

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 1977

Members Present: Chairman Glover
Mrs. Brookman
Mr. Coulter
Mr. Murphy (late)
Mrs. Wagner

Members Absent: Mr. Bennett (excused)
Mr. Bremner

Guests Present: Earl Oliver, Legislative Audit Division
John R. Crossley, Legislative Audit Division
Dave Frank, Judicial Planning

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

SB 341: Alters qualifications, powers and duties of legislative auditor.

Mr. Earl Oliver, Legislative Auditor, stated that this bill gave the Legislative Auditor the right to contract with federal agencies to conduct audits. He added that more and more they are being pressured by the federal government to take over the auditing of their programs, that in the past these audits have been done with permission of the Legislative Commission and this bill would formalize what has begun to be a practice. He commented that Section 2 updates the qualification requirements for Legislative Auditor making them more specific. He added that in Section 4 thirteen items were bracketed out and replaced with five powers of the Legislative Auditor and Section 6, 7 and 8 state the duties, basically the same as before, of the Legislative Auditor.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Oliver the reason for introducing this bill. Mr. Oliver explained that a situation had developed with the LEA where they had contracted to do an audit with reimbursement with the permission of the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and it was felt that when dealing with the professional function of auditing, it was out of context to have a non-auditor be the only one who can contract.

Mrs. Wagner asked why the requirement of governmental accounting had been added. Mr. Oliver stated that since the responsibility of future public revenues had been transferred to the Fiscal Analysis Division, they had removed projection of future revenues and added governmental accounting, finance and auditing standards which are fundamental to auditing.

Mrs. Brookman moved a DO PASS on SB 341, seconded by Mr. Coulter and unanimously carried by members present.

SCR 3: Requests development of plan to provide full state funding and unitary budgeting for court system and directs court administrator to submit additional budget.

Mr. Glover stated that he had received a note from Mr. Daykin that there was a typographical error on Page 2, line 12, and it should read "services and positions for which provision should be made." Mrs. Wagner stated that this was a result of a subcommittee report on the structure of the courts and was very important. Mr. Glover added that this study was needed and it was important to have a report from time to time. Mrs. Wagner moved DO PASS on SCR 3, seconded by Mrs. Brookman and unanimously carried by the members present.

AR 22: Reduces period of limitation for submission of bill drafting requests and introduction of bills.

Mr. Glover explained that this bill reduces the number of calendar days for introduction of bills from 40 to 25. The committee discussed the fact that it takes a long time to formulate legislation, that the Senate has no limitations and that agencies sometimes do not recognize problems that need legislation until later in the session. Mr. Brookman moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AR 22, seconded by Mr. Coulter. Mr. Coulter, Mrs. Brookman and Mr. Glover voted yes and Mrs. Wagner did not vote.

ACR 23: Directs legislative commission to review Nevada Revised Statutes and ferret out any obsolete or superseded provisions.

Mr. Glover explained that he had received a note from Assemblyman Horn that he had a conflict and could not be present to testify for this bill. The committee felt that this was already being done and decided to hold the bill until discussion with Richard Bennett, Statute Revisor, of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

AB 458: Requires assessment of each legislative bill to determine its effect upon administrative work.

Mr. Coulter explained that this legislation would require that if a bill was deemed to involve paper work, it would be sent to the proper agency for recommendation of how much it would entail. Mrs. Wagner stated that she felt it was a good concept but questioned whether it might be difficult for the Legislative Counsel to determine what would have an administrative effect. Mr. Coulter stated that the federal government was moving in this direction and had set up a Federal Paperwork Commission to let Congress know what

amount of paperwork would be generated by the legislation being considered. Mrs. Wagner stated that although she liked the concept, she felt that this would involve the same problem as fiscal notes in that the person with the vested interest would make the determination. The committee decided to hold the bill until Mr. Richard Bennett could be present to discuss this concept with them.

AB 561: Authorizes salary for legislators representing state at meetings and conferences.

Mr. Glover stated that Mr. Palmer had some amendments drawn for this bill because inequities were noted and gave the committee copies of these amendments (Exhibit A). Mr. Glover explained that since the Commission already receives salary and per diem when traveling, it was felt that legislators should also receive compensation if sent to a conference or if a member of the interim finance committee. The committee felt that this bill applied to very few people and needed more study and decided to reschedule the bill at a later date.

ACR 25: Directs legislative commission to study feasibility of creating new county for north shore area of Lake Tahoe.

Mr. Murphy stated that this bill was supported by the Government Affairs Committee, that it was a staff study to be done by a minimal amount of personnel to keep the cost low. Mrs. Brookman moved a DO PASS on ACR 25, seconded by Mr. Coulter and unanimously carried by the members present.

Mr. Glover set Monday, April 18, on afternoon adjournment to discuss all bills requesting interim studies. He then adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hatch

Patricia Hatch, Assembly Attache

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SUBJECT SB 341: Alters qualifications, powers and duties of legislative auditor.

MOTION: DO PASS

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

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 | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| BENNETT | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| BREMNER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| COULTER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| MURPHY | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WAGNER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| GLOVER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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SUBJECT SCR 3: Requests development of plan to provide full state funding and unitary budgeting for court system and directs court administrator to submit additional budget.

MOTION: DO PASS

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Wagner Seconded By Mrs. Brookman

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

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 | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| BREMNER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| COULTER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| MURPHY | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WAGNER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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MOTION: INDEFINITELY POSTPONE

Do Pass Amend Indefinitely Postpone X Reconsider

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

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 | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| BENNETT | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
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| COULTER | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| MURPHY | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| WAGNER | <u>NO</u> | <u>VOTE</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| GLOVER | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
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MOTION: DO PASS

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Brookman Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT: _____

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

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 | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| BREMNER | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| COULTER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| MURPHY | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| WAGNER | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| Lost <input type="checkbox"/> | Lost <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Date: | Date: | Bill / Joint Resolution No. <u>561</u> (BDR <u>17-1210</u>) |
| Initial: | Initial: | |
| Concurred in <input type="checkbox"/> | Concurred in <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed by <u>Committee on Legislative</u> |
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1977 Amendment **Nº 748 A**



Amend section 1, page 1, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert:
"for each day, except during the first 60 days of a regular session and the first 20 days of a special session, of attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar or other".

Amend the bill as a whole by adding new sections, designated sections 2 and 3, following section 1, to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. NRS 218.6822 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.6822

1. There is hereby created in the legislative counsel bureau an interim finance committee composed of the members of the assembly standing committee on ways and means and the senate standing committee on finance during the immediately preceding session of the legislature. The immediate past chairman of the senate standing committee on finance shall be the chairman of the interim finance committee for the period ending with the convening of the 56th session of the legislature. The immediate past chairman of the assembly standing committee on ways and means shall be the chairman of the interim finance committee during the next legislative interim, and the chairmanship shall continue to alternate between the houses of the legislature according to this pattern.

2. The interim finance committee exists and may exercise the powers conferred upon it by law only when the legislature is not in regular or special session. The membership of any member who does not become a

candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues until the next session of the legislature is convened.

3. The director of the legislative counsel bureau shall act as the secretary of the interim finance committee.

4. In all matters requiring action by the interim finance committee, the vote of the assembly and senate members shall be taken separately. An action shall not be taken unless it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the assembly members and a majority of the senate members.

5. [Per diem allowances and travel expenses of members of the interim finance committee shall be paid from the contingency fund in the state treasury.] For each day's attendance at each meeting of the interim finance committee, the members are entitled to receive a salary of \$40 and the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of this act shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1977."

Amend the title of the bill on the third line after "ings;" insert

"providing a salary for members of the interim finance committee;".