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#### 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 A.M.

# <u>AB 628</u> - AUTHORIZES CREATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS BY BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### RUSSELL McDONALD, Nev. Assn. of Counties

Mr. McDonald advised the Committee the Bill was introduced at the request of Washoe County based upon an opinion of the District Attorney that without statutory authority the Board could not create an Advisory Board or provide in its discretion for compensation. Mr. McDonald stated he disagreed with that opinion because when he was County Manager he had created several by resolution with the assistance of the County Commissioners, and provided that compensation could be set at \$25.00 per day the days the Board actually met. He stated it does assist the Commissioners in having the Boards meet independently and come forward with their recommendations. He advised the Committee they would urge its adoption.

<u>AB 632</u> - AUTHORIZES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INVEST IN CERTAIN SECURITIES

#### RUSSELL McDONALD, Nev. Assn. of Counties

Mr. McDonald advised the Bill was requested by the County Comptroller of Washoe County. Mr. McDonald stated if this type of paper is, in fact, lending credit by buying this type of paper from a private corporation and is, in fact, lending the credit of the county, then, Mr. McDonald stated, it follows it probably violates the





Constitution.

Chairman Dini questioned negotiable certificates of deposit, and Mr. McDonald advised it was specifically not authorized.

Testimony was concluded on AB 632.

# AB 287 - REQUIRES ANNUAL COMPUTATION OF LONGEVITY PAY FOR COUNTY OFFICERS

## RUSSELL McDONALD, Nev. Assn. of Counties

Mr. McDonald stated the last time the Bill was up the general testimony was that there was no uniform approach from county to county in computing longevity for elected county officers. He stated he had provided Mr. Getto with a copy of an Attorney General's opinion whereby Washoe County picked it up after the end of a four year term. Mr. McDonald stated line 9 is where he thought it would pull everybody together where longevity must be computed and paid each year on the basis of full calendar years of service. He stated it appeared to him the kicker was that once you had served four years that you would pick up at 4% and at the end of each year thereafter, assuming you are re-elected, at the end of each year of service you pick up the extra one per cent until 20% were achieved.

# <u>SB 49</u> - EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THE ELKO CITY-COUNTY CIVIC AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

### ASSEMBLYMAN DEAN RHOADS, A.D. 33

Mr. Rhoads advised the Committee that all the Bill does is basically provide for the election and gives the City-County Auditorium Authority to run the Convention Center. Mr. Rhoads stated the amendment was quite lengthy but the changes were minor. Mr. Rhoads advised they wanted representatives from the County Commissioners and City Council, two members are to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors in the City of Elko.

Chairman Dini questioned whether ad valorem taxes or room tax would be used, and Mr. Rhoads responded they

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were using some room tax to run it but a special bond had been passed.

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Testimony was then concluded.

# <u>AB 720</u> - EXCLUDES REDUCTIONS IN NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL FROM SPECIFIED PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS

Chairman Dini explained to the Committee the Bill came out of the Taxation Committee and brought about by the cap on spending proposed in AB 616 and SB 204.

# WENDELL NEWMAN, representing Nevada State Education Assn.

Mr. Newman advised the Committee they had some concern with the Bill, and opposed it because it would destroy the due process for teachers in Category G which is justifiable decrease in number of positions due to decreased enrolment or district reorganization. He stated if the Bill were to be passed it would allow a school district to reduce their force not according to seniority or any particular system but it would allow the administration to take those teachers on the higher end of the salary schedule simply because that would be the greatest way of saving money. He stated it may also allow them to reduce their force based upon some other difficulties such as a personality conflict or of that nature. In other words, there would be no prescribed system unless it was negotiated into the contract.

Mr. Craddock questioned rules and regulations in regard to conduct of teachers. Mr. Newman responded it pretty well depends upon the school district. Mr. Craddock requested of Mr. Newman any material in that regard in writing and Mr. Newman stated he would supply Mr. Craddock with the material.

Mr. Bergevin commented he was not satisfied with the language; the language they had come up with in Committee was straight and to the point, namely, if there was a reduction in monies available through cap procedures that the District could be able to cut personnel. Mr. Newman commented in 288 although procedures for reduction in work force are negotiable they have a number of teachers in the State not covered by that because there are no contracts and, therefore, in those particular situations those teachers would have no protection at all.

Chairman Dini requested Mr. Newman and Mr. John Hawkins of the Nevada School Boards Assn. to work out some language and return it to the Committee which they responded they would do.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 628 - Mr. Jeffrey moved AMEND and DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Getto; being unanimous by a seven to two vote of the Committee.

AB 287 - Mr. Getto moved DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Marvel, and unanimously carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Shatzman Assembly Attache