

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
APRIL 19, 1977 - 12:00 NOON

The fourteenth meeting of the Senate Legislative Functions Committee was called to order at 2:28 p.m.

Chairman Gene Echols was in the Chair.

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

ABSENT: Senator Close

TESTIMONY FROM: Eugenia Ohrenschall, attorney, Las Vegas
Don LaPlant, Society of Professional Journalists,
University of Nevada - Reno
Grant Bastian, State Highway Engineer

Eugenia Ohrenschall explained that the students at K.O. Knutson School, 2400 Atlantic Street, Las Vegas, were under the impression that the issue of a possible overpass had been presented to the Legislature earlier; that the school faces on Sahara Avenue, one of the busiest intersections in Las Vegas; and explained other facts pertaining to the danger of the area. She also noted that petitions had been circulated and sent (as well as extensive presentations made) to the county and city, but because Sahara Avenue is the boundary between the two, neither would assume responsibility; each claiming lack of authority.

After discussion, and Senator Raggio's idea of calling Grant Bastian, Chairman Echols asked that Ms. Ohrenschall call while the committee is still meeting, and perhaps meet with him after the meeting to discuss alternative measures if Mr. Bastian had no solutions.

Grant Bastian acknowledged the problem; said they were going to install an upright (with mast arms and changeable message signs) to cover the six lanes of traffic; and explained the signal sequence in detail. He also noted the cost would be shared three ways; mentioned that Federal aid might be available; and said that the State Highway Department was allowed to accept gifts.

Chairman Echols asked that Ms. Ohrenschall and Mr. Bastian discuss the matter further, and if legislation was needed, the committee agreed to draft necessary legislation.

AJR 15 Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to require open and public legislative committee meetings and abolish executive sessions of Senate.

Don LaPlant noted that his chapter endorses AJR 15; that it only

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applies to committees meeting during the Session; and agreed with the exception of an ethics committee.

The Committee agreed to get an amendment excluding hearings on ethical and personnel matters. Chairman Echols will see Frank Daykin.

Chairman Echols asked the Committee to look at their copies of resolutions that had been passed in the Assembly. After going over them, Chairman Echols stated that a joint meeting with the Assembly Legislative Functions Committee would take place during the lunch hour this next Thursday, April 21st.

SB 445 Makes various amendments to law regulating lobbyists.

The Committee discussed various aspects of SB 445, including eliminating the fee; only filing when more than fifty dollars had been spent; monthly reports; final reports; language refinement; badges; and disclosure.

AB 689 Provides salary for members of Interim Finance Committee.

After discussion,

Senator Gibson moved "DO PASS"

Senator Schofield seconded

Motion carried unanimously. (Senator Wilson absent from meeting)

There being no further business, Chairman Echols thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Quilici
Beth Quilici, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



SENATOR GENE ECHOLS, CHAIRMAN