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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Horn Vice Chairman Bedrosian Mr. Barengo (late) Mrs. Cavnar Mr. Hickey Mr. Malone

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Harmon

GUESTS PRESENT: Samuel Mamet, Clark County

Chairman Horn called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. He announced that the Government Affairs Committee and the Elections Committee were having a party the following Wednesday, May 9th, at Enrico's with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. and invited the members of the committee and the secretary to attend.

Mr. Horn said that <u>SB 444</u> had been referred to the Elections Committee that morning, but since the committee did not have a copy of the bill, it was decided to hold a hearing on the following day, May 8th, on afternoon adjournment.

Mr. Horn then informed the committee that they would consider. AB 114 and summarized the bill.

<u>AB 114</u>: Clarifies appointment and duties of deputy registrar of voters.

Mr. Horn explained that this bill was introduced by Assemblyman Marvel early in the session, but that Mr. Marvel indicated that the problem had now been solved and there was no need for the bill.

Mr. Hickey moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE <u>AB 114</u>, seconded by Mr. Bedrosian, and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Barengo and Mr. Harmon absent.

Mr. Horn then summarized AB 189 for the committee.

<u>AB 189</u>: Requires incumbents of certain public offices to provide their elected successors with information pertinent to future administration.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS, seconded by Mrs. Cavnar, and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Barengo and Mr. Harmon absent.

The Chairman stated that the committee would now consider <u>AB 608</u> and gave a brief summary.

<u>AB 608</u>: Increases distance from polling places at which electioneering is permitted.

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Mr. Horn explained that basically this bill changed the distance from 100 feet to 500 feet from the polling place where no electioneering was allowed.

Mr. Hickey commented that this was a real problem in Mr. Chaney's district but he was not sure that 500 feet would be practical and suggested a possible change to 200 feet.

Mrs. Cavnar indicated that in testimony it was suggested that local entities could be allowed by law to set their own distances.

Mr. Hickey suggested that this bill could be amended to read a minimum distance of 100 feet with a maximum of 500 feet and the distance to be determined within this range by the registrar of voters.

Mr. Mamet said that officially he felt the county would support this but personally he felt that there should be a uniformity in the statutes.

Mr. Hickey pointed out that there were different standards at voting places.

Mr. Barengo commented that this would not fall in the jurisdiction of the registrar of voters but with the county commissioners.

Mr. Bedrosian said that he did not feel this would be very good for the counties and might be touching on party level politics.

Mr. Barengo indicated that this was a problem in Mr. Chaney's and Mr. Bennett districts where heavy electioneering took place on election day and described the bill as an incumbent's bill.

After further discussion of the problems involving private homes and cars with campaign signs, Mr. Bedrosian moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 608, seconded by Mr. Barengo. The motion carried by a vote of four to two with Mr. Horn and Mr. Hickey voting no and Mr. Harmon absent.

Mr. Horn summarized AB 180 for consideration by the committee.

<u>AB 180:</u> Revises composition and manner of selection of state board of education.

Mr. Hickey moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 180, seconded by Mr. Bedrosian, and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Harmon absent.

The Chairman then informed the committee they would consider AB 726 and described Mr. Webb's bill.

<u>AB 726</u>: Revises procedures for cancellation of certain affidavits of registration to vote.

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Mr. Barengo moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 726, seconded by Mr. Bedrosian.

When Mr. Hickey asked what he did not like about this bill, Mr. Barengo explained that it would create a tremendous amount of work for county clerks, would be very costly and would cause election challenges.

Mr. Hickey pointed out that there was a 30 to 40 percent turnover in his district but election lists were not being kept up to date and this bill would address this problem.

When Mr. Barengo indicated that the law now provided for a voter to be removed from the list if he did not vote in the last election, Mr. Hickey stated that this was not being done in his district, that he had people on his lists who had been gone for three years.

Mr. Bedrosian stated that the cost of mailing out cards to voters to update lists would be very expensive and he did not feel the taxpayers should be saddled with this expense.

After further discussion the committee agreed to amend the bill by deleting all of Section 1; removing the brackets on lines 43 and 45 of page 2; by deleting lines 15 through 28 on page 3; and deleting Section 5.

Mr. Barengo moved to amend the original motion and adopt the amendments as stated above, seconded by Mr. Hickey, and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Harmon absent.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS AS AMENDED on AB 726, seconded by Mr. Malone, and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Harmon absent.

Mr. Horn requested that Mr. Hickey obtain the amendments from the bill drafter.

Mr. Barengo moved that because the session is nearing the end, the committee declare an emergency and that for all bills received after this date the five day notice shall be suspended and all bills remaining in the committee shall be declared emergency measures and immediately placed on the hearing calendar, seconded by Mr. Malone and unanimously carried by the members present with Mr. Harmon absent.

Mr. Horn reminded the committee that they would hear SB 444 upon afternoon adjournment the following day, May 8th. Since there was no further business, he adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Hatch (Committee Minutes)

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### LEGISLATION ACTION

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