

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Glover
Ms. Brookman
Mr. Bremner
Mr. Coulter

Members Excused: Mr. Bennett
Mr. Murphy

Guests Present: Assemblyman Serpa
Assemblyman Jacobsen
Assemblyman Price
Assemblyman Ross
Frank W. Daykin, Legislative Counsel
Mouryne Landing, Chief Clerk
Kathleen Nelson
Jod Gruber
Jon McCreary
H. Tester, KLUX-TV, Las Vegas

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He made a correction to the minutes of January 18 as follows: Mr. Coulter was present. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Assembly Resolution #2: Amends Assembly Standing Rules to provide for a consent calendar. Chairman Glover asked Mr. Daykin to make a few remarks concerning the consent calendar. Mr. Daykin explained that the people in the last election ratified a constitutional amendment which permits either house of the legislature to adopt a consent calendar procedure. At the request of some members of the assembly, a procedure was drafted which differs in some respects from the procedure adopted by the senate. These differences are that the senate procedure does not allow for substantive change in existing law and does not require a unanimous vote out of committee.

The problems pointed out in the discussion that ensued between members and guests were the question of whether it would in actuality save time, could ten or twenty bills be thrown out because of one, there was no provision for engrossment, could it possibly be used as a tactic for harassment, would there be debate, were there provisions for removal if not found satisfactory, should a concurrent resolution and assembly resolution be included because they are not a roll-call vote.

Other main points of discussion were to add engrossment upon final passage, the fact that the 80th day time limit would not leave bills on the calendar unvoted upon or would not allow for emergency measures at the end of the session, written request for removal is a safeguard, a bill may be removed by any member

at any time prior to voting. Also if many bills were defeated because of one, a motion for reconsideration could be made and a vote taken again after removal of that bill, and time is allowed for questions and explanations, not debate.

Chairman Glover pointed out that this was a tool to improve and should be tried and that it could always be changed or removed if found unsatisfactory.

Ms. Brookman moved to add the amendments for engrossing upon final passage and for changing the wording to refer to bill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wagner and carried unanimously by the committee.

Mr. Daykin will prepare the amendments and return it to the committee. It was suggested that Mr. Andy Gross be asked to address the committee at this time.

Ms. Brookman moved for a Do Pass as amended, seconded by Mr. Coulter, and unanimously carried by the committee.

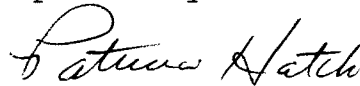
Assemblyman Price commented that the media were using the main hallways for interviews thus causing congestion. Chairman Glover stated that the Sergeant-at-Arms had addressed himself to that matter.

Mr. Coulter asked if something might be done about the difficult lock on the back door. Assemblyman Jacobsen stated that because of security reasons that type of lock was necessary but that he would see about placing a bell in the stock room.

Chairman Glover suggested that an announcement be made that rubber stamps are available for each assemblyman if they wish to use them.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Hatch, Assembly Attache

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE January 19, 1977

SUBJECT AR #2 - Amends Assembly Standing Rules to provide for a consent calendar.

MOTION: Do Pass as amended

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT: To provide for engrossing upon final passage and for changing the wording to refer to bill.

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mrs. Wagner

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

| VOTE: | <u>MOTION</u> | | <u>AMEND</u> | | <u>AMEND</u> | |
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| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| BROOKMAN | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| BENNETT | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| BREMNER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| COULTER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| MURPHY | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WAGNER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| GLOVER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

TALLY: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED X AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Attached to Minutes January 19, 1977