

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, 55TH ASSEMBLY
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Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Present: Smith, Lingenfelter, Getto, Branch, Hilbrecht and Mello.
The remaining committee members, Bryan Hafen, Dini and Wood,
appeared shortly after the meeting convened.

Chairman Smith introduced Mr. Russell McDonald from the Legislative Counsel to comment on three proposed bills. Mr. McDonald informed the committee that these bills had been presented to the counsel by the State Planning Board. He discussed each measure and explained to the committee what the State Planning Board's intent was in asking that they be introduced. The proposed measures are:

BDR 28-139^{*} in summary authorizes the state planning board to negotiate with certain bidders on construction projects.

BDR 28-136^{**} in summary permits state controller to transfer funds from the general fund to state building construction project accounts in amounts up to 50 percent of the federal matching funds available to the state planning board for such projects.

BDR 27-138 in summary exempts state planning board from statutory preferences for certain bidders on public contracts.

Mr. McDonald stated further that the State Planning Board had asked that the committee recognize the urgency of AB 50 vesting the power of eminent domain in the board to acquire parcels for the capitol complex. He explained that after construction on the capitol complex had begun it was found that some legal obstacles prevented the acquisition of some of the land and as a consequence construction progress would be delayed unless this measure were acted upon expeditiously. It is necessary that the planning board get an order for entry so that they can proceed.

Chairman Smith asked Mr. McDonald whether he had any comments on the proposed bill BDR 48-308 referring to the California-Nevada Interstate Compact. Mr. McDonald discussed the bill with the members answering specific question of members Lingenfelter, Dini and Getto with relation to the Indian objections to the compact as it related to their water rights and water usage problems. The committee agreed that continued delay in adoption of a compact will lessen clarification of the water rights picture and that some agreement should be acted upon to get Congressional approval soon. The compact will have to be ratified by the U.S. Congress. Mr. Getto suggested that the three bills presented by the State Planning Board and the Interstate Compact bill be given committee action for introduction on the assembly floor. Mr. Lingenfelter stated that he would have no objection but that he had reservations concerning BDR-138 with regard to its preferential aspects.

Hilbrecht moved that BDR 28-139, BDR 28-136 be introduced by the committee on the assembly floor.

Lingenfelter seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

At the request of Mr. Dini and Mr. Lingenfelter it was agreed that

BDR 27-138 be delayed for further consideration.

Chairman Smith asked Assemblyman Bryan Hafen if he wanted the committee to act upon AJR 11 of the 54th Session proposing legislative sessions annually with even-numbered year sessions to be 30 days and limited to budget items. Mr. Hafen said that if annual sessions were adopted he felt this bill should be the answer. He stated that he did not have the Senate Bill or some other pertinent information with him. He stated that the State of Utah had recently adopted a bill similar to this one he proposed. Chairman Smith asked that Mr. Hafen and Mr. Lingenfelter get together and have the matter ready for committee consideration on Monday's meeting. (January 27)

Two aspects of AJR 11 of the 54th Session were commented upon by the committee. Mr. Lingenfelter voiced his concern over what the functions of the balance of the assembly members would be doing in a session confined to budget items while the bulk of the business would be confined to the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Hilbrecht stated that if the intent of annual sessions were to omit the necessity for special sessions the budget limitation may not be the answer inasmuch as the last special session of the legislature was called to handle the Lake Tahoe compact with California which was not a budget item.

It was agreed that Mr. Hafen would make his presentation to the committee on Monday.

Chairman Smith asked if Mr. Hilbrecht wished to comment on AB-1 which would create the position of ombudsman. Mr. Hilbrecht said that he would like to delay presentation pending an opportunity he wished to supply the members with some reproduced documents outlining details of the offices created by the bill. It was agreed that presentation at that time would be more appropriate and Mr. Hilbrecht stated that he would have it ready for the committee on Thursday of next week.

Chairman Smith stated with regard to AB-6 requiring deputies to be appointed by county clerks solely for the purpose of issuing marriage licenses that he would make presentation after the amendments he had requested were completed.

Chairman Smith stated that AB 9 was to have had some remarks from Dr. Homer on its behalf but that a delay developed. He asked that AB 9 and AB 15 be referred to Mr. Wood's sub-committee for study and later consideration.

He asked further that AB 11, regulating housing authorities, and AB 12, bringing employees of general improvement districts under merit system, be delegated to Mr. Getto's sub-committee for study and later consideration.

Chairman Smith called the committee's attention to the pamphlet being distributed regarding public printing in Nevada advising that the members study it thoroughly inasmuch as many bills pertaining thereto are expected to come before the committee.

Chairman Smith stated that a quick meeting of the committee would be held tomorrow to act upon AB-50 the measure requiring urgency that the State Planning Board requested. Mr. Wood stated for the record that if he were absent at that time that he would move a Do Pass for AB 50.

The meeting was then adjourned.