

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
February 11, 1981

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman James I. Gibson, at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11, 1981, in Room 243 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman
Senator Jean Ford, Vice Chairman
Senator Keith Ashworth
Senator Gene Echols
Senator Virgil Getto
Senator James N. Kosinski
Senator Sue Wagner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Crossley, Legislative Auditor
Dan Miles, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Anne L. Lage, Committee Secretary

SENATE BILL NO. 171

Revises criteria used in legislative review of executive agencies.

Senator Kosinski gave a presentation on the legislative interim subcommittee's sunset review on three state agencies. This pilot project reviewed the Real Estate Division, the Racing Commission and the Bureau of Community Health Services. Senate Bill No. 171 was a result of the subcommittee's effort.

The sunset process was first started in 1976 in Colorado. It has been defined as an action forcing mechanism designed to increase executive and legislative branch accountability through improved executive and legislative evaluation of agencies. The process is designed to review the need, efficiency and effectiveness of various government agencies. This bill would continue the sunset review process for the

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next interim session. Also, the review criteria should be amended to provide for a more comprehensive review process.

Mr. Paul Cohen, Administrative Health Services Officer, testified that he felt the review was very beneficial, especially in that it allowed the Legislature to become familiar with the agency's programs. He did not see the review as a threat, rather as a legitimate interest by Legislators regarding the Health Service Agency. He did say that the sunset study guidelines were not really keyed into service operations.

Mr. Albert Cartlidge, Certified Public Accountant, testified that the accounting profession was very involved in the sunset review process. The American Institute of Public Accountants published a book which is a guide to the sunset review. In response to Chairman Gibson's request, Mr. Cartlidge offered to have a copy made for the committee.

Mr. Arthur Cruickshank, Common Cause, testified that Common Cause was definitely in favor of sunset reviews. Mr. Cruickshank attended the subcommittee's meetings during the interim session and commended their efforts.

Senator Getto moved that the Committee on Government Affairs introduce Bill Draft Request 18-454* which would initiate the recommendations of the sunset reviews.

Senator Echols seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (Senator K. Ashworth was absent for the vote.)

Senator Ford moved "Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 171.

Senator Wagner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (Senator K. Ashworth was absent for the vote.)

Chairman Gibson assigned Senator Kosinski to handle the introduction of these bills on the Senate Floor.

* Library note: No BDR with this number

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SENATE BILL NO. 41

Requires hearings on adoption of county ordinances.

The amendments were discussed on Senate Bill No. 41 and found to adhere to the committee's instructions with the following exceptions:

On section 1, page 1, line 19, the word "final" had been omitted and also on line 17 "adoption" was to have been changed to "the date set for the hearing". Chairman Gibson asked that Senator Getto check why these amendments had been omitted and bring the corrected amendment back. Senator Getto will introduce this bill on the Senate Floor.

SENATE BILL NO. 94

Removes statutory provisions which conflict with or duplicate constitutional provision relating to recall of public officers.

The committee discussed the amendments on Senate Bill No. 94. The amendments adhered to the committee's instructions.

Chairman Gibson asked that the committee consider introducing three bills which Bob Gagnier, Executive Director State of Nevada Employee's Association, had not been able to have drafted prior to this session.

The first bill refers to probationary employee's sick leave.

The second bill refers to pay for unused sick leave at termination.

The third bill refers to clarification of the term "continuous" for longevity pay purposes.

The committee agreed to have these bills drafted for committee introduction.

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Chairman Gibson stated that there would be an open meeting on Monday, February 16, 1981, to discuss reapportionment.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Anne L. Lage, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

DATE: 2/17/81

EXHIBIT A

SENATE AGENDA

Revised 2/9/81

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on Government Affairs , Room 243 .

Day Wednesday , Date February 11 , Time 2:00 p.m. .

S. B. No. 171--Revises criteria used in legislative review of executive agencies.

Senator Kosinski, Prime Sponsor
Jim Wittenberg, Personnel Administrator
Ralph DiSibio, Director, Human Resources
Howard Barrett, Budget Director

ATTENDANCE ROSTER FORM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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DATE: 2/11/78

EXHIBIT B

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