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NO. 176

A special subcommittee meeting on Senate Bill 176 was held on Wednesday, May 27, 1981, at 4:10 P. M. in Room 323 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada.

Present were: Senator Norman Glaser; Assemblyman John Marvel; Assemblyman Dean Rhoads; Robert Erickson, Senior Research Analyst; Jac Shaw, Director, State Lands; Harry Swainston, Deputy Attorney General; George Abbott, attorney; Ed Sarman, representing the Rabe Estate; and Greg Millsbaugh, real estate.

The meeting concerned the effect Senate Bill 176 would have on the Sagebrush Rebellion; there was also concern on the part of Mr. Abbott. The meeting was chaired by Senator Norman Glaser.

Senator Glaser explained he had been on the verge of concurrence with Assembly amendments out of the Ways and Means committee. He said Mr. George Finn then appeared and requested the present meeting. Senator Glaser said this bill has been worked on, and heard in both houses, and basically it is a good bill; he does not want to delay it. However, he did feel it only right to hear whatever comments those present wished to express. He does not wish to jeopardize the bill. He said the bill could always be added to once the basic structure is in place, noting the legislature will meet again in 18 months.

Mr. Abbott likes the amendment. However, he said his main concern is what compelled the stripping out of the provisions in Chapter 328 which presently purport to require hearings in the county and consent of the tax commission on certain taxes. Mr. Abbott expressed fears tampering with the structure will destroy the entire concept of the bill.

Mr. Swainston said there is so much "garbage" in Chapter 328, it is a series of disconnected statements. He said there is a question if it would be appropriate for the tax commission to assume the jurisdiction of the legislature to give the state's consent for acquisition of lands. He feels this matter is taken care of in the bill in the sense the state reserved the powers of the pact to the extent permitted by law.

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Mr. Shaw expressed concern to try to do much more to this bill at this point would be dangerous. However, he said if it were wished to let this bill run 18 months and then come back for clarifications, there would not be much opposition, as there is hardly anyone who would argue with the intent of the legislation.

Mr. Abbott said if it was felt tampering with the bill would destroy the entire bill, then it would be best to let well enough alone, and have the Senate agree to the amendment.

Senator Glaser felt the Senate would concur with the amendment, which simply states there is a case in court and the bill would not affect it.

Mr. Millspaugh expressed concerns regarding the bill, and offered certain recommendations.

In summary, it was decided to go with the bill as it is with no amendment. In the interim between now and the next legislative session, any concerns or suggested amendments would be brought to the attention of the Select Committee on Public Lands. These suggested amendments are to be forward to Robert Erickson, Senior Research Analyst, and he will, in turn, see they reach the Select Committee for consideration for possible amendments at the next session of the Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P. M.

Respectfully submitted by:


Carolyn L. Freeland, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Norman Glaser, Chairman

DATE:

