

MEMBERS PRESENT: A quorum

Mr. Dini called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. He gave the committee for consideration BDR-20-1648\* from the City of Las Vegas. Mr. Mello moved FOR INTRODUCTION, seconded by Mr. Craddock. Motion carried.

On AB-186, Mr. Dini stated that this bill was introduced some time back by Mr. Prengaman, Mr. Sader, Mr. Mello and Mrs. West-all. I think it is time to move this bill to the Senate. We will have to comply with AB-2. It needs to be cleaned up first.

Mr. Prengaman: We heard a lot of testimony and we had John Crossley look into the finances of the Airport Authority. Some interesting things came out of it. One of the points they hit really hard when they were here was that with an appointed board they can put expertise on it. And, yet, in terms of their own budget on their terminal expansion, they were something like \$8.5 million over their budget. There were some other problems. I really don't think that some of the arguments they made against the change were really that substantive. I would like to see the bill passed. We are into a very difficult time with that airport. We face declining passengers and for the next several years, it has to be run very carefully.

Mr. Nicholas: Were you able to bring into the bonding interest bill the directions involving oversight, as far as elected officials are concerned?

Mr. Prengaman moved an AMEND AND DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Mello.

Mr. Prengaman: For your information, the Reno City Council has become very concerned about the direction the Airport Authority is going, so they have assigned one of their council members to attend the meetings of the Authority on a regular basis and report back to them.

Mr. Dini asked for the vote: Motion carried. Mr. Nicholas and Mr. DuBois voted NO.

On AB-400, which is on collective bargaining, needs amending. Mr. Dini proposed: we gut the whole bill, delete Sections 1 through 13 and we establish a hearing officer procedure. What I think we got out of the testimony is that these people are laymen. They have no background in hearings or negotiations. It would wipe out the advisory board which has been inactive. The EMRB would then become the appeal board from the hearing officer. If we can get a motion from the committee to take this to the floor and reprint it and bring it back to the committee.

\*AB 693

Mr. Dini: The amendment is: AMEND AND RE-REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE.

Mr. Mello made the motion, Mr. DuBois seconded. This is amendment No. 1036. Motion carried.

Mr. Dini: The salary bill is ready to be introduced in the Senate. This is the county elected officials' bill.

The salary schedules were discussed.

Mr. Dini: On AB-167, this is the bonding bill that has been in a conference committee because there is a conflict amendment to be put in. On Page 3, Lines 44-47, the version that passed out of this committee read: '...additionally secured by a pledge of net revenues of a project...revenues will exceed by at least one-third of the amount required in each year for the payment of interest and principal...'. The Senate reduced that to: 'at least equal', instead of 'one-third'. The problem with going with one-third is that the cost to the customer would be considerable. You have to project a third extra and build it into the rate. We could try proposing 1.1% and form a conference committee comprised of me, Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Nicholas on the first conference committee. This is a major piece of legislation as it puts all the bonding in the same place and everyone is under the same rules.

Mr. Dini: On SB-488: this is the one on interest rates. What it does is take the interest rate cap off. I would like to go along with the Senate with the open rate and amend in the restrictions that we want to put on the Airport Authority. The section that deals with those people, put the Airport Authority under the control of the county commissioners on bonding. I think that the market finds its own place. The bill provides that if you go to bond elections, you have to state what you are paying, ahead of time.

Mr. Redelsperger: I would like to see a cap. I would hate to give carte blanche authority.

Mr. Dini: The Dow-Jones Municipal Bonding Index is a good measuring device. So, you could take that index and 2 or 3 percentage points. They recommend that you don't put a cap on industrial revenue bonds because that is based on the credit of the company that is borrowing the money. They further recommend that we be sure that the limit applies at the time the bid is received, rather than the time of advertising.

Mr. Dini: Will someone make a motion that we accept this bill as written. Mr. Schofield made the motion, seconded by Mr. Prengaman. Further discussion followed. No vote was taken.

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Mr. Schofield moved to amend SB-488 to read: That we refer to the Dow Jones Municipal Bond Index, plus 3% percentage points in order to control it with a flexibility to go with the high side of it. Additionally, no lid on the bonds, and in all cases, the language to apply at time of bid receipt, rather than at time of advertising. Additional language would include that the Authority, upon affirmative vote of the majority of the trustees, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County. This was the language formerly in the law. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mello. Motion carried.

On AB-260, Mr. Prengaman stated he would like to withdraw it and so moved. (This is on solar energy). Mr. Mello seconded. Motion carried.

On AB-567, (zoning), Mr. Nicholas moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE, seconded by Mr. Mello. Motion carried.

On AB-504, Mr. DuBois stated this is the bill on energy conservation in public buildings. The bill provides that the various utilities report to the Public Service Commission the consumption of energy in public buildings. The PSC would then work up the consumption figures. This has been amended to where individual public buildings will do that. They receive their bills, they know what they use. They will report once a year and then post the consumption figures. Mr. Kelly Jackson showed a report where the consumption among various buildings does vary. Mr. Jeffrey moved for INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, seconded by Mr. Mello. After discussion, the vote was taken. Motion carried with Mr. Redelsperger, Mr. DuBois and Mr. Prengaman voting "NO".

On SB-21 (libraries), Mr. Craddock moved a DO PASS, with Mr. DuBois seconding the motion. Motion carried.

On SB-22 (libraries), there was a question in Section 15, Page 7, Line 41, on the word 'shall'. The request was to change it to 'may', to make it permissive.

Mr. Cathcart: The Library Board did agree to modify the bill because some of the smaller entities would suffer a fiscal impact on their budgets to have to furnish necessary code books. They thought if they made it permissive, that would resolve the problem.

Mr. Julius Conigliario: It mandates the cities to provide copies of the municipal code to all the libraries and court systems. The cost is \$75.00 per book with binder, and we multiplied that by about 48 times.

Mr. DuBois: There was a question of the public having difficulty in having access to the code and law books. This opens that up, as I recall. The impact is not that great because they are getting the books already.

Mr. Prengaman moved a DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Schofield. Motion carried.

On AB-471, Mr. Dini stated it had a constitutional problem.

Mr. Mello moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE it, seconded by Mr. Schofield. Motion carried.

On AB-439, a state employee bill, Mr. Jeffrey moved for INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, seconded by Mr. Prengaman. Motion carried.

On AB-349, which was on state consent, Mr. Prengaman stated that there was another bill, SB-176, which contained similar provisions. Mr. Struve had advised that the provisions had not been changed in SB-176. I would recommend we hold this bill.

On AB-427 (bond proceeds), Mr. Jeffrey moved to RE-REFER TO WAYS AND MEANS, seconded by Mr. Schofield. Motion carried by a vote of 6/4.

On AB-469, Mr. Dini turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Schofield. Mr. Dini moved for INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT, seconded by Mr. Mello. Motion carried.

<sup>SB-511</sup>  
On AB-511, there were amendments as follows: Brackets to be taken off on Line 19, Page 1, around the words 'Nevada citizen'. On Page 2, remove the brackets, as they want that back in. Mr. Nicholas withdrew his second. Mr. Mello moved an AMEND AND DO PASS, seconded by Mr. Schofield. Mr. Mello suggested that the Chairman call Don and ask that if we remove those brackets do we have to remove the new language. Or call the new administrator. The motion was to AMEND APPROPRIATELY AND DO PASS.

On SB-598, Mr. Dini indicated no one showed up to testify.

Ms. Debbi Langston: Our building director referred this bill to the contractors and he never heard back from them. It does put a burden on the contractors.

Mr. Redelsperger: I move to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB-598, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey. Motion carried.

Mr. Prengaman: Can I request an additional amendment on AB-186? I think we all know what fate it is going to meet. It might be a little easier to move through the Assembly if instead of changing the whole board, we take one member from each government entity and put them on board. That would leave five appointed and three government officials. It might make it a little easier. Does that meet with your approval?

Mr. Dini: How does the committee feel?

Mr. Prengaman: Rather than trying to change the whole thing. I think it would make it a little easier.

Mr. Dini: Will you take care of the amendments? If it meets with the approval of the committee, we will amend the bill. The committee concurred.

Mr. Dini adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lucille Hill