

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Dini  
Vice Chairman Schofield  
Mr. Craddock  
Mr. DuBois  
Mr. Jeffrey  
Mr. May  
Mr. Mello  
Mr. Nicholas  
Mr. Polish  
Mr. Prengaman  
Mr. Redelsperger

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mr. Noel Clark, N.D.O.E.

Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Mr. Dini indicated that the first bill they were going to discuss was SB 508.

Mr. Clark testified on SB 508. He said that SB 508, in reality, is mechanical. It returns the division of the Department of Energy back to a full-fledged commission. However, there are other bills, one of which has been passed, SB 511, which expands authority of the commission to do certain things within the state. I have looked through this very carefully and I find no new or different language that presently exists in the statutes. This bill was proposed by members of the present Colorado River Advisory Commission. It is supported by them, they have contacted the Governor and I have been informed that he does not oppose this bill. It was introduced in the Senate and I have no specific comments to make on any changes in it. I do believe it is in the interest of the public. The Colorado River Agency as such is an entirely different type of operating entity than any other I know within the state and I believe that it would function very well as a commission. One of the contentions of the Advisory Commission is that they need closer contact with the Governor and they believe that would give that to them if it were returned to a full-fledged independent commission.

Mr. Dini: Actually, it doesn't change the way it operates, it just takes it out of the Department of Energy.

Mr. Clark: Yes, the Advisory Commission becomes a full-fledged commission.

Mr. Nicholas: The appointees are listed as or supposed to be residents of this state and of a county served by the commission. Could you explain what a county served by the commission might be.

Mr. Clark: Primarily, it constitutes four counties, Clark, Lincoln, Esmeralda and Nye. However, in SB 696, which is the next bill I will be testifying on expands the scope of that commission to incorporate a member from the state at large.

Mr. May: Is the present director in the unclassified service?

Mr. Clark: I am the director, and I am in the unclassified service. The administrator is probably who you are referring to and he is in the unclassified service.

Mr. Dini: Is there any more testimony on SB 508. This concludes the testimony on SB 508.

Mr. Clark then testified on SB 696. The commission previously had five members representing basically four counties in southern Nevada: Clark Lincoln, Nye and Esmeralda, which actually received energy from the Hoover Dam or Colorado River complex. This bill expands that where it is required that a member be appointed at large from counties other than those served or receiving energy from the Colorado River or its tributary and the authority has been expanded to where it conducts state-wide activities on obtaining both power and water for residents throughout this state. This gives that representation to the balance of the state which heretofore has not been in the commission. Now, there are two problems with this bill, and at this late date I hesitate to suggest an amendment but I am going to ask that you use your discretion. On Line 4... "are residents of the State of Nevada and of a county served by the division," I think that should be the commission. Going to the bottom of this bill on Lines 19 through 22 it uses "Colorado River advisory commission" and on the last line "the division of Colorado River resources of the department of energy." I have been informed that the items in the last three lines will be picked up by the statute reviser, but I am not sure about the one on the top lines.

Mr. Dini: I guess, since we passed SB 508 first, there would be a conflict amendment slapped on.

Mr. Clark: I am here in support of this bill, I believe it is a good bill and the fact is SB 511 has already moved. In the event SB 508 goes, then SB 696 is a necessity to complete the entire transaction, as far as making this a state-wide agency.

Mr. Dini read from SB 696, Lines 17 through 22, "This act shall become effective on August 1, 1981, except that between July 1, 1981, and July 31, 1981, the governor may, but need not, appoint as a member of the Colorado River advisory commission one person to represent the state at large who resides in this state outside the counties served by the division of Colorado River resources of the department of energy."

Mr. Clark: I am not sure why the language is in there but possibly because there are two appointments that expire effective June 30.

Mr. Dini: How many members do you have?

Mr. Clark: Five.

Mr. Schofield made a motion for a Do Pass on SB 508.  
Mr. DuBois seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Schofield made a motion for an Amend & Do Pass on SB 696.  
Mr. May seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Prengaman made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone AB 349.  
Mr. Craddock seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 27, 1981

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