Minutes of the Nevada State Legislature
Assembly Committee on LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS

Date: May 13, 1981

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Westall

Vice Chairman Kovacs

Mr. May

Mr. Vergiels

Mr. Rusk Mr. Brady Mr. Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Bremner

Mr. Rhoads

AJR 42 - Memoralizes Congress to balance the federal budget.

The Committee briefly discussed the above resolution.

Mr. Rusk moved to Do Pass <u>AJR-42</u>; Mr. Vergiels seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SB 299 - Transfers accounting function from division to, and redesignates service division as, administrative division of legislative counsel bureau.

This measure was considered at the Legislative Functions Committee meeting of April 30, 1981. Mr. Daykin and Mr. Crossley of the Legislative Counsel Bureau urged passage of the bill.

Mr. Vergiels moved to Do Pass SB 299; Mr. Kovacs seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Kovacs distributed to the committee a tabulation of present salaries of staff of the assembly that contained a column of adjusted salary increases for 1983. He said that in order to secure for the legislature highly qualified and competent staff the salaries must be comparable to those of other state employees. He suggested increases are on a par with the increases state employees receive this session. (EXHIBIT I)

Mr. Kovacs also commented on the ninety day lag in insurance coverage for the staff. Several members have this session suffered from serious illinesses and have had no insurance coverage. Upon investigation he had learned that a decrease in the lag time on insurance would greatly increase the cost of the coverage and that was unfeasible. He suggested in lieu of insurance coverage for the full session of the legislature, that Rule 44 of the Standing Rules be revised to reflect that if an employee is hospitalized or under confinement, said employee will remain on one-half to full time salary, at the discretion of the committee. He had discussed this change with Mr. John Crossley, auditor for the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Chairman Westall said that because each session the committee formulated and adopted their own rules, it would be the jurisdiction of the committee of 1983.

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Vice Chairman Kovacs said he would like to make this rule now and perhaps it would serve as a precedent for the next session.

Mr: Stewart said if this suggested raise compared to the raises being accorded other state employees he could support it.

Mr. Kovacs said the other state employees were getting a bigger raise than suggested for the legislature's staff.

Mr. Vergiels made the motion to introduce a bill to raise the salaries of the legislature's staff in accordance with EXHIBIT I; Mr. Brady seconded the motion; motion carried unanimoulsly.

Vice Chairman Kovacs then discussed the per diem provisions for the clerk of the assembly. He said that to recognize her status as equal to that of the clerk for the Senate, the per diem expenses should be authorized by statute. This will eliminate the necessity of authorizing the per diem by resolution each session as is now done. (EXHIBIT II)

Mr. May made a motion that the committee introduce a measure, He said that he had learned that providing fire and security protection for the state archieves would have a decided fiscal impact. The matter has been previously discussed. It is BDR S-2085.*

Mr. Brady seconded motion for committee introduction of PDR S-2085; Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brady suggested introducting legislation that would limit per diem expenses by specifying date beyond which the legislators salary could not extend. He thought such legislation would intensify committee work and end the session sooner. The other committee members were of the opinion that this would not be an effective measure.

Mrs. Westall asked for action on <u>SCR 32</u>, a measure heard April 30, dealing with interim studies. Mr. Rusk recalled an objection aired at that time pertaining to a proliferation of studies resulting from the measure.

Mrs. Westall said she would hold the bill until the next meeting and requested the members be prepared to vote on it at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

MARJORIE D. ROBERTSON

Committee Secretary

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ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

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ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION ACTION

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rand Chief clerk of assembly 218.235 Secretary of senate: Travel expenses, subsistence allowances. When proper claims are filed with the director of the legislative counsel bureau from time to time and approved by him pursuant to law, there shall be paid to the secretary of the senate from the legisla-

tive fund the secretary's expenses of initial travel from home to Carson City for a regular or special session of the legislature and return travel after adjournment sine die of the session, and a subsistence allowance must be paid to the secretary for each day of such travel and each day

of duty performed in connection with or during the session, and when the legislature is in adjournment for more than 3 days if <u>[nis] services</u>

are required. The travel expenses and subsistence allowances must be paid at the rates provided by law for public officers and employees. (Added to NRS by 1965, 1147; A 1971, 1335; 1977, 391; 1979, 1267)

218.237 Chief clerk of assembly: Per diem expense allowance By adoption of a simple resolution the assembly may authorize the payment to the chief clerk of the assembly of a per diem expense allowance of \$15 per day from the legislative fund while the legislature is in session, and in adjournment for more than 3 days if his services are required.

(Added to NRS by 1965, 1147; A 1971, 1336; 1979, 1267)

LEGISLATORS' RETIREMENT

218.2371 Short title. NRS 218.2371 to 218.2395, inclusive, shall be known and may be cited as the Legislators' Retirement Law. (Added to NRS by 1967, 1217)

218.2372 Definitions. As used in NRS 218.2371 to 218.2395, inclusive:

"Board" means the public employees' retirement board.

"Legislator" means a senator or assemblyman elected or appointed to the legislature of the State of Nevada.

"Retirement allowance" means payment for life derived from contributions of legislators and the State of Nevada. (Added to NRS by 1967, 1217)

218.2373 Legislators' retirement system established. A system of retirement for all benefits at retirement or death for legislators is hereby established and shall be known as the legislators' retirement system.

(Added to NRS by 1967, 1217)

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