

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING--COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS--55th SESSION--ASSEMBLY
MARCH 12, 1969

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

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Absent: None

Guests: Mr. Johnson, a member of the Carpenters Trade Union in Las Vegas.

SB-180-- Authorizes counting of absentee ballots as soon as the polls open.

The press and the County Clerks ask that the committee reconsider SB-180.

Schouweiler said that he had agreed to reconsider the bill with an amendment that the ballots be counted starting at 3 in the afternoon. Frazzini said that for many years they have counted the ballots after closing. They had counted them during the day but found it very confusing. She ask if anyone knew how many absentee ballots there were to count.

Schouweiler stated that there were approximately 4000 in Washoe County last year and there were less in Clark County. The fact that they had called the National Guard into active service added to our count.

Reid moved to reconsider SB-180 with the amendment that the counting begin at 3:00 P.M.

Schouweiler seconded.

Motion carried with Hilbrecht and Frazzini opposed. Let the record show that there was a two-thirds majority vote.

Hilbrecht moved that they hold a number of Senate Bills until the very last day they would be taking action.

Reid seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

Committee members instructed the Chairman not to release them until we know if our Bills are getting the right kind of treatment in the Senate.

AB-370-- Removal of affidavits of registration.

Corky Lingenfelter had pulled this off the desk because it contained "a dead man's clause"

Hilbrecht made a motion that the Chairman of the Committee ask that AB-370 be re-referred back to Elections Committee.

Reid seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

SB-69-- Changes date of primary election.

Reid explained the changes that had been made in the bill prior to putting it on the Clerk's desk. He said he had the date for the primary moved up one week. This gives an extra five days. He stated there is absolutely no question that it will give people plenty of time to file protests and for counting.

SB-309-- Clarifies method of determining number of signatures required on petition to recall public officer.

Schouweiler made a motion to "DO PASS" SB-309.
Reid seconded.
Motion carried with Hilbrecht voting no.

SJR-14-- Proposes to amend constitution to provide for concurrent or consecutive amendments affecting same provision.
SB-276-- Provides procedure for second amendment of constitutional provision to which a prior amendment is ratified.

Because of the similarity of these bills the committee decided to discuss them together.
Reid moved to have Legislative council at the next meeting.

SB-296-- Deletes residence requirement for State Treasurer.

Mike Mirabelli was called in to explain why he wanted this bill. He said that the statute stating they had to live in the city was passed many years ago when it was difficult to get to Carson City to conduct their business and now transportation and commuting is no problem. This statute is limited to only five officials. He stated that he represented the people in Washoe and Clark Counties too, and couldn't understand why he had to reside in Carson.

Foote moved a "do Pass" for SB-296
Hilbrecht seconded.
Motion unanimously carried.

Hilbrecht moved that BDR-24-932 be introduced as a committee introduction.
Schouweiler seconded.
Motion unanimously carried.

AB-385-- Allows return of certain absent ballots on election day.

Reid moved "do pass" with amendment changing words "private home" to dwelling.
Frazzini seconded.
Unanimous

AJR-7-- Proposes amendment to Nevada Constitution reducing minimum voting age.

Reid stated that he felt the 19 year old measure had a much better chance of passing than the 18 year measure. Montana has adopted a 19 year old measure in the Legislature. He thought the committee might be interested in that he had received a telephone call from the University at Las Vegas informing him that the students were circulating a petition favoring age 19 bill.

Mr. Johnson addressed the committee: Up until four years ago I was not in favor of lowering the voting age, but in seeing the younger boys meet their responsibility in the Carpenters Union, I feel they are qualified and responsible enough to vote. We instruct them on

the matter of taking responsibility and protecting themselves but we withhold the privilege of letting them. When they get out of school, they face the problems of adults." Mr. Johnson felt that alot of problems with the younger people could be solved just in letting them have a voice in matters.

Reid stated that 18 year olds would most likely still be in school but most 19 year olds would already be finished with high school. He said too that by reducing the voting age, it could make them more responsible citizens by allowing them to vote. They would feel like they are doing something about situations by voting.

Reid moved a "do pass" on AJR-7.

Hilbrecht seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday.

Jeannie

<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Action</u>
SB-180 -	Authorizes counting of absentee ballots as soon as the polls open.	Reconsider
AB-370 -	Removal of affidavits of registration.	Reconsider
SB-309 -	Clarifies method of determining number of signatures required on petition to recall public officer.	Do Pass
SJR-14-	Proposes to amend constitution to provide for concurrent or consecutive amendments affecting same provision.	Pending
SB-276 -	Provides procedure for second amendment of constitutional provision to which a prior amendment is ratified.	Pending
SB-296 -	Deletes residence requirement for State Treasurer.	Do Pass
AB-385 -	Allows return of certain absent ballots on election day.	Do Pass as amended
AJR-7 -	Proposes amendment to Nevada Constitution reducing voting age.	Do Pass