

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 21, 1977 - 1:00 P.M.

The fifteenth meeting of the Senate Legislative Functions Committee was called to order at 1:24 p.m.

Chairman Gene Echols was in the Chair.

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

TESTIMONY FROM: Heber P. Hardy, Public Service Commissioner  
Jim Lien, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Taxation.  
John Aramburu, representing Nancy Gomes  
Bob Guinn, Nevada Motor Transport Association, Inc.  
Bill Engel, Executive Assistant to State Highway Engineer  
Joe Midmore, Nevada Independent Insurance Agents  
Jack Kenney, Southern Nevada Homebuilders  
Roland Oakes, Association of General Contractors  
Bob Alkire, Kennecott Copper Corporation  
Wallie Warren, Nevada Bankers Association  
Richard R. Garrod, Farmers Insurance Group  
Bill Gibbons, The Gibbons Company  
Lou Paley, Nevada State AFL-CIO

This was to have been a joint meeting with the Assembly Legislative Functions Committee, but due to a conflict in their Session hours, the two committees were unable to get together.

Art Palmer furnished the Committee with a list of all studies under consideration, with the impact of each study included.  
(Please see EXHIBIT A)

ACR 4 Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the subject of early childhood development.

No testimony.

ACR 5 Directs the Legislative Commission to study feasibility of establishing state geriatric center.

No testimony.

ACR 8 Directs the Legislative Commission to study assessment and taxation of geothermal resources.

Heber Hardy stated they support the encouragement of development.

of geothermal resources, but if the resolution will discourage development by imposing taxes, they wouldn't support this concept.

Jim Lien noted the State should devise a plan while we are still in the beginning stages of developing this resource.

ACR 34                      Directs the Legislative Commission to study the extent of unclaimed property in Nevada.

Chairman Echols noted that Assemblyman May had indicated there were many thousands of dollars worth of unclaimed property in the State, and that Mr. May urged the Committee to give favorable consideration to the resolution.

Senator Gojack suggested that the Commissioner of Banking be called to ascertain more details.

Jim Lien explained that there was an earlier bill introduced which would have allowed the Tax Department to develop procedures for collecting and reporting, and noted that a staff study would be sufficient.

ACR 35                      Directs the Legislative Commission to study and develop rate structures for use by certain public utilities.

Heber Hardy quoted statistics; gave the background of phasing out cut rates for large consumers; said that they had essentially done what the study calls for; suggested that good presentations be made, as they have not been convinced by any presentations made so far; discussed peak load pricing and surcharges on large commercial customers; said they want decisions made on a case by case basis; and noted that a study had been done which was favorable to the Public Service Commission.

John Aramburu said that the last study was too general, and that a more comprehensive one is needed, and stated that he doesn't see why only one body should move toward forming rates without any input from the legislative sector.

ACR 38                      Directs the Legislative Commission to study crimes and punishments.

No testimony.

ACR 40                    Directs the Legislative Commission to study feasibility of creating commission to regulate transportation.

Heber Hardy, for, suggested that helicopters, dump trucks, hay and cattle haulers be made a part of the study, as reform is needed in these areas; and noted that Noel Clark will be resigning as of the end of this year, and would be available on a contract basis to assist in this study.

Bob Guinn, for, stated that Assemblywoman Hayes asked him to explain her resolution; agreed that there was a need for an examination into the areas mentioned by Mr. Hardy; and noted there was an overlapping of functions between the P.S.C. and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Bill Engel, for, noted that their only concern was that if the study gets into actual transportation facilities, that they would like to play a large role relative to input, and stated that they are beginning to overlap into railroads.

ACR 42                    Directs the Legislative Commission to study "no-fault" automobile insurance.

No testimony.

ACR 44                    Directs the Legislative Commission to study community college division of University of Nevada System.

No testimony.

ACR 52                    Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct a study of administrative practices of Nevada Industrial Commission and alternative methods of providing workmen's compensation coverage.

Joe Midmore, for, asked that the committee look at two portions of ACR 52 that he thinks should be incorporated into SCR 39, should the Committee decide to go with it; asked that the outside consultants receive the benefit of independent expertise; and that the N.I.C. furnish any information these consultants might need.

Jack Kenney, for, furnished an amendment. (Please see EXHIBIT B) He suggested requiring anyone testifying on N.I.C. matters be put under oath.

Roland Oakes, for, agreed with Mr. Midmore's suggestion of incorporating two portions of ACR 52 into SCR 39.

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Bob Alkire noted that Kennecott would be happy with any reasonably broad scoped study of the N.I.C.

Wallie Warren stated that with or without Mr. Midmore's amendments, he supported SCR 39.

Dick Garrod, against, noted that you can't "patch on" to the N.I.C. bill and come up with something that's going to attract private insurance carriers.

Bill Gibbons, for, noted that the entire subject was extremely complex, and that it would take a study for anything constructive to be accomplished.

Lou Paley, against, thinks the State of Nevada is still too small to go into three way insurance, and added he supports SCR 39.

ACR 54                      Directs the Legislative Commission to study structures and functions of State Board of Education and State Department of Education.

No testimony.

There being no further business, Chairman Echols thanked the Committee and adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Quillici, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
SENATOR GENE ECHOLS, CHAIRMAN

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PROPOSED  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION STUDIES

\* A.C.R. 1--Mann, Schofield, Kosinski and five others.

Orders study of conditions at state prison by Legislative Commission.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Research

\*\*\* A.C.R. 3--Coulter, Weise, Dini and 12 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study effect of government regulation of small business.

Adopted. File No. 33.

Minor--staff study (possibly subcommittee)--Research, Fiscal

\* A.C.R. 4--Wagner, Hayes, Murphy and six others.

Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the subject of early childhood development.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research

\* A.C.R. 5--Dreyer.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of establishing state geriatric center.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study--Research, Fiscal

\*\*\*Adopted by both houses.

\*Adopted by one house.

\* A.C.R. 6--Wagner, Murphy, Jeffrey, Hayes, Weise and Coulter.

Directs the Legislative Commission to study provisions relating to obscenity.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal, Research

\* A.C.R. 8--May, Craddock, Serpa and Horn.

Directs Legislative Commission to study assessment and taxation of geothermal resources.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study (possibly subcommittee)--Fiscal

A.C.R. 10--Committee on Government Affairs.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of establishing boundary commission.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research

A.C.R. 14--Robinson, Barengo, Bremner and Mello.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of conducting legislative review of existing and future regulations of agencies of executive branch of state government.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal

A.C.R. 15--Kosinski, Barengo and Ross.

Directs Legislative Commission to study Nevada Rules of Criminal Procedure compared with American bar Association proposed standards of criminal justice.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal

A.C.R. 19--Mann, Horn, Demers and 26 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study operation of Nevada Industrial Commission.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Fiscal.

A.C.R. 23--Horn, Vergiels, Sena and 23 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to review Nevada Revised Statutes and ferret out obsolete or superseded provisions.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study--Legal

\* A.C.R. 25--Weise and Murphy.

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

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal, Research, Fiscal

A.C.R. 29--Schofield.

Directs interim study of consolidation in urban counties.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal, Research, Fiscal

\* A.C.R. 34--Robinson and Murphy.

Directs Legislative Commission to study extent of unclaimed property in Nevada.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions

Minor--staff study--Legal

\* A.C.R. 35--Gomes, Schofield, Wagner and 26 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study and develop rate structures for use by certain public utilities.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Fiscal

A.C.R. 37--Goodman, Polish, Coulter and Weise.

Directs Legislative Commission to study and make recommendations relating to rerefining of waste oil.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study--Research

\* A.C.R. 38--Committee on Judiciary.

Directs the Legislative Commission to study crimes and punishments.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal

A.C.R. 39--Kissam, Demers, Harmon and 29 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of changing boundaries or creating new county for southern portion of Nye County.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal, Research, Fiscal

A.C.R. 40--Hayes.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of creating commission to regulate transportation.

Amended in <sup>Senate</sup> ~~Assembly~~. To Printer.

Minor--subcommittee--Research



\* A.C.R. 42--Kissam.

Directs Legislative Commission to study "no-fault" automobile insurance.

~~Amended in Assembly.~~ <sup>Senate</sup> To Printer.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal

\* A.C.R. 44--Hickey, Howard, Chaney and seven others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study community college division of University of Nevada System.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Fiscal

A.C.R. 47--Bennett and Chaney.

Directs Legislative Commission to conduct study of juvenile court facilities in Clark County.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research, Fiscal

A.C.R. 48--Horn.

Directs Legislative Commission to study welfare programs administered by State.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Fiscal

A.C.R. 49--Committee on Education.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of statewide salary schedule for public school teachers.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Fiscal

A.C.R. 50--Committee on Government Affairs.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of automatic periodic termination and evaluation of certain boards.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal, Research, Fiscal

\* A.C.R. 51--Committee on Agriculture.

Directs Legislative Commission to provide for tour of rural areas of Nevada by legislators.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study--Research

\* A.C.R. 52--Committee on Legislative Functions.

Directs Legislative Commission to conduct a study of administrative practices of Nevada Industrial Commission and alternative methods of providing workmen's compensation coverage.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Fiscal

A.C.R. 53--Committee on Judiciary.

Directs Legislative Commission to study Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal

\* A.C.R. 54--Committee on Education.

Directs Legislative Commission to study structures and functions of the State Board of Education and State Department of Education.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal, Research

A.C.R. 55--Committee on Ways and Means.

Directs Legislative Commission to study administration of mental hygiene and mental retardation programs in Nevada.

In <sup>Senate</sup> ~~Assembly~~ Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Fiscal

A.C.R. 56--Committee on Environment and Public Resources.

Directs Legislative Commission to study Nevada water pollution laws and regulations.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Legal

S.C.R. 5--Committee on Legislative Function.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of conducting performance audits.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Fiscal

\* S.C.R. 12--Committee on Judiciary.

Directs appointment of legislative committee to study present medical liability insurance problem and submit recommendations to the 59th legislative session and study by Legislative Commission of ongoing problems of medical malpractice insurance.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--staff study (possibly subcommittee)--Research

\* S.C.R. 14--Bryan, Gibson, Close and Hilbrecht.

Directs Legislative Commission to study and make recommendations on subject of pupil achievement.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--Research

S.C.R. 17--Committee on Government Affairs.

Directs Legislative Commission to study lifetime cost accounting for state buildings.

In Senate Committee on Government Affairs.

Minor--staff study--Fiscal

S.C.R. 18--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Orders study by Legislative Commission of feasibility of providing health insurance to retired public employees.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Fiscal

S.C.R. 25--Gojack, Foote, Raggio, Young and Wilson.

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

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research, Legal, Fiscal

S.C.R. 33--Young.

Directs Legislative Commission to study ways to encourage bicycle transportation.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research, Fiscal

\* S.C.R. 34--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Directing Legislative Commission to study problems and treatment of alcoholism in Nevada.

To Assembly.

Minor--subcommittee--Research

\* S.C.R. 36--Dodge.

Directs Legislative Commission to conduct study to recodify Nevada's education laws.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--staff study--Legal

\* S.C.R. 37--Dodge.

Directs Legislative Commission to study liability insurance and employee group insurance available to local governments.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal, Fiscal

\* S.C.R. 38--Schofield, Close, Echols and 10 others.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of establishing state home for veterans in Nevada.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Fiscal

S.C.R. 39--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Directs Legislative Commission to study procedures followed by Nevada Industrial Commission and alternative methods of coverage.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Major--subcommittee--contract study and Fiscal

S.C.R. 41--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Directs Legislative Commission to study building codes and safety standards.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Legal

S.C.R. 42--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Directs Legislative Commission to study feasibility of requiring health insurance to cover treatment for alcoholism and drug abuse.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--Research, Fiscal

S.B. 299--Young.

Directs Legislative Commission to study funding of judges' retirement.

In Senate Committee on Legislative Functions.

Minor--subcommittee--contract study (PERS)

PROPOSED  
SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE

\* S.B. 173--Committee on Finance.

Provides for an interim retirement committee of the legislature.

In Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

S.B. 257--Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Provides for an interim industrial insurance and safety committee of the legislature.

In Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

\* A.B. 547--Mello, Howard, Glover and 10 others.

Establishes committee to study local government finances and makes appropriation.

In Senate Committee on Finance.

A.C.R. 12--Dini, Hayes, Moody and 29 others.

Creates a select committee on public lands to meet with appropriate members of Congress and officials of executive branch in Washington, D.C., concerning Nevada's need for additional lands in nonfederal ownership and related matters.

In Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions.

\*\*\*A.R. 4--Committee on Legislative Functions.

Directs special committee of the assembly to study promotion of tourism and economic development.

Adopted. File No. 4.

\*\*\*S.C.R. 9--Blakemore, Gibson, Bryan and 13 others.

Creates a select committee on public lands to meet with appropriate members of Congress and officials of the executive branch in Washington, D.C., concerning Nevada's need for additional lands in nonfederal ownership and related matters.

Adopted. File No. 42.



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"During the course of this study, the N.I.C. Commissioner shall bring to the Legislative Commission for their review, all modifications of premiums and or rates for all payroll classification groups."