

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dini
Mr. Marvel
Mr. Fitzpatrick
Mrs. Westall
Mr. Harmon
Dr. Robinson
Mr. Craddock
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Getto
Mr. Bedrosian
Mr. Bergevin

GUESTS PRESENT

See Guest List attached

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Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

AB 343 - PERMITS COUNTY TO FURNISH BLANKET FIDELITY
BOND FOR ALL ITS ELECTED OFFICERS

ASSEMBLYMAN JIM BANNER

Mr. Banner stated he administers the insurance program and handles the Bond for employees of Clark County and this Bill was a part of the County package. He stated the thought was to speed up the process and save some money and include these other elected officials under their blanket bond. He stated at the present time they cover with the blanket bond the Sheriff's Dept., the whole operation of the county, excluding the Sanitation Dist., the Hospital; but it does include the Health Dist.

BILL McDONALD, District Attorney, Humboldt County

He stated that their County, just like Clark County, insures everything on one policy, and they are presently required to get individual bonds for various elected officials. He stated they also insure all of their district officials and any person required by law to have a bond, their insurance companies require them to have separate bond for each of them. Mr. McDonald stated they favor the Bill as written but would favor it even more so if the words "and district" were

omserted pm ;ome 4 after "elected counties" so it read for electe d county and district officers, and then after "officers" was added, "and any other county and district officers and employees". He stated in this way they could cover all of their appointed officials and general employees in the same Bond.

RUSSELL McDONALD, Association of Counties

Mr. McDonald pointed out to the Committee that in looking at the suggested new section it doesn't mention the County Treasurer. He stated that N.R.S. 249.030, which requires a bond of the Treasurer, is a separate situation. He advised that the Board of County Commissioners, before the first Monday in September, prior to an election for that office, has to state what the amount of the Bond will be and, obviously, goes to the man's ability to furnish the Bond if he is elected. Mr. McDonald stated he would suggest is that specific language be inserted for all elected county officers excluding the County Treasurer.

Mr. Fitzpatrick expressed concern in having a \$10,000 blanket fidelity bond, which means no matter how many people steal, the county is only covered for \$10,000. He stated if someone steals \$100,000 the county is out \$90,000. Chairman Dini asked if it did not cover each officer separately, a blanket bond for each separate county officer, and Mr. McDonald responded it did not. Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out that blanket position bond covers each position for \$10,000; blanket fidelity bond is \$10,000 for everybody.

SAMUEL MAMET, Managment Analyst, Clark County

Mr. Mamet stated their intent was to have one bond to cover everyone to save on the paper work. He stated the \$10,000 was inserted as a base minimum.

Mr. Craddock stated there were some districts who had only 7 or 10 people and it was his opinion at this point the thing was a can of worms. Chairman Dini stated in the small counties the Public Administrator may only get two cases in the four years in office and may only be \$200 cases; and Mr. Craddock interjected why nail him with a \$50,000 bond? Chairman Dini stated there were some real problems with the issue, and he appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Craddock and Mr. Fitzpatrick to straighten it out or kill it.

AB 428 - REQUIRES DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON SURVEYORS
CERTIFICATE ON SUBDIVISION FINAL MAP TO BE BY
METES AND BOUNDS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

SAM MAMET, Management Analyst, Clark County

Mr. Mamet stated the Bill was requested by the County Surveyor and the County Public Works Dept. Mr. Mamet stated they wanted the Bill to include, in that portion which deals with Surveyor's Certificate, that the Certificate also have a description of the metes and bounds of the parcel. He advised the Committee that the Counsel Bureau added an additional section which the Public Works Dept. and Surveyor indicate would cause additional problems. Mr. Mamet proposed an amendment to page 2, line 13, to place a period after the word "subdivision" and strike out the rest of the language. Mr. Mamet stated the reason for the amendment is because the language required in the Certificate only in those boundaries which do not lie in government survey lines would create a major interpretation problem; it could exclude any highway boundaries and some subdivisions and make metes and bounds descriptions almost superfluous.

A discussion ensued between Committee members and questions of a highly technical nature were raised. Chairman Dini stated they would get a Surveyor to give expert testimony. Mr. Mamet stated he would also get written response back to the Committee on some of the technical points raised. Chairman Dini advised the Committee the Bill would be held up until a Surveyor and a title company were contacted to give testimony on the technical aspect of the Bill.

AB 357 - PROVIDES FOR FINANCING OF CERTAIN PROJECTS
TO DEVELOP WATER RESOURCES

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN MARVEL, Dist. 34

ASSEMBLYMAN DEAN RHOADS, Elko Dist.

Mr. Rhoads stated the State of Nevada, he felt, had to broaden its economic base. He advised the Committee they had come up with an idea of setting up a Commission to develop some of Nevada's water resources for tourism, recreation, and agriculture uses. Mr. Rhoads advised the Committee they had spoken to the Governor about it and he felt it was a viable idea and worth looking into in setting up a Commission.

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN POLISH, A.D. 35

Mr. Polish advised the Committee he supported the legislation. He stated they had a few streams in White Pine County running through some areas that could be dammed especially the Steptoe Creek area.

Dr. Robinson asked if better participation would be had if it were a matching fund situation to insure local interest and support, and Mr. Rhoads stated he felt it would be well worth looking into.

A discussion ensued between Committee members, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Marvel, and Mr. Polish concerning water rights and Federal intervention.

IRA RACKLEY, Lander County Fair & Recreation Board

Mr. Rackley elaborated on the upstream storage projects.

ROLAND D. WESTERGARD, Dir., Dept. of Conservation
& Natural Resources

Mr. Westergard elaborated on the history of the upstream storage projects and in particular the Humboldt River. He stated that water users on the upper Humboldt have taken exception to the storage of water in the existing dams.

Mr. Rackley stated the drafting of the Bill has been reviewed up and down the Humboldt River with the upstream water users and Pershing County and it was largely through their insistence that the funds not be allowed for matching federal dollars so that there will not be federal control on the river.

Mr. Westergard pointed out it would not be just a grant program and there are provisions for repayments; essentially it would be a revolving fund. He stated on page 3, section 5, there are provisions, under subsection 2, for repayment, up to and including 50% of the amount granted.

Assemblyman Rhoads pointed out that if a Commission were set up it might encourage private developments.

Chairman Dini then announced that the testimony was concluded on the Bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Chairman Dini stated AB 18 would not be used as the avenue for the local government advertising and he would like to have a motion for indefinite postponement.

AB 18 - Dr. Robinson moved INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT; seconded by Mr. Marvel, and unanimously carried.

AB 312 - Chairman Dini stated the amendment to AB 312 would delete section 1 completely; new section 1, etc. Dr. Robinson moved AMEND and DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Getto, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Shatzman
Assembly Attache

