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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Dini

Mr. Marvel

Mr. Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Westall

Mr. Harmon

Dr. Robinson

Mr. Craddock

Mr. Jeffrey

Mr. Bedrosian

Mr. Getto

Mr. Bergevin

GUESTS PRESENT

See Guest List attached

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Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

AB 543 - REMOVES PROVISION FOR RECIPROCAL LICENSING IN CERTAIN PROFESSIONS

Chairman Dini advised the Committee the Secretary of the Board of Optometry indicated because of Federal jurisdiction action by the State would be previous and uncalled for, and, therefore, requested the Bill be withdrawn.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 543 - Dr. Robinson moved INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT; seconded by Mr. Marvel, and unanimously carried.

AB 549 - AUTHORIZES USE OF COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAXES FOR HIGHWAY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

ASSEMBLYMAN VIRGIL GETTO

Mr. Getto advised the Committee the Bill was requested from the small county delegation. He stated in 1965 a law was passed raising gasoline 2¢ to go back to the counties and cities as a regional concept. He stated the Regional Streets and Highway Commission, which is different in each county, determine where the money is to be spent and ties them down to only building new regional streets or highways; the concept was to build streets important to the

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total community. Mr. Getto advised the Committee in the small counties a problem has arisen where the roads need repair and they are short of finances to repair them, and this Bill would allow them to be repaired. Mr. Getto suggested a change in the language to "major" repairs to make sure the money is not being spent just to fix up potholes. Mr. Getto stated if some of the money could be used for resurfacing and for major maintenance as a catch-up, it would help the small counties.

Mr. Fitzpatrick questioned the major repairs aspect because he felt if the pothole is not fixed to begin with, then before money is shelled out it has to be a total disaster.

RUSSELL McDONALD, Association of Counties

Mr. McDonald related to the Committee the history of a similar Bill which was heard in the Senate and elaborated on the law in regard to the responsibilities of a Regional Streets and Highway Commission. He advised the Committee his organization endorses the Bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 549 - Mr. Harmon moved DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, and unanimously carried.

AB 556 - PROHIBITS EMPLOYERS FROM CONSIDERING EMPLOYEES'
SERVICE AS LEGISLATOR AS BREAK IN SERVICE FOR
PURPOSES OF PRIVATE PENSION PLAN

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN JEFFREY

Mr. Jeffrey advised the Committee the Bill was at the request of Assemblyman Price. Mr. Jeffrey advised the Committee the situation arose from a court case where a teamster had a break in service. He stated it was the concern of Mr. Price that many years down the road it may become a problem. Mr. Jeffrey stated he felt the Bill may need an amendment to take care of some of the interim work. Mr. Jeffrey, in response to a question by Mr. Marvel, stated there is something on the books as far as public employment is concerned for seniority and loss of benefits but he was not aware of anything for private employment.

Mr. Getto inquired whether the Bill would be more palatable if it related to any elected position and Mr. Jeffrey responded he felt that would be a good amendment.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 556 - Mr. Getto moved AMEND and DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Marvel, and unanimously carried.

AB 569 - EXTENDS PROVISIONS FOR MICROFILMING AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS TO JUSTICE COURT

SAM MAMET, Management Analyst, Clark County

Mr. Mamet stated the Bill was proposed by the Clark County Justice Court; the Justice Court Clerk is asking for the same permissive powers which the District Court Clerk has in N.R.S. 239 for microfilming and disposition of court records. He advised the Committee in the statutes which govern the Justice Court it is not clear and, in fact, the law is silment, as to whether the Clerk of the Court has the authority to microfilm records and dispose of records in the same manner the District Court Clerk may do so.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 569 - Mr. Marvel moved DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Getto, and unanimously carried.

Chairman Dini then referred the Committee to AB 103 and requested the Committee to go through it because it was quite voluminous and it would be held for at least another week in order for them to do so.

Chairman Dini then asked Mr. Jeffrey to report to the Committee on the amendment he had prepared in connection with SB 42 which amendment was to allow the County first option on the El Dorado Valley. Mr. Jeffrey proceeded to read the amendment into the record. A discussion then ensued between Committee members concerning the amendment. Chairman Dini stated he felt there was a flaw in the amendment and proceeded to elaborate. He advised Mr. Jeffrey that the \$100,000 to the State does not come under option (a); there are two different options; one, it mandates to sell; shall sell it under written request, and does not mention in that particular section about getting the \$100,000 reimbursement from the State of Nevada. A discussion ensued and the amendment was revised.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

<u>SB 42</u> - Mr. Marvel moved AMEND and DO PASS; seconded by Mr. Getto, and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Dini then called upon Russell McDonald, Association of Counties, to report on amendments to AB 496. Mr. McDonald advised the Committee this was Mr. Dini's Bill allowing by ordinance counties under 100,000 to establish a merit personnel system. Mr. McDonald stated he had voiced some objections as to the way it was written and then suggested that there be a proposed amendment which would overcome a constitutional question on grievance procedures. He advised the Committee he had drafted the amendment but he would recommend that if the Committee saw fit that the amendment receive an Amend and Do Pass and be referred back to the Committee and get the amendment in another print so everyone can look at it.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AB 496 - Mr. Getto moved AMEND and DO PASS and referred back to Committee; seconded by Mr. Harmon, and unanimously carried.

Chairman Dini asked for any additional business by the Committee and Mr. Getto inquired of Mr. McDonald to explain longevity. Several Committee members agreed with Mr. Getto that it was greatly misunderstood by county and state employees. Specific reference was made to AB 287 which had been heard but deferred and dealt with the subject. Chairman Dini asked that the record reflect AB 287 would be put on the Agenda for some time next week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Shatzman Assembly Attache

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