

Members Present:

Chairman Hayes  
Vice Chairman Stewart  
Mr. Banner  
Mr. Brady  
Mr. Coulter  
Mr. Fielding  
Mr. Horn  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Polish  
Mr. Prengaman  
Mr. Sena

Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Bryn Armstrong	Parole Board
Eoles Burist	Parole Board
Sam Cavnar	Project Prayer
Peggy Cavnar	Assemblyman
Wilma Faucett	Parole Board

SENATE BILL 548

Makes chairman of state board of parole commissioners its executive officer and provides for his powers and duties.

Bryn Armstrong, Chairman of parole board of commissioners, testified for this bill. This bill was introduced into the Senate Judiciary Committee by him to address the problems which arose out of the creation of the first full time board of commissioners. The 1977 Legislature stated that there shall be a chairman appointed by the Governor. He would like to have some things clarified in the bill. One would be who is responsible for internal and fiscal management. The bill now states that the board as a whole is charged with these responsibilities and he would like the bill to say that since he is the chairman, he is the chief executive officer. He stated that his two fellow commissioners were opposed to the bill and that this problem can be resolved by pure logic. At present, they are all operating well and have no problems. He feels that for

the good of the parole program, the state commissioners should look down the road and delegate the responsibility to one person.

He stated that at the present time anyone of them can sign for sick leaves, travel claims, and he is opposed to everyone sharing the responsibility.

Eoles Burist, Parole Board, testified against S.B. 548. He feels that the function of the board is a decision making process on who should be released from the prison. He feels that he would not like to see this jeopardized and it could weaken their independence in their decision making. He would like to see the bill amended to read that the chairman is not the supervisor over the other two commissioners. He stated that they could not do their job adequately when the chairman is able to influence their thinking or their votes.

Mr. Stewart questioned as to how the chairman could influence their votes.

Mr. Burist stated that the chairman could place restrictions on the other two commissioners such as their vacation or sick leave if something had gone contrary to what he had anticipated.

Wilma Faucett, Parole Board, testified in opposition to S.B. 548. She felt that the chairman should be in charge of administration but he should have no authority over the other two members which could decrease their independence.

Nick Horn questioned as to what type of activity the chairman would dictate to them to do.

Ms. Faucett cited an example that he could change the time of day that they read their case histories from morning to afternoon or when they could take vacations.

SENATE BILL 442

Increases limitations on value of property subject to homestead exemption.

Mr. Stewart moved to Do Pass S.B. 442; Mr. Polish seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion on the following vote:

Aye - Hayes, Stewart, Malone, Polish, Fielding, Coulter,  
Brady - 7

Nay - Horn - 1

Absent - Sena, Banner, Prengaman - 3

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

Proposes to amend Nevada Constitution to allow for municipal courts of record.

Mr. Sena moved to Do Pass S.J.R. 25; Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion on the following vote:

Aye - Hayes, Stewart, Malone, Polish, Prengaman, Brady, Sena - 7

Nay - Horn, Fielding, Coulter - 3

Absent - Banner - 1

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 27

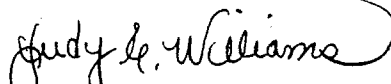
Urges Congress to exclude United States Supreme Court from jurisdiction to review certain cases involving prayers in public schools.

Peggy Cavnar, Assemblyman, and her husband Sam, testified for this bill. She felt that if the parents of these children and the children themselves felt like saying a prayer in school, then they should be allowed to. She felt that this would be taking away their constitutional rights if it was denied.

Steve Coulter was in opposition to this bill, feeling that if you took away the power of the Supreme Court, it could cause some very serious problems.

Chairman Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Judy E. Williams  
Secretary