

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - February 4, 1977

Present: Chairman Gibson
Senator Foote
Senator Faiss
Senator Gojack
Senator Hilbrecht
Senator Raggio
Senator Schofield

Also Present: See Attached List

Chairman Gibson opened the seventh meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 1:30 p.m. with all members present. The first item on the agenda to be heard was AB-51

AB-51

Establishes accounting procedure for capital construction projects. (BDR 28-330)

John Crossley, Chief Deputy Legislative Auditor, spoke to the committee on this bill indicating that it was written after an audit of the Public Works Board indicated a need for this measure.

The bill addresses two issues, 1) the establishment of a capital construction fund and 2) the accounting for inspection charges. Mr. Crossley stated that all capital construction projects regardless of the source of funding should be accounted for in the Capital Construction fund.

Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Hilbrecht, seconded by Senator Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

SB-37

Enlarges board of county commissioners in certain counties. (BDR 20-240)

Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel Bureau, was on hand to give explanation to the committee on this bill indicating that in the first section it allows 7 members to the board of county commissioners for counties having a population of 200,000 or more. Enactment of this bill will allow Clark County to be districted.

Mr. Russ McDonald, representing Washoe County, was concerned with Section 3 and its effect on Washoe County.

Mr. Daykin assured Mr. McDonald that this bill takes into consideration Washoe County and is specifically designed to handle Washoe County and keep ~~it~~ board of county commissioners in compliance with the law.

Bob Broadbent, Clark County Commissioners, represented that the commissioners were polled and five of the six members felt that it had to go into districts. Mr. Broadbent indicated that Commissioners Dondero, Petite, Cortez and Boulder wanted to pursue the idea of whether you could be nominated in a primary in a district and voted on "at large" in the general election. Two Commissioners, myself and Mr. Ronzoni, prefer districts and one member Commissioner Canner prefers an at large election.

Chairman Gibson indicated that it was their intention to restore the law as closely as possible to what it was prior to the consolidation efforts.

Motion for "Do Pass" by Senator Hilbrecht, seconded by Senator Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

SB-25

Removes real property ownership requirement for local office.
(BDR 21-336)

Senator Sheerin testified on this bill and explained that this land requirement for local office has been considered unconstitutional by the Attorney Generals office. He cited an example for the committee that was brought to his attention. The correction has been made on page 3, lines 43 and 44.

Mr. Daykin, L.C.B., indicated that this bill is necessary in order to make it consitutional. He went over the bill indicating that the changes are only on the real property requirement for local office.

Chairman Gibson noted that Boulder City is a self governing (Home Rule Charter) community and they were very interested in this bill. There will be no action today on this legislation in order to allow the proper representatives from Boulder City to be present and give testimony if desired.

Mike Ewald, Speciat Assistant Manager, City of Reno, testified in favor of this bill. Feels that it is a fine piece of legislation and urges passage. (Exhibit A)

AB-32


Eliminates requirement of real property ownership to qualify to vote or hold office in county fire protection districts.
(BDR 42-510)

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Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Hilbrecht, seconded by Senator Gojack. Motion carried unanimously.

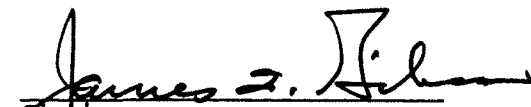
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Janice M. Peck
Committee Secretary

Approved:



Chairman

Senate

GUEST REGISTER

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: 2-4-77

THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY SHOULD IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BEFORE GIVING TESTIMONY.....

NAME	DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY	BILL NO.	REPRESENTING
TOM MOORE		SB 37	Clark Co.
Stacia M. Fletcher	NO	—	Washoe County (Visiting)
Michael W. Ewald	Yes	SB 25	City of Reno
PAUL PREGOMAN	No		
John Crossley	yes	AB 51	LCB - Subd
W.E. Shumaker	yes	AB 51	Public Works Board
L.W. Bunker			City of Las Vegas
W.C. Robison	NO	-	STATE OF NEVADA

STATEMENT
MICHAEL W. EWALD
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF RENO, NEVADA
REGARDING
SENATE BILL NO. 25
FEBRUARY 4, 1977
SENATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Government Affairs Committee:

I am before you to testify on Senate Bill No. 25. I am pleased that my first appearance before your Committee is to support a fine piece of legislation.

The City Council of Reno approximately one year ago charged its Citizens Policy Planning Advisory Commission with reviewing the City of Reno's Charter and recommending any changes to the Charter. One of the recommendations of that citizens' committee was to remove from the City's Charter the requirement that its elected officers must be taxpayers on real property within the City of Reno.

The City Council concurred with that recommendation on the basis that such a requirement is probably illegal and most certainly improper. In our democratic republic we have strived to reduce the barriers which disenfranchise voters and block able citizens from holding office. S.B. 25 does just that, and on behalf of the City Council of Reno, I urge you to report the bill out of Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Thank you for your kind attention to my remarks.

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Date 2-4-77 Time 1:30 P.M. Room 243

Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
SB-37	Enlarges Board of County Commissioners in certain counties. (BDR-20-240)	
SB-25	Removes real property ownership require- ment for local office. (BDR21-336)	
AB-32	Eliminates requirement of real property ownership to qualify to vote or hold office in county fire protection dis- tricts. (BDR 42-510)	
AB-51	Establishes accounting procedure for capital construction projects. (BDR-28-330)	