SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE APRIL 14, 1977 - 2:00 P.M.

The twelveth meeting of the Senate Legislative Functions Committee was called to order at 2:13 p.m.

Chairman Gene Echols was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Echols

ABSENT: Vice Chairwoman Gojack

Senator Gibson Senator Schofield Senator Raggio Senator Wilson

TESTIMONY FROM: Paul Cohen, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse,

Rehab. Div., Dept. of Human Resources

John Borda, Director, Traffic Safety

Andy Grose, Director, Research Department, LCB

Assemblyman Weise, cosponsor, ACR 25

ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS:

SB 299 Directs legislative commission to study funding of judges' retirement.

Chairman Echols noted that <u>SB 173</u> would be processed in lieu of <u>SB 299</u>. Senator Gibson explained that Mr. Bennett had agreed that looking into survivor benefits for judges' wives would be the type of thing they would be involved with, and based on the foregoing,

Senator Close moved "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" Senator Gibson seconded Motion carried unanimously.

SB 445 Makes various amendments to law regulating lobbyists.

Senator Gibson stated that when Senator Gojack returned, they would get together with Senator Close and work on the language.

SJR 20 Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to remove lieutenant governor as president of senate.

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

SCR 5 Directs legislative commission to study feasibility of conducting performance audits.

Because SB 219 is being amended and processed,

Senator Gibson moved "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" Senator Raggio seconded Motion carried unanimously. SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS APRIL 14, 1977 PAGE TWO

SCR 14 Directs legislative commission to study and make récommendations on subject of pupil achievement.

Senator Schofield moved "BE ADOPTED" Senator Close seconded Motion carried unanimously.

SCR 18 Orders study by legislative commission of feasibility of providing health insurance to retired public employees.

Andy Grose briefly explained costs involved in Medicare and Medicaid.

Senator Gibson moved "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE", with a letter to the retirement board asking them to take this subject into consideration.

Senator Schofield seconded Motion carried unanimously.

(Senator Wilson joined meeting)

SCR 19 Requests study of labor-management relations in private enterprise.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to amend and have the Commission set up a nine member study committee, representing a broad spectrum, including three from labor, three from management and three from the public at large; asking that they report back to the commission and executive branch.

Senator Close moved "AMEND AND BE ADOPTED" Senator Gibson seconded Motion carried unanimously.

Directs legislative commission to study feasibility of creating separate local government body for north shore area of Lake Tahoe.

No action taken.

SCR 32

Requires Secretary of Senate and Chief Clerk
of Assembly to compile records for bills introduced but not passed during the 59th Legislative
Session.

Senator Wilson moved "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" Senator Gibson seconded Motion carried unanimously.

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Directs Legislative Commission to study ways to encourage bicycle transportation.

John Borda, for, stressed the need for bikeways and programs for bikes; offered alarming statistics relative to increased speeding citations; and stated that his office would be more than happy to cooperate if they are able.

After discussion,

Senator Close moved "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE", with a letter to John Borda asking that his office address itself to items two and three of <u>SCR 33</u>. Senator Schofield seconded

Motion carried, with Senator Raggio voting "NO".

SCR 34 Directs Legislative Commission to study problems and treatment of alcoholism in Nevada.

Paul Cohen, for, said they favor any measure that would help them ascertain the <u>real</u> problem of alcoholism and alcohol abuse; that they are concerned with the number of juveniles mixing drugs and alcohol; and offered staff time and data if needed.

The Committee discussed amending to include BDR-1842.

Senator Wilson moved "AMEND AND BE ADOPTED" Senator Close seconded Motion carried unanimously.

ACR 25

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of creating new county for north shore area of Lake Tahoe.

Assemblyman Weise, cosponsor, discussed a feasibility study; the tax base; displeased citizenry; property values; and various other aspects in support of the study.

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

Senator Gibson asked the Committee to reconsider <u>SR 8</u>, which had been indefinitely postponed at the February 10th meeting. He noted that Frank Daykin and Art Palmer felt that it would be very helpful, as they received 400 BDR's the 39th and 40th day,

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and would like to see a shorter period for requests once the Session begins. Senator Gibson explained several justifiable reasons for this, and asked the Committee to be thinking about ways to get the legislators to submit their requests earlier, as well as other changes that are needed. He added that there is a possibility of having a staff attorney for each major committee; that if the rule was approved this session, that the new legislators, elected in November, could be notified that they have X number of days to get their bill draft requests in; that there were more bills requested after the 40th day than before; and that he hoped the Committee would be giving some thought to this problem. He also noted that the Assembly was planning some changes along these lines too. The Committee discussed the problem, and it was decided to meet with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Daykin to try and come up with some recommendations.

There being no further business, Chairman Echols thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Quilici, Secretary

APPROVED BY: