

Present:

Chairman Gibson
Vice Chairman Keith Ashworth
Senator Dodge
Senator Echols
Senator Ford
Senator Kosinski
Senator Raggio

Also Present:

See Attached Guest Register

Chairman Gibson called the forty-second meeting of the Government Affairs committee to order at 2:00 p.m. The first item on the agenda was the hearing of AB-24.

AB-24 Creates risk management division in department of administration.

Assemblyman Banner stated that this was the result of a study committee during the interim. Senator Dodge testified with Mr. Banner and stated that SCR-37 of the 59th session dealt with this issue and they have been trying to solve the problems of liability insurance.

Senator Dodge stated that through the study several items were clear. There needs to be immediate investigative procedures when an accident occurs. There should be a man that does this specifically. At the present there is a \$40,000 fiscal note in the budget. A copy of this report was sent to the Governor and it appears that he favors this bill and has provided for it in the budget. The Senator also noted that Section 6 deals with the duties of the Sales Risk Manager. On line 46, page 2, subsection 10 of Section 6 gives the authority for the Sales Risk Manager to help the local entities in the area of insurance, type of policies, costs, etc. The Senator felt that this would be a great value to the smaller counties.

Senator Ashworth asked if this position was being placed in the right division. The Senator felt that this should be placed in the Insurance Division.

Mr. Banner felt that it should be in the Administration department because it is a management position and deals with the risk which is more important and complex than the insurance end. Clark County has saved over a million and a half dollars since they placed all their risk insurance under one umbrella.

Senator Dodge concurred with Mr. Banner and noted that Mr. Barrett also felt that this position should be under the Department of Administration.

Senator Ford questioned the language on page 2, lines 11 through 13 where the duties of the Sales Risk Manager are spelled out. The language appears very restrictive with regard to political activities.

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Mr. Banner felt that this restrictiveness might be a result from the problems that came up last year with the Insurance Commissioner.

Mr. E.P. Etcheverry, Executive Director of the Nevada League of Cities, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Etcheverry agreed that this bill would aid the smaller counties in insurance areas and give valuable advice concerning the risk insurance policies.

Larry Struve, Chief Deputy in the Attorney General's office, testified in support of this bill and concurred with the testimony given by Senator Dodge.

Senator Kosinski felt that all public officers should be written into this bill as well.

Senator Raggio moved "Do Pass" on AB-24
Seconded by Senator Echols
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman requested Senator Dodge to answer any questions on this bill when the bill comes up on the Senate floor.

AB-147 Changes certain provisions of law regarding place and notice of precinct meetings and bans appointment of delegates to certain party conventions.

Assemblyman Nick Horn testified to the committee that this bill was not intended to preclude the type of gathering that Senator Dodge mentioned in the meeting held Monday, April 30th.

Senator Dodge stated that the language was confusing to him and it appeared that it would preclude both parties from gathering at one location for a precinct meeting. The definition of voting district was the point of confusion.

Mr. Horn felt that if the bill could be amended to clearly state that such a meeting was legal it would be acceptable to him.

Chairman Gibson stated that after voting district on line 15 the following could be added, "in which the county and precinct are located." The Chairman also suggested language that would state the language would not preclude meetings of both parties within the same building.

Senator Raggio suggested the following: Line 17, page 1, "(b) Any public building within the county to accommodate any number of precincts." Then renumber the original (b) to be (c) "Any private building within the precinct."

Senator Echols disagreed stating that this is compounding the issue.

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The Senator stated that there is a problem down in southern Nevada that created this bill and it was to aid those people who are not complying with the law.

Nick Horn stated that the schools are now being used as meeting places and agreed with Senator Echols' statement on the reasons that the bill was drafted.

Chairman Gibson felt that the problems have arisen from the central committee and this bill will help those people who don't know what the laws stipulate for precinct meetings.

Senator Dodge moved "Amend and Do Pass" on AB-147
Seconded by Senator Raggio
Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Raggio's amending language on Page 2 of the minutes will be incorporated into the bill. Chairman assigned Senator Raggio to get the appropriate amendments prepared.

AB-601 Limits reports of campaign contributions and expenses which must be forwarded to secretary of state.

Secretary of State, William Swackhammer, testified in support of this bill and stated that it deals with allowing the legislative and judicial candidates to mail their reports in by certified mail. The date that is stamped on is their envelope will be the date of filing.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass" on AB-601
Seconded by Senator Ford
Motion carried unanimously

Chairman Gibson asked Senator Ford to answer any questions on this bill when it comes up on the Senate floor.

AB-730 Makes various amendments to charter of City of Reno.

Henry Etchemendy, City Manager for the City of Reno and Mr. Mike Rowe, Deputy City Attorney were present to testify to the reasons for the amendments to their City Charter.

Mr. Etchemendy went over the bill and noted the reasons for the principle amendments to their charter. One significant change was allowing the city to appoint additional judges to the municipal court. Their reason was due to the large number of cases coming up with the increased growth in Reno.

Senator Keith Ashworth asked if it was really necessary to appoint more than one judge between sessions. The Senator felt that the legislature could grant the approval for appointing as many judges as they felt necessary.

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Mr. Rowe felt that it is quite possible that between sessions they would need an additional judge. Mr. Rowe expanded on the problems with growth and the increasing case loads.

Chairman Gibson referred to the City Charter used by Las Vegas and informed the committee that the legislature allows Las Vegas to appoint municipal judges.

Mr. Etchemendy continued that the next amendment on line 4, page 3 is to conform to the language necessary for additional judges by making the reference plural.

In Subsection 1 of Section 5 there needs to be a provision for the re-election of the existing municipal judge. This will be a further amendment to the bill. Page 3, line 11, after councilman at large add "and municipal judge or judges", then continue with existing language.

Changes on the number of days are to conform the charter to the election laws.

Mr. Rowe noted that the Civil Service Commission deleted any references to political party. It should be non-partisan. Mr. Rowe also noted that changes in the ability for the City Manager to fire someone without a pre-termination hearing. The City Manager must report on such actions after three days. These changes were to allow more flexibility for the City Manager.

The City Manager has discussed these changes with the Reno City Council and Mr. Etchemendy indicated that they were in favor of the amendments to the city charter.

Senator Raggio requested that the language being added regarding the municipal judges (subsection 1, Section 5) be sent to Frank Daykin for his review.

Senator Raggio moved "Amend and Do Pass" on AB-730
Seconded by Senator Dodge
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson assigned Senator Raggio to get the amendments prepared.

AB-766 Authorizes counties and cities to submit advisory questions to registered voters within their respective jurisdictions.

Assemblyman Paul Prengaman testified that this bill was originally sponsored by Mr. Bedrosian and himself. This bill is an attempt to allow the people to have a say on the matters that will affect them. The airport authority was specifically mentioned by Mr. Prengaman and he also pointed out that the vote was advisory and not binding.

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Chairman Gibson asked Mr. Prengaman if he had checked on the constitutionality of the bill with Mr. Daykin. Mr. Prengaman stated that he did not check with Mr. Daykin but had discussed this bill with Mr. Larry Hicks, former District Attorney, and Mr. Hicks stated that an initiative petition had to be signed prior to placing an advisory question on the ballot.

Senator Ford stated that Frank Daykin should be asked if this bill could be worded so that only the area that the question will affect should have an advisory question placed on a ballot.

Frank Daykin was called to the meeting and the Chairman asked Mr. Daykin if the bill could be amended to state that the advisory question could be placed on the ballot in the areas where the question is pertinent. Mr. Daykin responded that this could be easily amended into the bill. Mr. Daykin also stated that the bill was constitutional.

Chairman Gibson also asked if the addition of advisory questions to a ballot could be tied down to what elections they can be put on. At the present it is left to the discretion of the governing body.

The committee took action on the bill with the following amendments being included in the action : (1) Allows advisory question to be submitted in a portion of the area where the election is being conducted and (2) Limit the advisory question being added only in the general election.

Senator Ford moved "Amend and Do Pass" on AB-766
Seconded by Senator Dodge
Motion carried unanimously

AB-648 Prohibits change in candidate's political affiliation under certain circumstances.

Assemblyman Barengo testified to the committee on the reasons for this bill. Mr. Barengo stated that a number of people were changing their party on the last day for various reasons and this was not the intent of the bill. The language causes this loophole in the present statutes and this bill will close that loophole.

Senator Raggio moved "Do Pass" on AB-648
Seconded by Senator Ford
Motion carried unanimously.

AB-210 will be placed on the agenda for re-hearing Friday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m. Chairman noted that he had received many calls from the various agencies affected adversely by the passage of this bill in its current form.

Senator Keith Ashworth and Senator Raggio were assigned to work on the problems with SB-507 heard on April 27, 1979. Senator Ashworth reported that they have decided to draft a new bill as the amendments were quite extensive. The Senator asked that the committee introduce the bill and re-refer it back to committee. There was no objection made by the committee on this proposal.

Chairman Gibson asked the committee to look at SB-253 while Frank Daykin was present. Mr. Daykin stated that the amendments would not be ready until Monday (5-7-79). Chairman stated that he would like to schedule a hearing in the Assembly Government Affairs committee when the bill is in printed form. Asked the committee if they were prepared to act on the bill with the condition that they could review the bill in reprinted form prior to sending it to the Assembly.

Senator Dodge moved "Amend and Do Pass" on SB-253
Seconded by Senator Ford
Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Kosinski was concerned about the language on emissions (Section 17 2J) and Mr. Daykin stated that when that portion is finished he would bring it to the Senator for review. The committee had an understanding that if anything needs to be reviewed it would be brought back to committee.

AB-606 Provides for financing of certain municipal assessment districts without issuance of bonds.

Assemblyman Dini was present to give testimony on this bill for the Assembly Government Affairs committee. Mr. Dini stated that the language in this bill came directly from Chapter 244 of the NRS.

Senator Ford moved "Do Pass" on AB-606
Seconded by Senator Raggio
Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman assigned Senator Dodge to answer any questions that might come up on the Senate floor.

SB-479 Provides exception to general prohibition against purchases from trustees of general improvement districts.

Chairman Gibson read the proposed amendments to the committee, delete in line 9, Page 1, after "members," down through line 10 to "when" the last word on that line. On Page 2, on line 5, after "members," delete language on through line 6 to "when"

Chairman noted that the new language to be added on page 1, line 13 is as follows, "the bid of a member of the board may be accepted, if that bid is the lowest responsible bid."

Senator Kosinski stated that if the improvement districts are not required to take bids now then it would create problems. The Senator stated that this is a special area and creating special legislation causes problems. The bill states that it must be competitive bidding and if they are otherwise not required to bid this provision would be conflicting.

Senator Raggio moved "Amend and Do Pass" on SB-479
Seconded by Senator Ford
Motion carried unanimously.

AB-36 Abolishes personnel division of department of administration and creates department of personnel.

Chairman Gibson stated that in talking with Frank Daykin the Chairman asked Mr. Daykin if this bill was necessary if the committee decided to place the Personnel Administrator directly into the unclassified system. Mr. Daykin felt that under those circumstances the bill was not necessary. Chairman further stated that he was personally against separating the Personnel Division from the Department of Administration. The Governor indicated to Chairman Gibson that he would like to have the Personnel Administrator placed in the unclassified system. The Governor also informed the Senator that he would appoint Jim Wittenberg to that position. It was felt that this would benefit the department.

The Chairman stated that he did not recommend postponing the bill but keeping it in an inactive status until the division is put in the unclassified system. The committee did not object to holding this bill.

SB-318 Provides for termination of certain boards, commissions and similar bodies in executive department of state government.

Chairman Gibson asked the committee to consider taking action on this bill since it was the opinion of the sub-committee to amend the Assembly Bill (AB-523) and try to get it through the legislature prior to adjournment.

Senator Ford moved "Indefinite Postponement" on SB-318
Seconded by Senator Echols
Motion carried unanimously.

AB-217 Creates new county.

Senator Kosinski stated that with the effects of proposition six and the expenditure caps that will have to be lived with for the next two years supporting the creation of a new county would not be feasible at this time.

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Senator Ford stated she also would not support passage of this bill. The Senator indicated that there are some viable options for answering the problems in the Incline Village, Crystal Bay area. At this time Senator Ford passed out copies of a report prepared by the Research Department in the Legislative Counsel Bureau on the alternatives to the creation of a new county at Lake Tahoe. (See Attachment #1)

Senator Ford went over the attached for those present and noted the township concept, the unincorporated town concept and also suggested that the area have their own courts. The Senator concluded by stating that this is not the right time to consider a new county, it should be studied more thoroughly and those alternatives suggested by the Senator should be reviewed.

Senator Dodge stated that he was against the creation of a county at this time. Feels that this might create a precedent for other areas that are unhappy with the county they are operating under. Concurred with the statements made by Senators Kosinski and Ford.

Senator Raggio stated that he had the distinct privilege and honor of being the lone Senator of the committee that represents the district. Consequently, the Senator stated that he was interested in hearing the opinions of the other members of the committee and felt that it was the consensus of the opinion that the bill will not pass. The Senator stated that this situation reminded him of the old saying that some of my friends are for it and some are against it and I stand with my friends. This issue must be looked at carefully and everyones interests can't be accomodated.

The Senator stated that he agreed with the comments made by Senator Kosinski and felt that of all the areas in the state of Nevada, Lake Tahoe is probably the most unique and beautiful area. There are special problems that are quite different and should receive special consideration. The residents of Carson City are also affected by area surrounding the lake. Most Nevada residents are especially proud of the scenic beauty of Lake Tahoe. The Senator felt that there was no disagreement by either the proponents or opponents of the bill that the underlying concern is to preserve, in the best possible manner, the area that is involved. Protect, preserve its distinct character and its obvious attraction as a beautiful place to live. The Senator stated that during this session, whether or not he voted in favor of the new county legislation, a new county would not be formed. He further clarified that his vote would be against any form of a new county at this time.

Senator Raggio stated he was a member of the interim study committee and assured both sides that he read everything that was presented. Read all the study materials. Each side had a great deal of information to substantiate their viewpoint. The Senator felt that there was merit to the creation of a county, there is merit to the concept of an unincorporated town or a township.

These alternatives were explored. It was determined in the report that these were less desirable alternatives because they added another level of taxation. The Senator did not feel that these alternatives were not explored as thoroughly as they should have been.

The Senator stated in conclusion that in casting his vote, and noted that he was taking more time to explain his position because of his representation of the county involved, did not want his vote to be interpreted as dissuading either the proponents and opponents from the interest that they have in this matter. The Senator stated that he would be happy to work with both factions towards the accomplishment of those goals. The Senator endorsed the concept that the Board of County Commissioners should work with the representatives of that area to accomodate more participation and representation of the Incline Village and Crystal Bay area. The tax return should be more fairly distributed to the people in that area than there has been. The Senator felt that both sides presented their opinions in an informative manner and were earnest in their desires. Hopes that the people can work together for a better future. The decision to vote against the county vote was difficult and the preceeding remarks were made in order to justify this stand.

Senator Ashworth stated that he feels that the problems that exist on the Washoe County side of the lake are not much different from what is happening on the Douglas county side of the lake. The Senator didn't feel that the problems would be resolved by the Incline Village and Crystal Bay areas forming a new county. The people should be willing to work together with the people from Washoe County.

Chairman Gibson stated that he was opposed to the creation of a new county and felt that some counties could be consolidated. Chairman asked the permission of the committee to write a letter to the people in the Incline Village, Crystal Village general improvement district about the suggestions brought out in the report prepared by the Research Division on alternatives to the formation of a county. The committee concurred with this suggestion.

Senator Ford moved "Indefinite Postponement" on AB-217
Seconded by Senator Echols
Motion carried unanimously.

Letter would also be sent to the County Commissioners in Washoe County asking that they concern themselves with the unique problems of the lake area and to consider the alternatives mentioned in Attachment #1.

SB-261 Creates commission for economic development.

Senator Keith Ashworth requested that the committee hold the bill until Friday, May 4th, in order to obtain further information. The committee did not object and Chairman Gibson noted that it would be placed on the agenda for Friday, May 4th.

SB-498 Includes development of land as permissible project for purposes relating to certain county and city revenue bonds.

Senator Raggio stated that since the last hearing on SB-498 he had a chance to talk with Commissioner Farr and Commissioner Steve Brown and also with Mr. McNitt of the Housing Division. They have indicated that SB-498 could be utilized by the counties in some of the situations for redevelopment and the small counties. The Senator agreed that it was permissive legislation for the counties. Does not feel that it will abuse the statutes in Chapter 244.

Senator Raggio moved "Do Pass" on SB-498

Seconded by Senator Echols

Motion did not carry: Voting went as follows:

Yea's - Senators Raggio, Echols, Ford

Nay's - Senators Gibson Dodge, Kosinski and Keith Ashworth

AB-277 Changes certain fees of constables.

Senator Dodge was concerned about the outcome of the Justice of the Peace jurisdictional bill in connection with the changes in AB-277. The increases for filing costs were substantially increased. This bill and AB-358 should be considered in context with the bill that came out of the Judiciary committee.

The committee discussed the bill and decided to take action but hold the bill until the committee could look at the bill passed by the Judiciary committee.

Senator Raggio moved "Do Pass" on AB-277

Seconded by Senator Echols

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman would hold the bill until the Judiciary bill could be reviewed.

AB-358 Removes authority of board of county commissioners of certain counties to abolish office of constable.

Chairman Gibson stated that he did not understand the concern that has been expressed in North Las Vegas for the need of this bill. Doesn't feel that the Constable is threatened. As the metropolitan area gets larger there should be a better way of handling the situation than through the constable approach. Some of the figures that were presented indicate that the fees are extremely high. The salary that it is based on would be lucrative. The Senator felt that these high fees are not justifiable.

Senator Raggio asked what was the reason for deleting Washoe County from this bill. Chairman answered that they did not want to be included and the law is permissive. Every county, except Washoe, can eliminate the Constable.

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Chairman Gibson stated that he would hold the bill until Senator Raggio could check further into the reasons that Washoe County is not included in this piece of legislation.

Senator Kosinski stated that one of the problems that he has with the bill is in the situation where the county officials might be having trouble with the Constable, not the office but the personality of the present Constable. This might be a reason to abolish the office. Another situation that troubled the Senator was if the man running for the office of Constable had spent a great deal of time and money running for the office and a month after the election have the office abolished. This could create real problems and if the bill is to be considered an amendment should be added to provide that an office can only be eliminated only at the end of a term.

The committee did not object to this amendment.

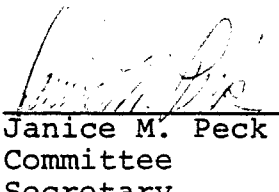

Senator Keith Ashworth felt that the big issue is budget. If the fees are set too high some of the smaller counties might turn some of the duties over to the sheriff. This should be considered.

Assemblyman Paul May wanted to make a few comments on the bill. He noted that the bill to have the Constable under the county commissioners was created a few years ago to handle a special situation. That situation is no longer a problem and this bill only takes the Constables out of their authority.

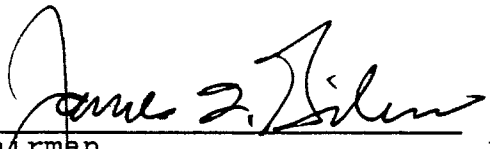
There was no action taken on this bill during this meeting. It will be re-scheduled for action at a later date.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Resptfully submitted,



Janice M. Peck & Lois Smith
Committee Backup Secretary
Secretary

Approved:


Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson

Note: Attachment #2 - Letter and information provided to the committee by Mr. John Hart, Reno Constable on SB-277

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May 2, 1979

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Jean Ford

FROM: Andrew P. Grose, Research Director

SUBJECT: Alternatives to the Creation of a New County at
Lake Tahoe

You asked that I review chapter 269 of NRS for applicability to some of the problem areas that have lead to the move for a new county in the Incline-Crystal Bay area and to consider other devices that might give the area more control over its own affairs.

The general government committee that assisted the study committee looked at the option of incorporation. They concluded that anything to be gained in terms of land use controls and certain police powers would be gained at far less cost through the creation of a county.

The unincorporated town law does offer some relief to the residents of the Incline-Crystal Bay area. Under the town board form, the town elects three board members who are joined by two county commissioners and the five form the board (NRS 269.017). This older form has fairly extensive powers.

In Washoe County it could be established by the county commissioners but it could not be created by initiative petition. The latter method is applicable only in counties under 100,000. This older law has an anachronistic sound to it but it is usable. It would provide for certain revenue sources in terms of license fees that presently go to the county (NRS 269.170). A separate ad valorem tax rate up

to \$1.50/\$100 could be levied (NRS 269.115). Special tax rates for police and fire service could be levied (NRS 269.240 and 269.255). Bonds can be issued for town improvements (NRS 269.400 et seq.).

The newer form of the unincorporated town is found beginning at NRS 269.500. The taxing and licensing provisions in the older sections apply to the new form as well. The main difference is in the governing board. Under the new form, the county commissioners are always the governing body. There is a town advisory board but it is just that. This more recent form can have as much freedom of action as the county commissioners want to give it. The advisory board can recommend ordinances and the town budget. In the older form, the town has more independence since they have three of the five votes on the board. Even in the older form, the ad valorem rate is set by the county commissioners. The town board could set license fees, however, under the older form. Under the new form, the county commissioners would set license fees.

Under either form, the county commissioners can grant considerable discretion in a number of areas of services, the police power and health and welfare. In the older form, towns have all the areas of jurisdiction set forth in the law and can make ordinances. In the new form, the ordinance creating a town sets forth the areas of town jurisdiction but the power to make town ordinances remains with the county commissioners.

The advantages of an unincorporated town form of government for the Incline-Crystal Bay area are as follows:

1. Various license fees that now go to the county would stay in the area.
2. Ordinances just for the area could be enacted allowing for particular problems and situations not found in the rest of the county.

3. A number of budget and service decisions could be made in the area.
4. A town allows for the exercise locally of most of the powers of an incorporated city without most of a city's overhead costs.

The disadvantages compared to a new county would be as follows:

1. The area would still have to pay the full county ad valorem tax.
2. In certain fundamental matters, the county commissioners would still have the final say.
3. The county could use the device to have the local area pay from its own ad valorem rate for things currently paid for from the general county rate.
4. The value of the approach is too dependent on the attitudes of the county commission which can change.

In addition to the unincorporated town approach, several other things could be considered. The county commission could hold a certain portion of their meetings in the area, especially when the agenda includes items of particular interest to the lake area. (This is dependent upon passage of A.B. 379). There is no reason that the regional planning commission could not hold meetings on a regular basis at the lake and, as much as possible, hold lake items for such meetings. Also, in January of each year, the county board of equalization could hold one meeting at the lake. Finally, the county could create a township at the lake which would give the area its own justice of the peace. If a township is justified for Verdi, it seems appropriate for the lake section of the county.

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None of these suggestions on an unincorporated town or the other items would interfere with IVGID or Crystal Bay GID. They would provide for increased authority over local affairs, greater identity for the region and do so at little additional cost. The town board approach would grant some real authority to the area as opposed to the advisory board that the county commissioners have established in the area. This does not mean that these things taken together would provide the advantages of a county. But neither would they entail some of the disadvantages, primarily in cost.

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EXHIBIT 1

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JOHN J. HART
Constable of Reno Township

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755-4221

April 4, 1979

RE: Assembly Bill No. 277

Dear

Enclosed are copies of a letter to Robert Barengo, Assemblyman from Washoe County who introduced our bill, AB277 and a proposed chart showing the increases we are seeking in our fee schedule.

This bill is being sponsored by the Washoe County Constable's Group consisting of:

John J. Hart, Constable	- Reno Township
T.C. "Doc" Thornton, Constable	- Sparks Township
George Powning, Constable	- Verdi Township
Leif Nielsen, Constable	- Gerlach Township
Charles Brown, Constable	- Wadsworth Township

We are looking forward to meeting with your group and to testify for our bill AB277.

Could you please notify us in a few days in advance of our hearing so we can contact all those that plan to be there. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Hart".

John J. Hart, Constable
Reno Township

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Enclosures: Letters of endorsement of two Justices of Peace-Reno Township

CC: Senators Close, Hernstadt, Don Ashworth, Ford, Sloan, Dodge, Raggio

EXHIBIT

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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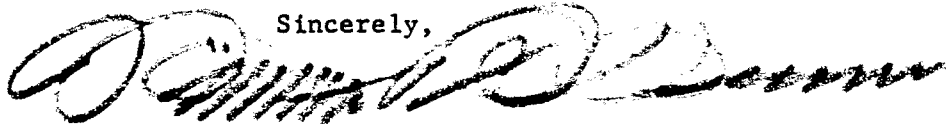
Senator Close
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
Nevada State Senate
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Senator Close,

It has been the observation of this Court that the Reno Constable's Office operates with the utmost efficiency. In this connection, services are provided at all hours as necessity requires.

The Service of process, by virtue of increased caseload, primarily in the Summary Eviction area demands additional man-power. The public is entitled to efficient service of process to comply with the law governing same. Since the Constable's office does not have the budgetary provisions to cover additional man-power that is needed, it has no recourse other than to seek an equitable increase of fees through the Legislature to compensate the additional help in the matter of service of process.

Sincerely,



William R. Beemer



Richard C. Minor

WRB:
RCM: hc



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December 14, 1978

Robert Barengo
Assembly District
Reno, Nevada

Re: Constable's Fee Chart

Dear Bob,

The Washoe County Constable's are in dire need for an increase in our fee chart. This fee schedule set by the legislation has only been increased slightly over the past 20 years. Our last increase was granted in 1975. This increased our fees to serve a Summons & Complaint from \$1.50 to \$3.00; executions from \$2.00 to \$4.00; and subpeonas from \$1.00 to \$2.00. This covers the bulk of the papers we serve.

The Sheriff's office get a straight \$5.00 per copy whether he serves out of the District Court or the Justice Court.

Private process servers are getting \$10.00 and up and if they serve Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays they get as much as \$25.00 per paper.

To maintain an efficient office and to give good prompt service, this office will have to hire additional deputies to help out. Due to the present rate that we are charging, it is impossible to get anyone to work because they cannot make any money.

There is a great need for this type of service with the vast amount of law-suits generating here locally and also with the papers sent to the courthouse from outside the county. It is the responsibility of both the Constable's office and the Sheriff's Civil Division to render good fast and efficient service.

Enclosed is a chart showing both fee charts. One for the Constable's office and one for the Sheriff. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Hart".

John J. Hart, Constable
Reno Township

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Enclosure

CONSTABLE NRS 258.125

SHERIFF NRS 248.275

	<u>Constable</u>	<u>Sheriff</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
For serving summons or other process by which suit is commenced in civil cases.....	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
For summoning a jury before a Justice of the peace.....	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
For taking a bond or undertaking.....	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
For serving an attachment against the property of a defendant.....	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
For service of subpoenas for each witness.....	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
For a copy of any writ, process or order or other paper when demanded or required by law per folio.....	\$.30	\$1.00	\$.50
For drawing and executing every constable deed to be paid by the grantee, who shall also pay for the acknowledgment thereof.....	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
For each certificate of sale of real property under execution.....	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
For levying any execution, or executing an order of arrest in civil cases, or order for delivery of personal property, with traveling fees as for summons.....	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
For making and posting notices and advertising property for sale on execution not to include the cost of publication in the newspaper.....	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$1.00
For mileage in serving summons, attachment, execution order, venire, subpoena or other process in civil suits, for each mile necessarily and actually traveled in going only....	\$.50	\$.50	\$.20
Unsuccessful effort to serve same as above but not to exceed \$10.00.....	\$10.00		\$5.00

NOTE: This means if a person lives 12 miles out only one additional call can be made and in a 24 hour town does not give good service and makes it necessary to serve on the job which we do not like to do unless it is necessary. This should be changed to \$15.00 at least.

4/15/77

TO: WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: CONSTABLE OF RENO TOWNSHIP

RE: REPORT FOR QUARTER JANUARY 1, 1977 to APRIL 1, 1977.

SOURCE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	TOTAL
CIVIL FEES	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 1,987.54	\$1,173.00	\$ 4,565.54
MILEAGE	708.00	632.50	604.50	1,945.00
COMMISSIONS	88.42	77.48	106.37	272.27
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TOTALS	\$ 2,201.42	\$ 2,697.52	\$1,883.87	\$ 6,782.81
PAID DEPUTY	\$ 845.00	\$ 775.50	\$998.00	\$2,618.50
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NET	\$ 1,356.42	\$ 1,922.02	\$ 885.87	\$ 4,164.31

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J. J. Hart
JOHN J. HART

JULY 14, 1977

TO: WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: CONSTABLE OF RENO TOWNSHIP

RE: REPORT FOR QUARTER APRIL 1, 1977 TO JULY 1, 1977.

SOURCE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
CIVIL FEES	\$1,103.00	\$1,369.00	\$1,115.00	\$3,587.00
MILEAGE	554.00	565.50	489.00	1,608.50
COMMISSIONS	68.78	62.54	55.81	187.13
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TOTALS	\$1,725.78	\$1,997.04	\$1,659.81	\$5,382.63
PAID DEPUTY	651.25	713.00	918.50	2,282.75
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NET	\$1,074.53	\$1,284.04	\$ 741.31	\$3,099.88

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

John J. Hart

JOHN J. HART

October 12, 1977

TO: WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: CONSTABLE OF RENO TOWNSHIP

RE: REPORT FOR QUARTER JULY 1, 1977 TO OCTOBER 1, 1977.

SOURCE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL
CIVIL FEES	\$ 1,479.00	\$ 1,814.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 4,383
MILEAGE	676.50	698.00	378.50	1,753
COMMISSIONS	80.27	41.95	50.05	172
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TOTALS	\$ 2,235.77	\$ 2,553.95	\$ 1,518.55	\$ 6,308
PAID DEPUTY	\$ 923.00	\$ 1,010.50	\$ 954.00	\$ 2,887
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NET	\$ 1,312.77	\$ 1,543.45	\$ 564.55	\$ 3,420

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

John J. Hart
JOHN J. HART

EXHIBIT 21181

GUEST LIST

DATE: _____

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION
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BOB KENDRO	WASHOE CO. AIRPORT AUTH.
BOB MANDEVILLE	" " " "
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G P Fitcher	NEW LEAGUE OF CITIES
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