

Research

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Westall
Vice Chairman Kovacs
Mr. Vergiels
Mr. Rhoads
Mr. Brady
Mr. Rusk

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mr. May
Mr. Bremner
Mr. Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

See attached guest list (EXHIBIT I)

WITNESSES TESTIFYING:

Senator Jacobsen
Assemblyman Hickey
Vern Bennett, Executive Officer Public Employees Retirement
System

Chairman Westall convened the meeting at 1:35 P. M.

AB-287 - Increases salary of legislators for service on
interim retirement committee.

Vernon Bennett, Executive Officer, Public Employees Retirement System, said the committee was created in 1975 to provide the liaison between the retirement system and the legislature when the legislature was not in session and outlined the legislator composition of the committee. They are scheduled to meet four times a year but in practice meet only when there is a specific need, usually only twice a year. They discuss problems areas and authorize studies.

Mr. Brady questioned the need for the committee and Mr. Bennett replied his organization felt they served a very important function and would like the committee to continue. The advantages are: The committee provides the membership and the retirement staff vital input on the feasibility of potential legislative proposals; they advise on policy decisions; and they enhance communications. Mr. Bennett feels the committee is very definitely needed.

(Committee Minutes)

In response to Mr. Rusk's request the basic agenda, or as much of it as could be recalled, of the last meeting of the committee was supplied by Mr. Bennett. The agenda covered some of the parameters of the judicial study that concerned federal rules and regulations as applied to the retirement system. The committee authorized a study to determine the liability of the system; they determined the necessary contribution rate to put an uncontributing group on a funded basis; and considered other recommendations of their actuary. Another item on the agenda was cost of living increases for the legislative session the product of which is AB 154 (their bill for cost of living increases). Proposed general legislation was also discussed.

SCR 20 - Amends Joint Rule 11 regarding selection and representation of certain members of the legislative commission.

Chairman Westall noted the substantive change in the proposal was contained in lines 1 through 6, as follows:

"If for any reason a member is or will be absent from a meeting and there are not alternates available, the chairman of the commission may appoint a member of the same house and political party to attend the meeting as an alternate. If there is no one available from the same political party, the chairman may appoint any member of the house to which the absent member belongs."

A discussion among the members of the committee followed.

Chairman Westall said this provision would in effect make the entire body eligible as a third alternate.

Mr. Brady did not like the last sentence. He feared the possibility of abuse on a partisan basis.

Chairman Westall was of the opinion that SCR 20 was a good bill.

Mr. Rhoads suggested requesting an amendment that would delete the last sentence, "If there is no one available from the same political party, the chairman may appoint any member of the house to which the absent member belongs," and then ask for an endorsement before the full committee.

Mr. Brady moved to amend SCR-20 by deleting the last sentence of paragraph 4; Mr. Rusk seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rhoads moved to do pass AB 287; Mr. Kovacs seconded the motion ; motion carried unanimously.

AR-15 - Specifies jurisdiction of assembly standing committees.

Mr. Hickey, Assemblyman, speaking in support of the measure said the purpose was to specify based on the NRS number, the

committee to which a proposed bill would be referred. It would eliminate referrals of bills to inappropriate committees. This practice occurred when committee chairmen were not alert and another chairman wished to have better control of a measure. He urged passage of AR-15.

Mr. Vergiels was concerned because he felt the referrals in the senate, which has a referral system similar to that of this proposal, were often not proper or logical.

Senator Jacobsen said all original introductions were properly directed. There was flexibility in re-referrals which are controlled by the majority leader. He directs these as he sees fit.

Mr. Rhoads stated he liked the proposed measure and thought it workable; however, he would like to see it go further and identify an agency bill as such and added that he disliked committee introductions because the source of the bill was obscured.

Mr. Hickey replied that because there was a limit on personal introductions he felt the committee introductions were a necessity and did not object to them although he did like the idea of identifying agency bills.

Mr. Vergiels was concerned that legislation initiated by a legislator would be incorporated into an agency legislative package if the administration so chose.

ACR 24 - Specifies geographical composition of legislative commission and changes basis of membership of minority party.

Assemblyman Hickey in explanation of the proposal said that lines 18, 19, 20, and 21 specifies, by population the designated numbers and geographical representation of membership composition of the legislative commission. The present composition of the commission is not evenly distributed according to population. The interim functioning commission is supposedly representative of the body and therefore should be. Under the present system the minority party is guaranteed three members. This proposal decreases it to two based on current composition. This is subject to change as the composition of the body changes.

Mr. Hickey added that he believed the minority party membership on the commission should be protected. That it should not be strictly by party percentage composition. There are problems with formulas, but under the present formula, is not representative of the legislature.

Mrs. Westall suggested that by increasing the number of members of the commission a more representative composition could be attained.

SB-387 - Provides for design and display of legislative pennant.

Senator Lawrence Jacobsen, representing Carson City and Douglas county, the sponsor of SB-387, spoke in support of the measure. The legislative flag flies on the middle standard in front of the building but only when the legislature is in session. This measure would provide for continual display of the flag and when the legislature was in session a special pennant would fly above the flag, possible designs and colors to be determined. For suggested designs see EXHIBIT II. The pennant would cost approximately \$20.00.

SB - 293 - Enlarges legislative grounds.

Senator Jacobsen, the sponsor, urged passage of SB-293. He related the history of the capitol complex and the transfer of responsibility for maintenance, repairs and additions from Buildings and Grounds to the jurisdiction of the legislature. \$25,000 have been saved by this change. At the present time there is a shortage of parking spaces. The lot now in grass and trees, directly behind the assemblymen's parking area, is under the control of the legislature and this measure proposes to, sometime in the future, convert it to another parking area.

Chairman Westall adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted:

Marjorie Robertson
Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE: April 2, 1981

SUBJECT AB 287 - Increases salary of legislators for service on interim retirement committee

MOTION:

Do Pass xx Amend _____ Indefinitely Postpone _____ Reconsider _____

Moved By Rhoads Seconded By Kovacs

AMENDMENT:

Moved By _____ Seconded By _____

AMENDMENT:

MOTION

AMEND

AMEND

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Brady	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bremner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kovacs	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
May	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rhoads	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rusk	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stewart	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vergiels	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Westall	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TALLY: six in favor, three absent

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed XX Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____

Amended & Passed _____ AMENDED & DEFEATED _____

Amended & Passed _____ Amended & Defeated _____

ATTACHED TO MINUTES April 2, 1981

61ST NEVADA LEGISLATURE

ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION ACTION

Date: April 2, 1981

SUBJECT ACR 20 - Amends Joint Rule 11

MOTION:

Do Pass ___ AmendXX___ Indefinitely Postpone ___ Reconsider___

Moved By Mr. Brady Seconded By Mr. Rusk

AMENDMENT: delete last sentence of paragraph 4, page 2 "If there is no one available from the same political party, the chairman may appoint any member of the house to which the absent member belongs."

Moved By ___ Seconded By ___

AMENDMENT:

Blank lines for additional amendments.

	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Brady	X	___	___	___	___	___
Bremner	___	___	___	___	___	___
Kovacs	X	___	___	___	___	___
May	___	___	___	___	___	___
Rhoads	X	___	___	___	___	___
Rusk	X	___	___	___	___	___
Stewart	___	___	___	___	___	___
Vergiels	X	___	___	___	___	___
Westall	X	___	___	___	___	___

TALLY: six in favor, three absent

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed XX Defeated ___ Withdrawn ___

Amended & Passed ___ AMENDED & DEFEATED ___

Amended & Passed ___ Amended & Defeated ___

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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

Date _____

NAME

(Please print)

REPRESENTING

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Bill

No.

Pro

Con

Cileen Dolan

Intern - ~~Stewart~~ Stewart

Bob EVANS

Intern - RUSK

Vern Bennett

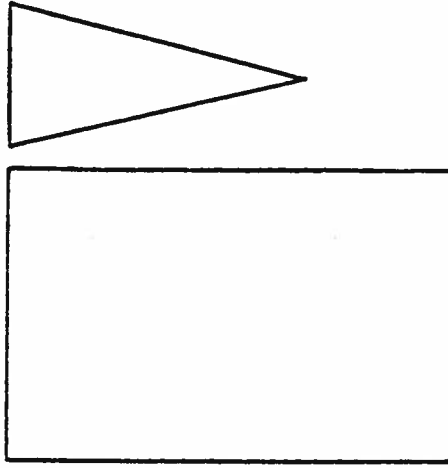
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EXHIBIT II

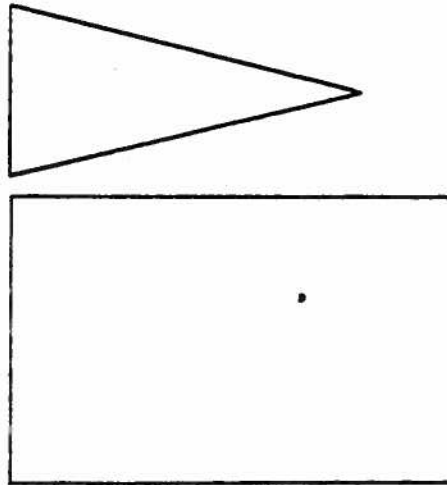
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Pennant

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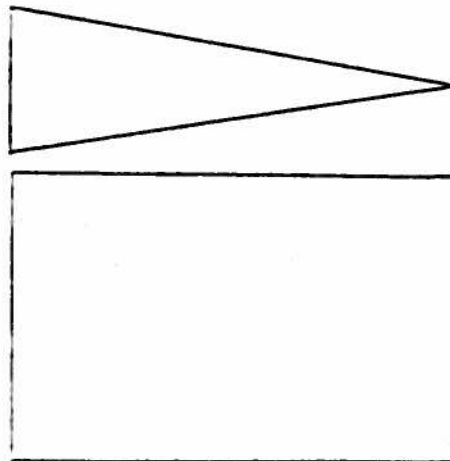
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