

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 9 A.M.

SB 388 - ALLOWS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TO CONDUCT  
PUBLIC HEARINGS UPON DIRECTION OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEVADA

HEBER HARDY, Chairman, Public Service Commission

JOHN WALLEY, Admin. Ass't.

Mr. Hardy explained to the Committee the Bill was requested by him. He advised the Committee there was some concern that more help was needed, and it was Mr. Hardy's strong feeling that better dollars would be spent by acquiring a Deputy Commissioner, in the unclassified service, with knowledge of public utility regulation, policies, current status of many of the current issues, capital structure, rate base, etc. He stated the Federal Government is imposing more regulations and requirements constantly, and if the position is approved the person would coordinate staff efforts to implement the Federal Acts. He said they needed someone who could be extremely helpful to them, not involved in the decision making process, to coordinate the efforts between the various departments of the Commission, such as accounting, auditing, engineering, etc. He advised the Committee they are recommending a salary of \$30,000 to get an individual with the background he had outlined.

Mr. Bedrosian requested Mr. Hardy to again outline the primary job of the Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Hardy responded in the next two to three years it would be to keep on top of the rule making procedures which are being carried on by the various agencies such as the Dept. of Energy, E.R.A., F.E.R.C., etc., including advice to the P.S.C., arranging for hearings, arranging for meetings, and the like. He stated it was a liaison position and would help them to do their work more efficiently.

Mr. Dini commented it seemed to him that the Bill really didn't direct itself to all that Mr. Hardy had outlined but rather directs the position to hold public hearings, and Mr. Dini wanted to know how his duties could be more fully described. Mr. Hardy responded it was their feeling, hopefully, it would be left rather broad so that he or she could be assigned duties and responsibilities without enumerating them and thus limit them.

Mr. Jeffrey asked Mr. Hardy what kind of workload he saw for the new position, and Mr. Hardy responded he saw a major workload in the next two to three years with the Federal Energy Acts.

Testimony was concluded on the Bill.

AB 749 - AUTHORIZES BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
TO ESTABLISH FIRE DEPARTMENTS

PAT GALLAGHER, representing Clark County

Miss Gallagher advised the Committee the Bill was permissive, and the primary reason for it is that neither AB 244 nor AB 269, when they were drafted, meant to address urban counties; they were meant for rural counties with volunteer fire departments. She stated they would like to have expressly written out in 244 that counties may operate fire departments.

ROY PARRISH, Chief, Clark County Fire Dept.

Mr. Parrish advised the Committee as they are structured today they serve the four towns in the area, McCarran Field, and southwest fire district, which is where they get their revenue to run the department.

Mr. Parrish advised the Committee it was he who had asked for the Bill giving the Commissioners the power to establish a fire department if they choose.

Chairman Dini pointed out to Mr. Parrish that line 14 of the Bill reads that if they do establish a fire department they automatically wipe out the other departments in the unincorporated area by state statute and not by the people in control now who have nothing to say about it. Miss Gallagher responded if the Bill were passed, the liabilities and responsibilities which the Clark County Fire Dept. does for the unincorporated towns at the present time would not automatically be defunct; in other words, it would maintain the status quo.

Mr. Bergevin commented he had some real doubts in his mind that there weren't political implications here that he felt the county wasn't bringing out on top of the table.

Dr. Robinson commented about a Bill previously had to consolidate the Fire Dept., the law was passed, and the county challenged it, took it to court, and it was found unconstitutional; now, the county was coming and telling the Legislature it was a good idea, and the county wants to more or less have incorporation of all the county and unincorporated cities leaving out the incorporated cities. Dr. Robinson wanted to know if it is good now why wasn't it good then. Chief Parrish responded he would like to have the law that the Commissioners may establish one fire department for the county

Assemblyman Jeffrey commented he feared the county could force township areas paying monthly fire protection fees to fund fire services in neighborhoods other than their own.

Assemblyman Craddock commented the county commissioners lacked the brass to stand up to the rural areas and tell them to pay for what they are getting. He also stated county officials, historically, have pilfered fire protection fees paid by township residents and budgeted them into services provided in non-township areas.

Mr. Jeffrey asked Miss Gallagher to explain the budgeting process for the fire departments in the unincorporated towns and Miss Gallagher elaborated.

Chairman Dini mentioned for the record he had received a call from Dart Anthony who stated his group was opposed to the Bill.

Mr. Getto commented several of the Assemblymen had received telephone calls from Anthony and wanted to know who he was. Dr. Robinson responded it was a coalition and Chairman Dini advised Anthony fought the Annexation Bill. Mr. Craddock advised Anthony got involved with Bob Broadbent in an attempt to undo the efforts of the Legislature in the consolidation measure last time.

AB 755 - PROVIDES FOR REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS  
OCCUPATIONS ON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH &  
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

JACK KENNEY, So. Nev. Home Builders

Mr. Kenney advised the Committee they are proposing that the Board be reconstituted; one person would be from the general public, one from A.F.L.C.I.O., one member representing the gaming industry, one a contractor, one a registered nurse, and two of them would be from among the medical profession. He stated they were trying to diversify the Board so that there could be a dialogue among the members.

PAUL COHEN, Admin. Health Services Officer,  
State Division of Health

PHYLLIS AUDEN, Liaison, State Board of Health

Mr. Cohen advised the Committee that in 1977 when the Legislature added the addition of the contractor and the nurse, it has proven to be a tremendous advantage to the Board to have that representation. Mr. Cohen stated he spoke to Mr. Trounday of the Gaming Control Board and Mr. Trounday said there was no need to have anyone from the gaming serve on the State Board of Health. He stated they did not feel restructuring the Board at this time would serve any appropriate changes or services to the people of the State of Nevada.

Mrs. Auden advised the Committee she failed to see how any member of the Gaming Industry or the Union would bring any expertise to the Board; it makes about as much sense as putting a physician on the Gaming Control Board or nurse on the union governing body. She distributed a proposed amendment to the Committee members, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

JOHN MILLER, Public Relations Dir., Kennecott, Nev.  
Mines Division-Nev. Mining Assn.

Mr. Miller advised the Committee outside the Board members designated from State Government, the remaining four should be appointed by the Governor on an at-large basis. He stated appointing persons from specific areas of interest limits the Governor's discretionary powers and sets the stage for discrimination and serving of special interests.

MIKE SULLIVAN, Supervisor, Environmental Affairs  
Sierra Pacific Power Co.

Mr. Sullivan advised the Committee that in the five years he has been dealing with the Board he has yet to find a more objective and well-qualified Board of the many he has to deal with.

ROLAND WESTERGARD, Dir. Dept. of Conserv. &  
Natural Resources

He advised the Committee the current composition of the Commission is one of good balance, it has been extremely effective in protecting the public's and state's interests, and the latitude should be retained for the Governor to make appointments for qualified people.

Testimony was then concluded on the Bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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The following is proposed as substance for an amendment to AB 755; however we submit it only as a basis for discussion with proponents of this bill. We would also like final action deferred until Dr. Carr can be present.

SUGGESTED COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

One doctor of medicine

One construction engineer or general building contractor

One representative of the general public

One person who is a physician as defined in NRS 0.040 or a member of an allied health profession as defined in NRS 450.005. (In practice this would include, in addition to doctor of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, chiropracty, dentistry, psychology, podiatry, and oriental medicine.)

Two persons from among the ancillary or related health professions as defined in chapters 630, 632, 638, 639, 640 and 652 of NRS. (In practice this would include physicians' assistants, emergency medical technicians, nurses, veterinarians, pharmacists, physical therapists, and medical laboratory directors.)

One member whom the governor may appoint without regard to occupation.

All members shall have resided in the state of Nevada for five consecutive years prior to appointment.