

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
February 14, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Glover  
Mrs. Brookman  
Mr. Bennett  
Mr. Bremner  
Mr. Coulter  
Mr. Murphy  
Mrs. Wagner

Guests Present: Mr. Mike Melner, Department of Commerce  
Mr. Fred Davis, Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce  
Dennis Myers

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

ACR 3: Directs legislative commission to study effect of government regulation of small business.

Mr. Coulter stated that this bill had received the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Business, the Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens for Private Enterprise. He added that businessmen claim they are overwhelmed with paper work, that much of the information required is irrelevant and never used, that it costs small businesses time and money and the cost is passed on to the consumer. He feels that the passage of this bill would bring about streamlining of government regulation and consolidation through central processing eliminating duplication.

The committee questioned how to define "small business" and asked Mr. Melnor, representing the Department of Commerce, what his definition would be. He stated that his department dealt with specific industries such as banks, insurance companies and real estate. He felt that small business must be overwhelmed by forms from the Tax Commission, Employment Security, Industrial Commission for general regulatory purposes.

Chairman Glover added that this study would benefit large business as well as small business and Mr. Bremner suggested that the bill be amended to read all business.

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Mr. Davis, representing the Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce, commended the committee for taking this kind of bill under consideration. He stated that the committee would be amazed to learn the proliferation of forms to be filled out by business, irregardless of size, by a certain date or suffer penalties. He added that the Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce had formed a Small Business Committee which was later changed to a Business Action Committee because of the

inability to define small business. He suggested that the United States Chamber of Commerce has a small business committee and would be an invaluable source of information.

AJR 22: Proposes constitutional amendment to allow increase in payment to legislators for certain expenses.

Mrs. Brookman stated that the \$60 maximum allowed for stamps, newspapers and stationery had not been changed since 1864 and that by the time this bill became law in four years postage would be twenty-two cents. She added that it was impossible to keep up with correspondence with this amount. She asked Mr. Davis if he thought the Chamber of Commerce would object to this increase. Mr. Davis explained that he did not come prepared to speak to this bill but that he felt in the interest of good government this compensation should be provided. He said the only problem might be that some people would say it was a way to use taxpayer money for reelection. He added that he would consult with his group to establish their position. Mr. Bremner suggested that Mr. Davis also ask his group their feelings concerning another bill which is being considered to compensate legislators for one large mailing during each session.

During discussion it was suggested that the wording be changed to read a certain number of first class pieces of mail rather than a specified amount of money or leave the amount to be set by each session according to the number of voters in each district. The committee decided to wait for the other bill on mailing to make their decision.

AJR 19: Proposes annual sessions of the legislature.

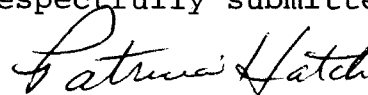
Mrs. Brookman moved for a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Bennett. The motion was carried with Chairman Glover, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Wagner voting yes and Mr. Murphy, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Coulter voting no. Those voting yes felt it should be put out on the floor for consideration.

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Mr. Bremner made a motion to amend ACR 3 by deleting the word small. The committee felt that it should be up to the study committee to define small business and the motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Coulter moved for a DO PASS, seconded by Mrs. Wagner and unanimously carried by the committee.

Chairman Glover adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Hatch, Assembly ~~Secretary~~

59th NEVADA LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE FEBRUARY 14, 1977

SUBJECT AJR 19: Proposes annual sessions of the legislature.

MOTION:

Do Pass x Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Indefinitely Postpone \_\_\_\_\_ Reconsider \_\_\_\_\_

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Bennett

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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BENNETT	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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59th NEVADA LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE FEBRUARY 14, 1977

SUBJECT ACR 3: Directs legislative commission to study effect of government regulation of small business.

MOTION:

Do Pass X Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Indefinitely Postpone \_\_\_\_\_ Reconsider \_\_\_\_\_

Moved By Mr. Coulter Seconded By Mrs. Wagner

AMENDMENT:

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

AMEND

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VOTE:

Yes

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Yes

No

Yes

No

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TALLY: UNANIMOUS

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached to Minutes February 14, 1977