

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
March 25, 1981

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Vice Chairman Jean Ford, at 2:10 p.m., Wednesday March 25, 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 Jean Ford, Vice Chairman
Senator Keith Ashworth
Senator Virgil Getto
Senator James Kosinski
Senator Sue Wagner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman (Excused)
Senator Gene Echols (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne Lage, Committee Secretary

SENATE BILL NO. 402

Removes distinctions based on sex from requirements to serve on posse.

Mrs. Carol Paul, Pro Family, questioned the committee if the intention of this bill was to make it possible for women to volunteer for the sheriff's posse or for them to be recruited.

Vice-Chairman Ford explained that the purpose of the bill was to take the current law which allows the sheriff to call upon men inhabitants to serve, and make it apply the same to female inhabitants by taking out the word "male". She explained that women were currently allowed to volunteer and receive training if they were so inclined.

Mrs. Paul voiced concern over the word "command", stating that it made it sound as if it was no longer voluntary.

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She strongly objected to the sheriff having the authority to command women to help apprehend criminals as women were not physically as capable as men to do this. She also testified that since the Equal Rights Amendment had not passed in Nevada, legally women should not have to be as responsible as men when it came to physical demands. She felt that women should be able to stay home to care for their families.

Senator Wagner explained that this bill was one of approximately thirty bills which were brought up in the last session which would remove the distinction of sex. All but two have become law.

Mrs. Paul responded by questioning the reasons for removing the distinction of sex as women were certainly distinguishable from men. Mrs. Paul was not against allowing women to volunteer, but felt if this bill became law it could cause a hardship on some women who were not physically capable of being on a posse.

Senator Wagner moved "Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 402.

Senator Kosinski seconded the motion.

The motion failed to carry. (Senators Keith Ashworth and Getto voted "no".)

Senator Kosinski suggested repealing this bill to make it be voluntary.

Vice Chairman Ford pointed out that a similar bill relating to the fire department had been amended to include language which said, "persons who refuse to assist in fighting fires unless they present good and sufficient reasons". Language to this effect was agreed to be incorporated in an amendment to this bill.

Senator Kosinski moved "Amend and Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 402.

Senator Getto seconded the motion.

The motion failed to carry. (Senators Ford, Wagner and Keith Ashworth voted "no".)

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SENATE BILL NO. 410

Provides for agreements relating to future development of land.

Senator McCorkle, Prime Sponsor, requested that this bill be rescheduled at a later date as he had not contacted the interested parties who wanted to testify.

Vice Chairman Ford agreed to this request.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NO. 22-1103 (S.B. 458)

Allows cities and counties to exempt certain divisions of land from law governing subdivisions and parcel maps.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NO. 17-1288 (S.B. 457)

Requires legislative counsel to prepare memorandum concerning constitutionality of certain bills and joint resolutions.

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

Vice Chairman Ford asked the committee if there would be any objections to meetings on reapportionment on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Senator Keith Ashworth informed the committee that the Committee on Taxation would be meeting every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

The committee suggested working on reapportionment upon adjournment of the committee meetings on the following Monday and Wednesday and then holding the following Mondays open for reapportionment as long as it was necessary.

SENATE BILL NO. 4

Establishes procedure for purchase and sale of real property by counties, cities and school districts for industrial development and housing.

Senator Keith Ashworth explained that the amendments on

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this bill were those which the committee had suggested in previous hearings.

Senator Ford reviewed the amendments for the committee and it was agreed that they concurred with the committees' instructions.

Senator Keith Ashworth moved "Amend and Do Pass" on Senate Bill No. 4.

Senator Getto seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne L. Lage
Anne L. Lage, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

James I. Gibson
Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

DATE: 3/30/81

SENATE AGENDA

EXHIBIT A

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on Government Affairs, Room 243.

Day Wednesday, Date March 25, Time 2:00 p.m..

S. B. No. 402--Removes distinctions based on sex from requirements to serve on posse.

S. B. No. 410--Provides for agreements relating to future development of land.

Senator McCorkle, Prime Sponsor

