

MINUTES OF MEETING - COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE - 55TH ASSEMBLY  
SESSION - JANUARY 27, 1969.

At the request of Chairman Wood who indicated he would be late for the meeting, Vice Chairman Mello convened the session at 11:35 a.m.

Present: Mello, Kent Hafen, Torvinen, Capurro, Bowler and Espinosa.

(Chairman Wood arrived later as indicated for the record below).

Chairman Mello advised the Committee that the meeting was called for consideration of AB 52, a bill introduced by Assemblyman Mel Close, having to do with the adoption of legal holidays on Mondays.

Assemblyman Close was called upon for his comments and stated that the bill did not change traditional holidays ~~such as~~ as New Years, Christmas, the 4th of July, Nevada Day or things of that nature. He stated that he felt that in the State of Nevada such a bill could be of importance inasmuch as the state is tourist-oriented and would attract more tourists than we have now. He stated that he felt also that employees would be more satisfied because they could plan to travel without running risks by rushing. With reference to the Federal Bill (Public Law 90-363, 90th Congress, H.R. 15951, Approved June 28, 1968 to be effective January 1, 1971) Mr. Close indicated that AB 52 did not include Washington's Birthday which is not a Nevada holiday but is recognized in the Federal Bill. Also inasmuch as AB 52 would not be effective until January 1, 1971, should Washington's Birthday be adopted it would be included into the bill. Mr. Close recommended that the Committee adopt the bill considering the great effect it could have on the state economy.

Chairman Mello asked whether the bill would have the same value if surrounding states did not pass similar legislation. Mr. Close replied said he did not think it would be of benefit in such event.

Assemblyman Espinosa suggested that the bill would increase attendance on the job by employees who presently lay off when holidays fall close to a weekend.

Mr. Close added that the Federal Bill is presently being considered by other States and it is presumed that the majority will pass similar legislation to conform therewith.

Mr. Les Kofoed, representing the National Association of Travel Organizations, was introduced to the Committee and explained that AB 52 had been introduced prior to legislation his group favored could be presented to the Committee by Chairman Wood. He stated however that there was no serious conflict between AB 52 and what his group favored although if adopted elsewhere it might be beneficial to include a holiday such as Washington's Birthday. He advised that the State of Pennsylvania and the State of Massachusetts have passed bills conforming closely to the Federal Bill and said that he would seek to obtain for the committee's consideration the action that is being taken by surrounding states. He said that California had initiated similar legislation in their last session but died in committee. He said that his group felt that the additional revenue that would be brought into the state by such legislation would offset any inconvenience

to the State.

(Chairman Wood arrived in the meeting at this time).

Mr. Torvinen asked Mr. Kofoed whether he had any details of the Federal Bill, its extent, and effective date. Mr. Kofoed then supplied the Committee members with a copy of the Public Law 90-363 (copies attached to these minutes).

Mr. Close stated that AB 52 would not result in any additional cost to the State or the private employers. The holidays mentioned in AB 52 are the holidays the State presently recognizes.

Miss Foote, attending as an interested Assemblywoman, asked what the effect of the bill might be on the schools. Mr. Close answered that the holidays in the bill are recognized by the schools but that in some cases the schools recognize them on weekdays at the discretion of the School Boards. He said that this sometimes leads to additional school absences. The inference ~~in~~ the new *bill* ~~will~~ would encourage school boards to recognize the Monday holidays in conformity with family patterns.

Mr. William Middleton appeared before the committee in behalf of the proposed legislation as a representative of Trans-World Airlines from Los Angeles, California. He stated further that he represents the airlines that serve the State of Nevada.

Assemblyman Capurro expressed concern that AB 52 could impose hardships on businesses closely allied with California in the event that California does not pass similar legislation. The tendency would be in many cases to impose a holiday deterrent on two different days if there is too much lack of conformity.

Mr. Middleton reminded the Committee that we have until 1971 to see how things develop. Mr. Close said that he felt the bill was good for the residents of the State regardless.

Assemblyman Mello thanked the visitors and stated that the presentations would get consideration started. He then turned the meeting Chairmanship over to Chairman Wood. Mr. Wood thanked him and stated that the Committee would adjourn until morning recess, January 28.

Mello moved meeting adjourned.  
Bowler seconded.  
Meeting adjourned.



Public Law 90-363  
90th Congress, H. R. 15951  
June 28, 1968

## An Act

To provide for uniform annual observances of certain legal public holidays on Mondays, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**§ 6103. Holidays**

“(a) The following are legal public holidays:

- “New Year’s Day, January 1.
- “Washington’s Birthday, the third Monday in February.
- “Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.
- “Independence Day, July 4.
- X “Labor Day, the first Monday in September.
- “Columbus Day, the second Monday in October.
- “Veterans Day, the fourth Monday in October.
- “Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November.
- “Christmas Day, December 25.”

(b) Any reference in a law of the United States (in effect on the effective date of the amendment made by subsection (a) of this section) to the observance of a legal public holiday on a day other than the day prescribed for the observance of such holiday by section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall on and after such effective date be considered a reference to the day for the observance of such holiday prescribed in such amended section 6103(a).

SEC. 2. The amendment made by subsection (a) of the first section of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 1971.

Approved June 28, 1968.

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80 Stat. 515.

82 STAT. 250  
82 STAT. 251

Effective  
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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 1280 (Comm. on the Judiciary).  
SENATE REPORT No. 1293 (Comm. on the Judiciary).  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 114 (1968):  
May 7, 9: Considered and passed House.  
June 24: Considered and passed Senate.