#### MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS MARCH 30, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Glover

Mrs. Brookman
Mr. Bennett
Mr. Bremner
Mr. Coulter
Mr. Murphy
Mrs. Wagner

Members Absent: None

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

SCR 6: Provides specifically for interim adjournments of the legislature.

Mr. Murphy moved a DO PASS on <u>SCR 6</u>, seconded by Mr. Bremner and unanimously carried by the members present.

SJR 7: Proposes constitutional amendment to permit special sessions of legislature upon petition of two-thirds of members of each house and expansion of agenda.

The committee discussed the fact that a two-thirds majority would require an extremely stong issue to petition for a special session and the this bill was not unreasonable. Mr. Glover felt that the system had worked for 100 years and this bill was not necessary. Mr. Bremner moved a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Coulter, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Murphy voted yes, Mr. Glover voted no and the bill did not pass for lack of a majority.

SB 46: Provides for introduction of prefiled bills and resolutions.

SB 56: Permits distribution of prefiled bills before introduction.

The committee questioned what a prefiled was, what was included, and if this bill would premit a person to withdraw a prefiled bill. The committee decided to hold <u>SB 46</u> and <u>SB 56</u> until Senator Hidbrecht and Senator Young could be present to answer their questions.

Mr. Murphy made the suggestion that the Legislative Functions Committee undertake the project of compiling the vote for the outstanding freshman selected every year within the Assembly. He explained that in the past this had been done by Mr. Miller, the Senate Sargeant-at-Arms, and that he felt that this should be an in-house function. He suggested that a certain day be set where two or three members of the Legislative Functions Committee would collect the vote, compile it and announce the results.

Mr. Bennett stated that he felt that this committee should set up the mechanism and guidelines for future sessions but that it was too late for this session.

The committee felt that a ballot with the freshmen's names should be placed on everyone's desk and the speaker would announce it was time to vote at which time the committee would collect the ballots, compile the results and report back to the Assembly immediately. Mr. Murphy suggested that this procedure take place on this Friday, April 1st.

Mr. Murphy moved that the Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions undertake the project of handling the election of the outstanding freshman of the year for the Nevada Assembly this year and in future years and that this year the vote be held on Friday, April 1, 1977. Mr. Bremner seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Glover voting yes and Mr. Bennett voting no. Mr. Bennett stated he was in favor of the concept but not for this session as he felt it had already been done and released to the press.

AJR 15: Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to require open and public legislative committee meetings and abolish executive session of the Senate.

Mr. Coulter stated that at the last meeting of the committee an amendment to this bill had been discussed and he had an amendment drawn up that inserted on line 8 the words "standing and select" before the word committee. He added he would like the committee to take action.

Mr. Glover stated that he did not have the bill with him and would schedule it at a future date. He then adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hatch, Assembly Attache

#### 59th NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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