

SENATE

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - April 22, 1977

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

Chairman opened the thirty-ninth meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 1:40 p.m. with all members present.

SB-496

Authorizes sale of certain land now leased to City of Sparks.
(BDR S-1899)

Chairman Read a letter to the committee from the City of Sparks with a suggested amendment. Upon request of the City of Sparks the State Land Registrar is hereby authorized and directed to sell for cash subject to any existing leases at not less than the appraised value which appraisal shall take into consideration existing leases plus the cost of sale the following described property.

Chairman felt that the substance is the City of Sparks will withdraw their request to share in the proceeds of the sale and they will agree that the land shall be appraised without consideration of the leases. They want this to be at the request of Sparks as they have a side agreement that they will be released from the 55 year lease. He further stated that the letter noted, "following described property including any improvements thereon belonging to the State of Nevada situated and lying in Washoe County Nevada....."

This meets the objections raised in the last meeting. This will only have one appraisal.

Motion to "Amend and re-refer back to the committee by Senator Hilbrecht, Seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

AB-4

Increases number of taxing districts in Carson City. (BDR S-624)

Chairman Gibson read a letter from Senator Sheerin regarding some suggestions for amending that might make the bill more acceptable. "Suggests the bill be amended that before the Supervisors could create such a new district that they make specific findings as to what additional services these areas are receiving before they increase the ad valorem tax. The language would be as follows: P.5, line 38 - after the period "The Supervisors shall make specific findings of the additional kind and degree of municipal services being provided to the newly formed taxing district to justify the increase in tax rate before the ordinance is adopted."

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Senator Gojack referred the committee to a report from one of the people at the last meeting that did not testify but furnished this to her. (See Attachment #1) Feels that this language might help the situation that she eluded to in her letter.

Committee felt that the changes would protect the citizen and they would have to provide the facts before the tax district would be changed.

Language also provided by the Mayor in the last meeting was also considered. Page 5, beginning on Lines 34 (Last word . The) and ending on lines 38. This language would be removed as it gave the impression that they would create taxing districts without ordinances and this was not the intent.

Motion to "Amend and Do Pass" by Senator Hilbrecht, seconded by Senator Faiss. Motion carried with one no vote cast by Senator Gojack.

AB-485

Authorizes cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County to issue general obligation bonds to purchase land for park purposes. (BDR 13-138)

Bob Broadbent, speaking for Russ McDonald representing Washoe County who was unable to testify, stated that they did not want amendments as they decided not to rush the election for these bonds.

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

AB-572

Designates chairman of county liquor board; specifies procedures for enactment of county liquor board ordinances. (BDR 20-1264)

Bob Broadbent, County Commissioners, stated that there are presently no provisions in the law regarding the Liquor Board for the Chairman and its members. It was requested by Washoe County to correct problems that they have had.

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

AB-574

Clarifies provisions relating to purchase, sale or exchange of certain county property. (BDR 20-1320)

Tom Moore, speaking in behalf of Russ McDonald from Washoe County who was unable to be present, stated the the bills intent is to provide an exception when a town is realigning or changing a street. Some of the changes are technical and were recommended by Mr. Daykin from the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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

Chairman Gibson informed the committee and those present that he had been requested to postpone AB-613 by those who would like more time to give testimony. The bill was postponed until Wednesday, April 27, 1977.

AB-573

Provides for abandonment of easements by local governments. (BDR 27-1333)

Chairman stated that this bill would create a new section in the Local Government Purchasing Act (332). The problem is in Lemmen Valley where some land set aside for easement purposes has turned into a garbage area. They want to give it back to the county and let the county use it for other purposes, following a public hearing.

Senator Raggio felt that the language in the bill was rather broad and suggested holding action until there could be more input and study on the bill.

ACR-41

Urges offices of state and its political subdivisions to provide bilingual services where need exists. (BDR 1463)

Jim Kosinski, Assemblyman from District 42, sponsor, testified to the committee on the need for this legislation. He felt that while running for office he came in contact with many people, who were citizens, that had a very hard time understanding the forms that were necessary in voting, etc. The bill only urges the political subdivisions to be aware and try to be prepared to help someone with a language difficulty.

Senator Hilbrecht felt that we should possibly pick one language and have these political subdivisions be somewhat knowledgeable in that language, i.e. Spanish.

Senator Gojack was in favor of the resolution and felt that it might bring the problems of communication to the attention of our local entities and begin a positive step to correct the situation.

Secretary of State William Swackhammer, testified that this bill was touching on a problem that he has dealt with. He stated that in Elko, White Pine, Mineral counties they have separate ballots printed in Spanish. The cost is considerable. Also in Bakersfield, California the cost study done indicated that for the amount of ballots they printed up and the amount actually used the cost per person was \$350.

No action taken during the meeting.

AB-410

Revises provisions relating to reporting of election campaign contributions and expenses. (BDR 24-1085)

Chairman Gibson asked the committee if this bill could be held until they can see what happens to SB-618.

AB-462

Excludes public employees in hospitals from limitations on over-time work. (BDR 23-1197)

Bob Warren, Nevada League of Cities, stated that the hospital people want to have a more flexible work week. Mr. Warren wanted this to be extended to fit all employees in the county and city as well.

Me. Petroni noted on the second page of SB-400 it was to be deleted but it was not. This bill gives us the flexibility that we need in the hospitals.

Mr. Petroni suggested an amendment on line 21, after hospital, put in a comma and add "police officers and deputy sheriffs". Also on Section 3, after 2. a Majority of the affected employees who have consented to work ----- . Then change the numbering accordingly.

Motion to "Amend and Do Pass" by Senator Gojack, seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

AB-715

Revises relationship of city councilmen and mayor in city administration. (BDR S-1746)

Chairman Gibson stated that in the City Charter review study of 1973 the board in Henderwas was amended to three and this bill brings the number back to five as it was originally.

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

AB-671

Requires notice of proposed meetings of State Park advisory Commission (BDR 35-1613)

John Meder, State Parks, stated the bill requires what we are already doing. We have no objections to the bill.

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

SB-320

Permits Board of examiners to grant exceptions to certain salary limitations. (BDR 23-1066)

Chairman stated that this bill must be handled as parts of it were incorporated into SB-421.

Motion to "Indefinitely Postpone" by Senator Foote, seconded by Senator Faiss. Motion carried unanimously.

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SB-181

Sets petition requirements for annexation by cities in certain counties. (BDR 21-662)

It was the decision of the committee to hold this bill since SB-503 and other similar measures have already passed.

Motion to "Indefinitely Postpone" by Senator Faiss, seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

AB-272 and AB-209 were held until Wednesday's meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Peck
Committee Secretary

Approved:


Chairman

Attn: Bill Regie

The supervisors are trying to circumvent the State Annexation Law by a county charter. Is this legal? The State Annexation Law is a way the people can be heard and have some control over the City Supervisors, as to what they can do.

AB4 would take away the voice of the people and control of the city supervisors. It would give the City the right to do anything they want and the people would have no voice whatsoever. This would create "spot zoning" which would be unfair to everyone and a form of harrassment by the supervisors because they were defeated by the Annexation Law twice.

By taking away what voice the people have and giving the supervisors power to do anything they want to is unfair to the people. Not even the President of the United States has that power.

This is a special legislation affecting Carson City only, why not the whole state?

Why should Carson City be under a special law when all the other cities and towns in the State have to comply with the State Annexation Law? If this Bill goes through, soon every city and town in the State will be having a special law.

The Supervisors say that there is not enough revenue coming into the town, we find this hard to believe.

Carson has new shopping malls in the North, East and South ends of town and has a lot of revenue coming in from these malls.

We used to have a 3% sales tax, but in July, 1976, it was raised to 3-1/2%, which is paid by all residents and all the thousands of tourists that come into town. The room tax brings revenue into the town. The new 1 cent tax on gasoline is bringing revenue into the town. On January 1, 1977, the water rates were raised again. With all these new malls and extra taxes bringing revenue into the town and the Supervisors still can't manage. To us this means poor city management and planning on their part.

The Rural District pay just as much as the Urban districts pay for services and has about 1/3 of the population.

When the City and County were merged as municipality, this was suppose to mean sharing of the Sheriff Office and the Fire Departments Services.

When we asked the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department if this would mean an improvement in the services we were told there would be no improvement in services, we would be getting the same as we now are.

We all pay the school bond debt, this is paid city and county wide.

The Sewer & Water bonds are retired from the water & sewer Fees.

Auditorium Bonds are retired from the Room taxes.

The Rural Area paid for their own
Sewer
Water
Curbs
Gutters
Sidewalks
All Lawn Lights
Streets

The City has not paid for any of these improvements.

The Rural District pay a higher sewer rate than the Urban.
Carson City has the Highest sewer rate than any other county
in the State.

Rodriguez said the city supervisors will not give him permission
to hire more appraisers so the city can be assessed every
five years. If the city supervisors allowed Rodriguez to
hire more appraisers, they would more than pay for themselves
by the revenue that would be brought into the city by reappraising
everyone every 5 years. Reappraisal is suppose to be every
5 years according to State Law.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT PROPERTY FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO MAYFAIR MARKET
HAS NOT BEEN APPRAISED SINCE 1970. IT IS A FACT THAT PROPERTY IN THE SOUTHEAST
HAS BEEN APPRAISED 3 TIMES IN AS MANY YEARS!

Tax Rate for Debt Service - 77-78 \$0.198 on a Total Assessed Value of \$119,514,007 to retire bonds for -

Storm Drains

Jail

Hospital

Fire Stations

Sewer & Water bonds retired from Water & Sewer Funds (Fees).

Auditorium bonds retired from Room Taxes.

School Bond debt City-wide (County-wide).

School Operations fund taxes (County-wide).

Additional \$1.506 for:

General fund	1.199
Airport fund	.056
Title 19	.11
Capital Equip.	.091

Total Assessed Value:

Urban	67,243,466	50,200,000
Rural	52,270,541	3,000,000
Total	119,514,007	53,200,000

Fire Chief Groth stated on 3-15-77 that thr Rural district is paying their share. The Federal Government has donated 3 pieces of equipment and the State bought one piece of equipment.