

MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE  
March 27, 1981

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman James I. Gibson, at 11:03 a.m., Friday March 27, 1981, in Room 243 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUEST LEGISLATORS:

Assemblyman Louis Bergevin

STAFF MEMBER PRESENT:

Anne Lage, Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8

Requires right of way for irrigation ditch and its maintenance.

Assemblyman Louis Bergevin, Prime Sponsor, testified that this bill was designed to protect existing irrigation ditches and right of ways sufficient to clean and maintain ditches in new political subdivisions. He explained that the Carson Valley had had a considerable amount of trouble with new subdivisions ignoring the existence of irrigation ditches. In some cases it was necessary to tear down new houses to allow for the irrigation ditch right of way.

He stated that when this bill was heard in the Assembly, contractors were in support of it as long as they were given some leeway if they wanted to install a culvert.

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Senator Getto moved "Do Pass" on Assembly Bill No. 8.

Senator Keith Ashworth seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 280

Eliminates population requirement for hiring clerks for constables.

Mr. John Hart, Reno Constable, testified that it was his office that was affected by this bill. It had been discovered that his office wasn't entitled to a second clerk, even though he had maintained one for fifteen years. To correct this the county commissioners decided to pay Mr. Hart the clerk's salary and then he in turn would pay her. He stated that money had been budgeted for a second clerk for fifteen years.

Mr. Patrick Pine, Clark County, testified that Clark County had no problems with this bill. He explained that in Clark County there were no problems as the clerks were employed as justice court employees.

Senator Wagner moved "Do Pass" on Assembly Bill No. 280.

Senator Echols seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 376

Amends charter of City of North Las Vegas to limit disqualification of mayor and councilmen to other office.

Senator Echols explained that North Las Vegas had a problem with a mayor who wanted to run for judge. According to the statutes this cannot be done until the year after their term expires. The district court has ruled this law as unconstitutional. This bill would correct this problem. Chairman Gibson reviewed other city charters, and did not find this provision to be included.

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Senator Keith Ashworth moved "Do Pass" on Assembly Bill No. 376.

Senator Wagner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson requested permission of the committee to make this bill an emergency measure.

SENATE BILL NO. 65

Amends charter of City of North Las Vegas to extend term of police judge.

Senator Echols stated that the provision in this bill was being placed on the city ballot in the primary election. Concern was voiced as to whether this was permissible. Senator Kosinski pointed out that last session a statute was passed which stipulated that such issues could only be voted on in general elections.

Chairman Gibson asked Senator Echols to investigate this over the weekend and it would be addressed on Monday, March 30, 1981.

Chairman Gibson requested Mr. Andrew Grose, Research Director, to address the committee regarding the numerous maps which were displayed in the committee room.

Mr. Andrew Grose explained what maps were available in the Elections committee room and the Senate lounge in addition to the maps in this committee room.

Chairman Gibson asked Mr. Grose to bring all maps to the reapportionment meeting on Monday, March 30, 1981 and be prepared to speak on the rationale behind them.

Chairman Gibson stated that soon the committee should go to the Senate to formalize the criteria which was to be used during the reapportionment work sessions.

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Respectfully submitted by:

Anne L. Lage  
Anne L. Lage, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

James I. Gibson  
Senator James I. Gibson, Chairman

DATE: 3/30/81

EXHIBIT A

SENATE AGENDA

REVISED 3/25/81

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on Government Affairs, Room 243.  
Day Friday, Date March 27, Time upon adjournment.

A. B. No. 8--Requires right of way for irrigation ditch and its maintenance.

A. B. No. 280--Eliminates population requirement for hiring clerks for constables.