Ross moved for a DO PASS, Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Assembly Bill 380, Mrs. Hayes moved for an INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Mr. Sena voted NO. Mr. Polish was absent. The motion carried.

Assembly Bill 382, Mrs. Hayes moved for a DO PASS, Mr. Sena seconded the motion. Mrs. Wagner abstained from voting. Mr. Polish was absent. The motion carried.

Assembly Bill 383, Mr. Ross moved for a DO PASS, Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. Mrs. Wagner abstained from voting. Mr. Polish was absent. The motion carried.

Assembly Bill 385, Mr. Sena moved for a DO PASS, Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Assembly Bill 387, Mrs. Hayes moved for an INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, Mrs. Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Assembly Bill 288, Mrs. Hayes moved for a DO PASS AS AMENDED, Mr. Banner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barengo at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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