

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 1977

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Brookman (excused)

Guests Present: Joan Kirschner
Kathleen Nerenberg
Joseph J. Anderson, State Library
Jane Douglas, Child Care Service Division
Ned Solomon, Clark County Juvenile Court
Speaker Dini
Arthur Palmer, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

Chairman Glover called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Glover informed the committee that some time ago they had moved to indefinitely postpone AR 22 which reduced the number of calendar days of the session for bill drafting from 40 to 25.

Mr. Dini stated that the problem is that everyone waits until the pressure of the 40 day limitation to submit bills and it places a tremendous burden on the bill drafters. He added that Nevada has one of the most liberal attitudes in the United States as far as bill drafting requests. He explained that Senator Gibson had introduced a similar bill which reduced the number of days to 30 and he stated that this was fine with him if the committee felt the 30 day limitation was the better of the two. He added that he hoped this would also make people order their requests before the session and that this 30 day limitation would bring Nevada in line with other legislatures in the United States.

Arthur Palmer, Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, ~~stated~~ stated that they had studied the position of other legislatures in states similar to Nevada and found they had a bill introduction cut off date of 15 days into the session, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40. He added that ours is liberal to the extent that a bill can be introduced up until the last day. He said that if the time were cut from 40 to 30 days, it would give the bill drafters an extra 10 days to get bills drafted and in to the hands of the legislators for action.

Mr. Palmer added that Mr. Daykin had said he would make an effort to educate new legislators and remind returning ones to get their bill drafting requests in early. He said they had also studied the volume of bill drafting in similar states and found that Nevada surpassed twenty other states with the shortest session of all of these. He added that our volume runs around 2,000 and in states like ours it is between 800 and 1,000. He said that they would either have to hire more attorneys or have bills submitted in a reasonable time for them to be drafted.

Mrs. Wagner expressed concern that if something of importance did come up in a person's district they would not be able to bring it before the legislature, but Mr. Dini explained that this could still be done through a committee introduction and would give the bill more substance.

Mr. Bennett moved to RECONSIDER AR 22, seconded by Mr. Bremner and unanimously carried by the committee. Mr. Bremner moved to AMEND AR 22 to read 30 days rather than 25 days, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried by the committee. Mr. Coulter moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED, seconded by Mr. Murphy and unanimously carried by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned until Mr. Glover called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Bennett, Mr. Coulter, Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Glover present.

ACR 47: Directs legislative commission to conduct study of juvenile court facilities in Clark County.

Mr. Glover stated that Mr. Bennett had some amendments to ACR 47. Mr. Bennett explained that all the amendments did was to change the wording from juvenile court facilities to juvenile mental facilities and to cover the whole state. When the committee questioned whether this would not be covered by Mr. Kosinski's bill, ACR 55, Mr. Bennett replied no that ACR 55 covered administration of mental hygiene and mental retardation programs and had nothing to do with this problem.

Ned Solomon from the Clark County Juvenile Court stated that their basic concern was what to do with emotionally disturbed children, that the mental health facilities were inadequate to take care of these children. He added that in rural areas facilities are non-existent and that it was necessary to study this problem to be aware of the needs and solutions.

Mrs. Wagner questioned that since there were to be so few studies it might be better to include this as an item in ACR 55. Mr. Bennett felt that these emotionally disturbed children had to be kept in jail as there was no facility for them and that ACR 55 did not deal with a problem such as this but with administration of programs.

Mr. Bennett moved to adopt the amendments, seconded by Mrs. Wagner and unanimously carried by the members present. Mr. Bennett then moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED, seconded by Mrs. Wagner and unanimously carried by the members present.

ACR 55: Directs legislative commission to study administration of mental hygiene and mental retardation programs in Nevada.

Mr. Glover stated that this came out of the subcommittee report from the Ways and Means Committee. Mrs. Wagner moved a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Coulter and unanimously carried by the members present.

Mr. Glover asked the committee to try and look over the Senate resolutions and he would try to set up another time to meet with them. He then adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hatch, Assembly Attache

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LEGISLATION ACTION

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

MOTION: RECONSIDER

Do Pass _____ Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider X

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mr. Bremner

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

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	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: 6 0

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

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MOTION: DO PASS AS AMENDED

Do Pass X Amend X Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Coulter Seconded By Mr. Murphy

AMENDMENT: change limitation from 25 days to 30 days

Moved By Mr. Bremner Seconded By Mr. Bennett

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	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	6	0				

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

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SUBJECT ACR 47: Directs legislative commission to conduct study of
juvenile court facilities in Clark County.

MOTION: DO PASS AS AMENDED

Do Pass X Amend X Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mrs. Wagner

AMENDMENT: Change wording from juvenile court facilities to juvenile
mental facilities and change wording to cover the whole state.

Moved By Mr. Bennett Seconded By Mrs. Wagner

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	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

AMENDED & PASSED _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

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SUBJECT ACR 55: Directs legislative commission to study administration of mental hygiene and mental retardation programs in Nevada.

MOTION: DO PASS

Do Pass X Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Mrs. Wagner Seconded By Mr. Coulter

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

Moved BY _____ Seconded By _____

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

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	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
BREMNER	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
COULTER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MURPHY	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAGNER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GLOVER	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TALLY:	4	0				

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

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