

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1, 1977-2:00 P.M.

The ~~fourth~~ meeting of the Senate Legislative Functions Committee was called to order.

Chairman Gene Echols was in the Chair.

PRESENT:	Chairman Echols	ABSENT:	Senator Wilson
	Vice Chairwoman Gojack		(excused)
	Senator Close		
	Senator Gibson		
	Senator Schofield		
	Senator Raggio		

TESTIMONY FROM: Daisy J. Talvitie, League of Women Voters

ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

BDR 23-297 Repeals Nevada Ethics in Government Law and reenacts provisions.

Senator Gibson moved for Committee introduction
Senator Close seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

SB 46 Provides for introduction of prefiled bills and resolutions.

Senator Gibson moved "DO PASS"
Senator Schofield seconded
Motion carried unanimously.

SB 56 Permits distribution of prefiled bills before introduction.

Senator Close moved "DO PASS"
Senator Raggio seconded
Motion carried unanimously.

SB 147 Authorizes per diem and travel expenses for legislators attending preession orientation conferences.

Senator Schofield moved "DO PASS"
Senator Gibson seconded
Motion carried unanimously.

SB 148 Provides travel expenses for employees of standing committee.

Senator Gibson explained his amendment, which changes Sec. 2, NRS 218.220 to read: Sec. 2, Chapter 218., NRS, is hereby amended by adding thereto, a new section which shall read as follows: "The Chairman of each Standing Committee in each house

of the Legislature is entitled to an allowance of not more than \$100 for each regular Session, \$40 for each Special Session, for payment of postage, telephone tolls, and other communication charges incurred by him in the performance of his duties as Chairman; to be paid from the Legislative Fund.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective upon passage and approval."

Also, in the title of the bill, after "employees;", insert "and providing for communication funds for committee chairman."
After discussion,

Senator Gibson moved "AMEND AND DO PASS"

Senator Gojack seconded

Motion carried unanimously; Senator Close temporarily absent from room.

SB 149 Provides for remuneration of legislators during certain adjournments.

Senator Gibson suggested "HOLD" for recommendations.

SJR 6 Commends Gerald R. Ford and Nelson A. Rockefeller, Former President and Vice President, respectively, of the United States upon their service to this Nation.

Senator Raggio moved "DO PASS"

Senator Gojack seconded

Motion carried unanimously; Senator Close temporarily absent from room.

SJR 7 Proposes constitutional amendment to permit special sessions of legislature upon petition of two-thirds of members of each house and expansion of agenda.

Daisy J. Talvitie stated that the League of Women Voters strongly supports the right of the Legislature to call itself into special session; became aware of the same problem while living in Utah; and stated that the two-thirds requirement is a definite safeguard against abuse of power. She urged passage; stated full support all the way; and commended the Committee on adoption of measures during meeting. In closing, she mentioned the League would support annual sessions, should the question arise at a later date.
After discussion, Senator Gibson suggested "HOLD" for Senator Wilson.

SR 5 Amends Senate Standing Rule 92 to specify notice required for committee meetings.

The Committee thoroughly examined the pros and cons of SR 5, and Daisy Talvitie reiterated problems relative to insufficient notice, including the problems peculiar to the southern part of the State. Senator Gojack stated she would like to talk to the bill drafters; and Chairman Echols suggested "HOLD" if there were no objections.

SR 6 Requires reports from executive agencies to Senate Standing Committees.

Senator Gibson told the Committee he believed SR 6 should be accomplished through statute, and Andy Grose (Director of Research for the Legislative Counsel Bureau) agreed.

Senator Raggio moved that a bill be drafted for committee introduction for that purpose.

Senator Gibson seconded

Motion carried unanimously; Senator Close no longer absent.

Senator Close moved that SR 6 be indefinitely postponed.

Senator Gibson seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

SR 7 Amends Senate Standing Rule 118 to change procedures relating to resolution.

Senator Gibson moved "HOLD" for more information.

Senator Gojack seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

SR 8 Amends Senate Standing Rule 104 to reduce period for submission of bill drafting requests.

After reviewing the pros and cons, and Senator Gibson noting that an error had been made on line 14 (40 days should be changed to 30 days),

Senator Close moved to postpone indefinitely.

Senator Raggio seconded

Motion defeated 4-2; Senators Close and Raggio: opposed.

Senator Schofield moved "HOLD" for further discussion and for Senator Wilson.

Senator

Motion carried unanimously.

SCR 4 Amends Joint Rule 1 relating to conference committee procedures.

Senator Gojack explained the rationale behind SCR 4, and Senator Gibson noted his reasoning in suggesting that the last sentence be stricken.

Senator Schofield moved "AMEND AND ADOPT"
Senator Gibson seconded
Motion carried unanimously; Senator Close temporarily absent from room.

SCR 5 Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of conducting performance audits.

Senator Gibson suggested "HOLD" for bill dealing with legislative oversight.

SCR 6 Provides specifically for interim adjournments of Legislature.

Senator Gojack asked "HOLD" for additional testimony.

Chairman Echols mentioned voting machine problem in the Chamber, and urged Committee to begin thinking of solution. He also thanked the Committee for a good meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Echols adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Quilici, Secretary

APPROVED:


SENATOR GENE ECHOLS, CHAIRMAN