

Present: Wood, Mello, Bowler, Capurro, Espinoza, Torvinen

Absent: T. Hafen

Meeting was convened at 12:15 to consider AB-522 and SB-452.

AB-522 - Allows resale price maintenance contracts for
alcoholic beverages

Mello moved to indefinitely postpone; Espinoza seconded; motion
carried with Bowler voting "no".

SB-452 - Prohibits credit sales to delinquent retailers of
intoxicating liquors

Torvinen moved a do pass. Chairman Wood said that in order to
conform with the Federal regulation that there should be an
amendment to "30 day credit from date of delivery". Mello
questioned the need for the bill.

Wood: The state levies the tax against the wholesalers and as
such, a state becomes involved and therefore has some respon-
sibility toward the protection or extension of credit because
it is partially state's money. There is a reluctance among the
wholesalers and distributors to take their problems to the
Federal government and their contention is that they prefer to
resort to the State law instead of Federal law.

Espinoza: I think it is ridiculous to place the State of Nevada
in a position to be a collection agency, especially for liquor.

Mello: The main reason was because they had some large accounts
they were afraid they would lose because there was another person
ready to pick up the paper. I don't believe that distributors
will lose their franchises. I don't know of any except Lucky that
did.

Bowler: There are three of us here that recall the old famous
306 bill which was passed for the wholesalers; we passed it
against the objections of the retailers and larger resort
association hotels in Las Vegas; they didn't oppose because they
didn't have the money to pay their bill; it was that their records
were not set up to handle. As the retail sales bill was lost,
I am going to have to vote "no" here also.

Mello: I'm not opposed to these people; they are good businessmen.
I think this is special legislation. I was told by one of them
early this morning that if this didn't go through, they would
enact the Federal law.

Torvinen moved a do pass (without amending); he withdrew his
motion. Capurro moved a do pass with amendments; Torvinen seconded;
Capurro. Torvinen, Wood voted "yes"; Espinoza, Mello, Bowler
voted "no". The bill did not pass as it lacked a constitutional
majority.

Meeting adjourned.