

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 15, 1977 - 2:00 P.M.

The seventh meeting of the Senate Legislative Functions Committee was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Chairman Gene Echols was in the Chair.

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

TESTIMONY FROM: Art Palmer, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Ron Sparks, Chief Deputy Director, Fiscal Analysis  
John Dolan, Chief Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis

Chairman Echols noted that Senators Schofield and Raggio had been excused. Senator Close absent from meeting.

ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SR 10                      Changes names of certain standing committees of Senate.

After noting that the change would parallel regional, western and national titles,

Senator Wilson moved "BE ADOPTED"  
Senator Gojack seconded  
Motion carried unanimously.

AB 235                      Requires Legislative Counsel to prepare statutory tables for Statutes of Nevada.

Art Palmer explained that this bill merely complies with present practice.

Senator Wilson moved "DO PASS"  
Senator Gojack seconded  
Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Close arrived.

AB 226                      Enlarges free distribution of advance sheets of session laws.

After the suggestion was made to include public defenders and city attorneys,

Senator Wilson moved "AMEND AND DO PASS"  
Senator Gibson seconded  
Motion carried unanimously.

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AB 271                      Creates separate fiscal analysis division of  
Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Ron Sparks noted that this bill does not add to, nor create any additional duties or responsibilities currently practiced. He also stated that there would be no additional costs involved in creation of the Division, and recommended passage of AB 271.

Art Palmer agreed with Mr. Sparks, and stated that the bill merely follows the way the Fiscal Division has always been operating.

John Dolan explained that staff, etc., could not be expanded without the approval of the Legislative Commission; and the subsequent appropriations.

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

Chairman Echols then asked the members to review an inventory of the bills referred to the Committee. (Please see: EXHIBIT A)

After discussing SR 13, Senator Gibson noted that Andy Grose had researched all of the existing laws, and subsequently, SR 13 is an entirely new approach; not used previously. The various aspects of an ethics law were studied, and it was decided to try and meet jointly with the Assembly Legislative Functions Committee. It was the hope of the Committee to enact ethics legislation this session.

There being no further business, Chairman Echols thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Quilici  
Beth Quilici, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Gene Echols  
SENATOR GENE ECHOLS, CHAIRMAN

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INVENTORY OF BILLS REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

- SCR 5 Directs legislative commission to study feasibility of conducting performance audits.
- SCR 14 Directs legislative commission to study and make recommendations on subject of pupil achievement.
- SCR 19 Requests study of labor-management relations in private enterprise.
- SR 7 Amends Senate Standing Rule 118 to change procedures relating to resolutions.
- SR 13 Creates Senate committee on ethics.
- SB 299 Directs legislative commission to study funding of judges' retirement.
- SB 341 Alters qualifications, powers and duties of legislative auditor.
- ACR 1 Orders study of conditions at state prison by legislative commission.
- ACR 6 Directs the legislative commission to study provisions relating to obscenity.
- AB 39 Provides for collection of information concerning district attorneys and public defenders.