

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 16, 1977

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

Guests Present: Peggy Glover, General Services  
Michael Meisel, Building and Grounds  
Assemblyman Jacobsen  
Arthur J. Palmer, Director Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Mouryne Landing, Chief Clerk

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

AB 235: Requires legislative counsel to prepare statutory tables for Statutes of Nevada.

Mr. Palmer explained that this change stemmed from the time when the legislative counsel and the director were one and the same and that the director should not be required to prepare the statutory tables. Mrs. Wagner moved that the committee pass the bill and place it on the consent calendar. Mr. Coulter seconded the motion and the committee carried it unanimously.

AB 200: Enlarges legislative control of its buildings and grounds.

Assemblyman Jacobsen explained that the introduction of this bill was not meant to criticize but stemmed from observations and from his being Chairman of the Building Committee for the past few years. He stated that the legislature had no desire to take over care of the yard area and that this could be done under contract with the Department of Buildings and Grounds or with a private concern. He feels that the legislature should have direct control over Room 131, security, and maintenance, that there are duplication of powers which sometimes cause hard feelings.

Chairman Glover asked Mr. Jacobsen what the reason for the language on page 2, line 6 which provides legislators with individual offices whose position as an officer or committee chairman does not otherwise entitle him to occupy an assigned office. Mr. Jacobsen answered that this was due to legislation that he sponsored last session providing individual offices under the direction of the Counsel Bureau and the leadership. He added that he felt the committee should give some thought to allowing legislators to maintain their offices for their full term

of service for storage and subcommittee and interim committee work but not for private business or politically during the interim period.

Mr. Murphy stated that Room 131 is extremely awkward for a committee meeting and asked if there was any possibility of extending the raised platform. Mr. Glover suggested they ask Mr. Hancock to see what can be done.

Chairman Glover stated he felt something specific should be written in the bill about contracting with General Services for outside work. Mr. Palmer stated that even though the language was quite broad on the contractual work, they were planning to contract with General Services for plumbing, electrical, carpentry work and additional janitorial services, as well as yard work, because they are experienced and know the building.

Chairman Glover asked what the cost per square foot was to operate the building. Mr. Palmer did not have this figure available and added that it was difficult to figure as so much of the building was not used when the legislature is not in session. He added that State agencies are encouraged to use the building for meetings and training sessions and for public tours. He said they actually pay Building and Grounds based on the staff area. When asked how this bill would affect security and cost to the taxpayer, he said only one position would be affected and would cost the public no more.

Chairman Glover turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman, Mrs. Brookman, who asked Mrs. Glover representing General Services to speak. Mrs. Glover stated that her only objection to the bill was that she felt General Services should have control of the outside grounds, that it would be costly for the legislature to take over because of duplicate equipment, storage, and qualified personnel. She added that if the legislature did decide to take over grounds and contract with Building and Grounds, they would lose the top priority that they have now. She added that they have cut building rents this year from 47 cents per square foot to 40 cents per square foot and have upgraded service and will continue to do so while cutting tax dollars. She feels that legislative control of the building would be fine but the bill should be amended to leave the grounds under the Department of General Services.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mrs. Glover if she was only concerned with the grounds. She answered that she felt the legislature should have control over security and Room 131, but that her department could keep the cost for janitorial services down, as well as for heating and air conditioning and the fire alarm system.

Mr. Palmer stated that the Legislative Commission has had under consideration some alterations to the parking area, and this was envisioned in the language of taking technical control of the grounds. He added that there were some objections to the hand wrestling activities that took place on the grounds on October 31, 1976, when there was no security available, and technical control would do away with problems such as this and would allow the counsel to

hire one or two full time boys to help in the warehouse or with outside menial labor.

Mrs. Wagner asked that if under this bill the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau would have sole responsibility for decision making. Mr. Palmer answered that he felt it would certainly be in his best interest to consult with the Legislative Commission regarding any decisions to be made.

Mr. Meisel representing Building and Grounds commented that the way the bill is written the Director has the complete responsibility for contracting with anyone at any time and though this might not be a problem in the next few years, he can see where in the future this power might be misused. He added that Building and Grounds charges \$3,800 per year for heating and air conditioning and an outside contract would be at least \$12,000 per year. He feels that the Legislature should have control of security and Room 131 but that general maintenance, such as heating and air conditioning, electrical, snow removal, and grounds should stay under Building and Grounds.

Chairman Glover called for a two minute recess and then called the meeting back to order at 3:00 p.m.

ACR 1: Orders study of conditions at the state prison by the legislative commission.

Chairman Glover asked the committee what they wished to do with this bill. Mrs. Wagner asked what the general feeling was concerning allowing other groups to participate as members of this committee. Chairman Glover stated he did not think that groups should be allowed to use this as part of their political platform and can present their views through hearings.

Mr. Bennett felt that all sides should be heard and made a motion to DO PASS ACR 1, seconded by Mr. Coulter. Mrs. Brookman made a motion to amend the motion and hold the bill for a future vote, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried unanimously by the committee.

The committee further discussed AB 200 and Mr. Jacobsen proposed deleting "any private enterprise or" from page 2, lines 18 and 19. After discussion the committee felt they needed more time for study and review.

Chairman Glover asked that SCR 4 be added to the agenda for Monday, February 21, and that ACR 6 be scheduled for Monday, February 28, on afternoon adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Patricia Hatch*  
Patricia Hatch, Assembly Attache

59th NEVADA LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE FEBRUARY 16, 1977

SUBJECT AB 235: Requires legislative counsel to prepare statutory tables  
for Statutes of Nevada.

MOTION: DO PASS and place on the Consent Calendar.

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

Moved By Mrs. Wagner Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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>
BROOKMAN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BENNETT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

AMENDED & PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED & DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_

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MOTION: DO PASS

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

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT: Hold bill for future vote.

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Murphy

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>
BROOKMAN	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BENNETT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

AMENDED & PASSED X AMENDED & DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDED & PASSED \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED & DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_