

Present: Frazzini, Reid, Swallow, Hilbrecht, Foote, and Homer

Absent: Schouweiler

Vice Chairman Frazzini called the meeting to order and presided until the arrival of Chairman Swallow. She introduced Mrs. Flora Dungan to the Committee who commented on several matters of legislation now before the Assembly.

Mrs. Dungan said with reference to AJR-7 and AJR-8, that for the past 8 years she has been hoping that the voting age could be lowered to 18 years, but says that in light of pending legislation to lower the legal voting age to 19 or 20, she would go along with this, because all over the world the young people are protesting. She said they are a different generation of young people who have matured earlier than they used to. She said they know what they want, and she thinks if we were to accept the 19 or 20 year vote registration age, they would be satisfied with this.

She mentioned bill SB-69 which passed the Senate, that would move up the date of the primaries and make it two months before the general election, or August 26th. She suggested that the date be set back by 2 weeks, as the University students are just getting back from summer vacation and registering for school at this time, and she said she was afraid you would be eliminating some primary votes. She continued the reason in the law for changing the date of the primary was so that the voters could be properly notified who are not registered to get down and register.

Miss Dungan said she believed that a person who had been in the State for the legal six month residence requirement should certainly be able to vote and that they should have some means such as a certificate (card) that could be shown to prove their eligibility to vote.

In reference to SB-58 and SB-58 amended, and SJR-1 and SJR-1 amended, Mrs. Dungan said these bills gave the people of the State no knowledge of where funds were coming from or how they were spent (and after all the aim was to take care of the wants of the people of the State.) Further, it was quite controversial whether or not the bills were constitutional. She add that she had talked with many, including some of the firemen, regarding the much discussed Firemen's raise, and it was more or less the concensus of opinion that when raises were wanted for the local office holders and officials all that was done was to hold a meeting of the Commissioners or Council and a raise was put into effect without the vote of the people, thereby giving the people no voice whatsoever in these affairs, and further, had the law not been as it was, the matter of the Firemen's raise would not have become such an issue. She asked for changes in this bill relative to initiative and referendum and added she felt that all bills coming from the Senate should be held and studied well in Committee before action be taken.

Mrs. Dungan also suggested changes or amendments on the following:

293.133 "COUNTIES WITH MORE THAN 4,000 REGISTERED VOTERS" -- (Insertion after "EACH 50 SUCH REGISTERED VOTERS" - the words "OR MAJOR PORTION OF 50 SUCH REGISTERED VOTERS".

293.316 PARAGRAPH 1 - Delete the words - "INCURRED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE FOR ABSENT BALLOT APPLICATIONS". - and after the words - "HIS CONFINEMENT IN A HOSPITAL" - insert the word - "HOME".

293.316 PARAGRAPH 3 - Deletion beginning with the words - "NOT LATER THAN DAY", etc. - thru and including the words, - "POLLS CLOSE ON ELECTION DAY".

In regard to the foregoing Mrs. Dungan suggested some kind of program be worked out whereby at least two Deputy Registrars be available to obtain the registration of people confined because of illness, injury or justified reason. She also said she thot it a good idea that Legislation be drawn up to take care of the Registered Voters by absent ballot who were suddenly incapacitated and unable to reach the polls on ELECTION DAY, thru illness or injury enabling them to vote by having someone contact them and allow them to vote by absentee ballot - having their ballot qualified perhaps by the signature of their Doctor.

Assemblyman Frazzini stated that much of this program of contacting people confined and unable to register had been in effect in Washoe County for some time and further suggested that volunteers could very possibly be used for getting ballots to persons on ELECTION DAY.

Assemblyman Reid moved bills be given to Assemblyman Hilbrecht for research and return to Committee for further consideration.

Motion seconded by Asssmblyman Foote.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swallow suggested that motion be made that, due to the pressure of time, this agenda be deferred to the Tuesday meeting.

Motion made to defer agenda to Tuesday meeting.

Motion seconded by Assemblyman Frazzini.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.