

MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE  
February 18, 1981

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman James I. Gibson, at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 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:

Anne L. Lage, Committee Secretary

SENATE BILL NO. 237

Amends Airport Authority Act for Washoe County to remove limits upon rates of interest on its obligations.

Mr. Robert Mandeville, Executive Director Washoe Airport Authority, testified that Senate Bill No. 237 was prepared by their special counsel based on their need for lifting the nine (9) percent ceiling as it applies to short term funding. Mr. Mandeville stated that although their capital program was adequately funded to complete all approved contracts, the funds have not come in on time and this has created a problem when it was necessary for the Authority to pay their contracts on time. Thus, a short term loan was necessary. They advertised in accordance with Nevada Law for short term funding for the amount of 2.7 million dollars. Under the nine (9) percent ceiling, they received no proposals from the local banks in the community. It was explained that at the present time they have sufficient funds within their capital fund to carry them through March 15, 1981.

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Taking into consideration the current projections that the contractors will be submitting to the authority for payment, a 2.7 million dollar loan would cover all necessary payments through completion. The loan would be retired by one of several conditions. One would be the sale of additional airport revenue bonds. Another method would be to have the airlines fund it by a rate based formula that sets forth the landing fees which the airport charges.

Senator Kosinski inquired if there were any short term loans outstanding at present. Mr. Mandeville replied that they had one for \$220,000 which had been used to purchase five pieces of heavy equipment; also, a line of credit for \$4,150,000 with \$3,000,000 outstanding.

Mr. Russell McDonald, Special Counsel for the Airport Authority, testified that he had initiated the initial drafting of this bill. He first asked if the limit could be lifted for sixty (60) days while they secured a loan.

Chairman Gibson suggested raising the limit to twelve (12) percent for this one time. Mr. McDonald said they could try to secure a short term loan with this interest rate.

Senator Keith Ashworth moved "Amend and Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 237, using twelve (12) percent as a limit for this particular short term loan including only section 2, lines 13-22, and deleting section 1.

Senator Wagner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson requested Senator Kosinski to follow through on this amendment.

SENATE BILL NO. 173

Amends Airport Authority Act for Washoe County to authorize creation of a police department, adoption of a fire protection and prevention code and entitling police officers and firemen employed by the authority to early retirement.

Mr. Russell McDonald testified that he had drafted this bill at the request of the trustees of the authority. He reviewed the main points of the bill.

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Mr. Mandeville testified that presently the airport has two types of security; ten officers and a sergeant from the Reno Police Department and security personnel hired by the authority. Mr. Mandeville stated that by eliminating the Reno Police officers and maintaining their own police officers, they would have an annual savings of \$150,000. Officers would be rotated during the shift so that no one would be stationed at a given checkpoint for an eight (8) hour period. He qualified the duties of the airport police by stating that they would not handle any felony investigations, rather they would rely on the expertise of the Reno Police Department for those investigations.

Senator Wagner questioned how the airport could attract qualified officers when their starting salary was \$12,000 compared with \$17,000 at the Reno Police Department. Mr. Mandeville replied that the majority liked working in an airport environment and hoped that eventually their status and salary would improve if the airport maintained their own police department.

Mr. Walter Coon, Fire Protection Consultant, testified that at the present time, the fire chief who is in charge of the airport crash fire rescue team does not have the authority or the code requirements that he needs to adequately enforce both property conservation and life safety measures at the airport. He stated that the uniform building code and the uniform fire code do not adequately cover the grounding of commercial aircraft during overwing fueling operations. Mr. Coon enumerated several other problems which are not covered by the present codes.

Senator Kosinski questioned Mr. Mandeville if the Airport Authority had ever requested the City of Reno to amend their existing codes to comply with what the airport felt was necessary. Mr. Mandeville stated that this had not been done.

Chairman Gibson inquired about the letter which the Committee on Government Affairs had sent to the authority last session on this matter. Mr. Mandeville responded that he could not recall the contents of the letter.

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Mr. Joe Butterman, President Reno Police Protection Association, testified that he believed the creation of a police agency at the airport to be unnecessary. He also felt that Senate Bill No. 173 did not go into adequate detail as to the requirements and training of the police officers.

Mr. Keith Henrikson, Washoe Airport Authority Firefighters Association, testified that he was in favor of the early retirement provision of the bill.

Mr. Phil Herrington, Director of Building and Safety for the City of Reno, testified that the elimination of the City of Reno's building codes was not necessary. Rather, the codes could be amended to cover any specific areas which were not covered. Also, there would be a problem of overlapping jurisdiction when a business license was required.

Chairman Gibson questioned Mr. Herrington as to whether he was aware of any code inadequacies at the airport. Mr. Herrington stated that this was the first time that he had heard there were any problems.

Senate Bill No. 173 was to be held pending further consideration.

SENATE BILL NO. 129

Makes certain revisions concerning certificates required on maps for certain divisions of land.

Mr. Walter Neitz, President Nevada Association of Land Surveyors, testified that currently surveyors are required to certify maps before bonds are posted. He explained that the language "or will be" should be added to clarify this provision.

In section 2, Mr. Neitz testified that currently to revert parcel maps to acreage it requires signatures of approximately eight to ten agencies. But to process a parcel map it only takes about three signatures. A change in language was suggested to read "only those who were signatory in the first place need to sign off when reverting to acreage".

Mr. Neitz explained the remainder of the changes to the committee. He also requested that the words "tentative or" be taken out on line 48.

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Mr. G. P. Etcheverry, Nevada League of Cities, testified that he supported this bill.

Senator Keith Ashworth moved "Amend and Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 129.

Senator Kosinski seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson assigned Senator Ford to handle the amendments in this bill.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NO. 29-312 (S.B. 267)

Transfers responsibility for distribution and sale of Nevada Reports to supreme court.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NO. 22-209 (S.B. 268)

Limits local control over location of housing for mentally handicapped persons.

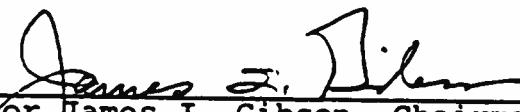
The committee agreed to submit these two bill draft requests for committee introduction.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Anne L. Lage, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

  
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Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

DATE: 2/26/81

\* SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on Government Affairs , Room 243 .

Day Wednesday , Date February 18 , Time 2:00 p.m. .

S. B. No. 173--Amends Airport Authority Act for Washoe County to authorize creation of a police department, adoption of a fire protection and prevention code and entitling police officers and firemen employed by the authority to early retirement.

Senator William Raggio, Prime Sponsor  
Robert Mandeville, Executive Director, Airport Authority

S. B. No. 129--Makes certain revisions concerning certificates required on maps for certain divisions of land.

Senator Wilson, Prime Sponsor  
William E. Cozart, Nevada Association of Realtors  
G. P. Etcheverry, League of Cities  
Daniel Fitzpatrick, Clark County

S. B. No. 237--Amends Airport Authority Act for Washoe County to remove limits upon rates of interest on its obligations.

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