

SENATE
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - April 30, 1977

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

Also Present: See Attached Guest Register

Chairman Gibson opened the forty-third meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 1:50 p.m. with all members present.

AB-475

Revises land division laws. (BDR 22-559)

Assemblyman Paul May wanted to state that he prefers the bill to remain the way it is, Section 2, line 41. Going back to 40 acre parcels will greatly hamper development for the small developer.

Assemblyman Kissam complemented those who worked on the bill stating that it was a fine piece of legislation. The only problem that he had with it was changing 10 acres to 40 acres. Mr. Kissam agreed with Mr. May stating that 40 acre parcels are too big to sell.

Mr. Kissam felt that this should be left up to the local counties. They are more keenly aware of whether the 40 acre law or 10 acre restriction should be placed on the parcel maps

Senator Hilbrecht stated that the law doesn't prohibit anyone from breaking up any size land for development. It only requires you to provide a map and have a survey. The Senator felt that this language in subsection 6 of Section 1 will not be harmful to the developer. Doesn't see anything in the law that mandates these types of improvements that have been mentioned in the testimony against leaving it at 40 acres.

Assemblyman May stated that he would get some information and a map to help illustrate his position. (Bill was held over until Monday)

AB-657

Enables local government employer and employee organization to obtain certain information each from the other. (BDR 23-1563)

Angus McEachern, City of Las Vegas and League of Cities, had a suggested amendment for the committee. "Line 13, page 1 "consistent with the format that the records are kept in". With this addition Mr. McEachern stated that they would be in favor of the bill.

Bob Cox, Washoe County School District, had difficulties with the requiring of a format (line 13, page 1) and suggested that after "accurate" there should be a period - then delete the remaining words.

Senator Raggio stated that he has been informed that some people feel there is difficulty in getting the type of information requested. It was felt that this language would help eliminate that problem.

Bart Jacka, Metropolitan Police in Las Vegas, stated that in talking with the man who handles their records it was felt that this was not necessary. The E.M.R.B. has already established case laws based upon the National Labor Relations precedence in a form to provide this data. Suggested that if the wording (ss. 2, line 13,) is to be used on line 11, the term "which it deems necessary" is extremely broad and would ask that it be changed to "which is deems relevant".

The committee considered all the amendment suggestions that were brought up on the bill and decided on the following: (1) Amend Section 1, line 13 after "form" and insert "responsive to the request in a format in which the records are ordinarily kept. (2) Line 11, delete "necessary" and insert "relevant". (3) Reasonable costs be born by the requester. The placement of the third amendment suggestion was not decided upon during the meeting and would be left up to the bill drafter.

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

AB-710

Provides for advisory review be legislature of regulations of executive department. (BDR 18-1615)

Chairman Gibson stated that this bill grew out of objections in SB-62 from the Governor's office. Assemblyman Dini wanted to be present to testify so this bill will be held over until Mr. Dini can be here.

AB-169

Authorizes compensation for members of local government employee-management relations board; changes hearing and factfinding procedures.

Angus McEachern, City of Las Vegas, stated that they have some difficulties with the bill and suggested some amending language. The first problem they have is with the list of arbitrators, it is too large (with regards to multiple fact findings) Paragraph two provides that each party could put three names on the arbitration list and if we had five employee bargaining units in the City of Las Vegas this would give us 16 arbitrators to chose from. Second, The striking procedures are unfair to both sides. Third, no provisions on how the hearing procedures will take place.

Mr. McEachern stated that Ken Hogan, Robert Rose, Joyce Woodhouse, Steven Stucker, Robert Warren, Bart Jacka and Julius Canegliaro are all in agreement with the above problems in the bill and they all feel that Section 1 should be deleted.

Senator Hilbrecht asked Mr. McEachern if any of them had some amendatory language prepared to help correct these inadequacies in the bill. Mr. McEachern stated that other than deleting Section 1. They felt that this would make the bill workable.

Bob Cox indicated that he would be happy to work with the committee on amending the bill as noted by Mr. McEachern.

Bart Jacka, Metropolitan Police, Las Vegas, agreed to Mr. McEachern's statement that Section 1 should be deleted.

Mr. McEachern continued with other amendatory language. On Page 2, Section 3, paragraph 4 suggested changing it to six months instead of one year. He indicated that Mrs. Davis, with the Governor's office, stated that had no objection to this change. On paragraph 5, lines 20 through 24 this should be deleted. He also stated that on Page 4, lines 2 and 3 the power for the Governor to issue the binding decision has been deleted. Wants the language to be restored.

After discussing the problems that the above gentlemen had with the bill it was decided that in Section 3, subsection 5, line 22 after the word "facts" place a period and delete the rest of the language.

Chairman noted that on line 2 and 3 of Page 4 some of the changes appeared to take out the power of authority. Mrs. Davis informed the Chairman that she did not know how this was taken out and was not aware of the changes.

Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel, stated that the powers for the Governor were still there and suggested that if the committee and people affected would prefer to have the brackets on Lines 2 and 3 of Page 4 removed it would be awkward language but still workable.

Chairman Gibson asked Mr. Daykin to draw up the amendments as noted in the meeting. First in Section 1 - delete the entire section. Second in Section 3, delete language after "facts" on line 22. Third, on line 18, page 2, change the time limit to six months. Fourth, on page 4, go back to original language on lines 2 and 3. Fifth, on line 37, subsection 9, Section 5 - regarding collective bargaining. Frank Daykin stated that he would work on some language that would be in keeping with the intent as stated by Mr. McEachern.

Also on line 25, Page 2, the "may" be replaced with "shall" and the word "reasonable" be added between "award" and "costs". This was not agreed to by the committee although it was decided that "reasonable" should be added between "award" and "costs"

With the above amendments the following action was taken.

Motion to "Amend and Do Pass" by Senator Raggio, seconded by Senator Schofield. Motion carried. Senator Foote was recorded as not voting.

AB-515

Makes certain changes to county organization of political parties.
(BDR 24-1285)

Senator Gojack stated that this bill was requested by the Washoe County Democratic Chairman. Their concern was that in the precinct meetings not every ward was represented. This bill would place representation from every ward or precinct in the NRS.

Senator Foote feels that if someone chooses not to be present at a precinct meeting then the board can choose someone to represent that ward. This is not good legislation and Senator Foote felt that she could not support it.

Motion to "Indefinitely Postpone" by Senator Foote, seconded by Senator Raggio. Motion carried. Senator Gojack cast a no vote.

AB-702

Makes certain changes to county organization of political parties.
(BDR 24-1285)

Senator Foote stated that the property mentioned in the bill is the former Sparks Library. This bill states that the property would be conveyed to the city of Sparks for a museum. The building presently houses the Justice Court, Probation offices and several other entities that would have to find housing somewhere else if the bill goes through. Feels that at the present time the bill is impractical.

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

SB-503

Enlarges boundaries and city commission of Las Vegas. (BDR 21-1335)

Chairman Gibson had some amendments to the bill and presented them to the committee for consideration.

Group Sunrise and East Las Vegas townships and Winchester and Paradise Valley into one township. Each entity must vote on the proposal and if they object then it would not go any further.

Senator Hilbrecht felt that the options on this measure should be left open until the voters are more acceptable, possibly next session. The issues and annexation aspect might be viewed with a little more enthusiasm if the issue rests for another two years.

Chairman Gibson felt that the way the situation is now down there something needs to be done and a moratorium by itself will not work. We are faced with being in the middle of an annexation program which allows them to annex the urban area with only a 10% petition if we do not pass SB-503. I feel that the alternative of doing nothing is far more dangerous than going ahead and letting the people vote on the issue even if it does not pass.

Senator Schofield felt that since each community would be able to vote upon the issue and have a hand in this matter it should be passed out of committee and be allowed to go to the people.

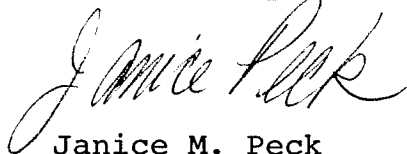
Jan Stewart, Deputy City Attorney for Las Vegas, was asked about the understanding of the annexation issue. Mr. Stewart stated that there have been some petitions circulated but most people are waiting to see what will happen to the bill in the legislature. They have been unsuccessful in getting the 10% needed to stop the annexation.

Chairman stated that the committee should be aware that in the consolidation committee Assemblyman Dryer was opposed to the additional amendments.

Motion to Amend and Do Pass by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Raggio. Motion carried. There were three no votes, cast by Senators Faiss, Gojack and Hilbrecht. Senators Foote and Raggio stated that they would vote to get the bill out of committee and to the Senate floor. They further stated that they would reserve the right to vote no on the measure when it came to a vote in the Senate.

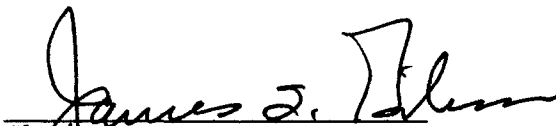
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Janice M. Peck
Committee Secretary

Approved:


Chairman

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