

MINUTES OF MEETING - ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS,  
55TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION - FEBRUARY 10, 1969

Present: Smith, Lingenfelter, Branch, Getto, Dini, Mello, and Hilbrecht

Absent: Bryan Hafen and Wood

Chairman Smith convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m., an hour early, to accomodate those who wished to attend the hearing scheduled on AB130 in the Assembly Chamber for 3:00 p.m. He said that Russell McDonald of the Legislative Counsel had requested an opportunity to review some bills for the benefit of the committee.

Mr. McDonald told the committee that all of these bills had originated in his office and were intended as corrective measures to clarify the statutes.

SB 40 corrects the legislative bill that authorized town boards in certain unincorporated towns. It establishes the same procedure for the passing of ordinances as that presently used by county commissioners and clarifies that procedure by amendment.

SB 41 was suggested to the legislative counsel by Alex Coon, Deputy County Clerk of Washoe County and provides that nomination is a prerequisite to election of trustees for general improvement districts. The present statutes read as though "write-ins" are permitted and this corrects that by amendment of NRS 318.095.

SB 43 modernizes the language of the provision dealing with road districts. Road districts were established in the earliest days of the State and provisions were made for the payment of road improvements in a district by an owner in lieu of special taxes. In those days horse teams were used and the payment rates are specified for teams of animals. This bill would establish modern rates for vehicular use and labor. The committee questioned the bill's provision of \$4 per day for each vehicle used as being inadequate. Mr. McDonald stated that he did not wish to make an established rate from his office and suggested that that provision be amended by the committee to conform with prevailing equitable rates.

SB 44 would delete obsolete provisions concerning the salary of the state highway engineer. Mr. McDonald stated that the language deleted has been made obsolete by subsequent legislation establishing a uniform method of salary payments for state employees.

SB 45 amends the act enabling the City of North Las Vegas to incorporate and establishing its form of city government. The amendment clarifies the office of city registry agent and the method of compensation for services performed by the registry agent.

SB 46 authorizes conveyance to the city of Reno of the state's interest in the parcel designated as Evans Park. The last legislature accepted conveyance of this land to the state as a site for the Nevada Historical Society's new building. Subsequently,

the historical society chose to build on land at the northern extremity of the University of Nevada campus. The purpose of this bill is to return the unused land to Reno for its development.

SB 50 would repeal NRS 268.080 which allows the granting of franchises within a city to packinghouses. Mr. McDonald said the bill originally was passed to accomodate the Humphrey packinghouse in Reno and it is now obsolete. This bill would take it off the books.

SB 51 also repeals statutes that have become obsolete due to the passage of the Federal Time Act which is now effective and supersedes Chapter 237 of NRS and NRS 244.193. These statutes are repealed by this bill.

SB 54 relating to the office of the governor, deletes references to the abolished position of executive assistant to the governor. Mr. McDonald said that the governor can organize his office within certain optional bounds and this bill clarifies the language so that the procedures it outlines will fit any of the assistants or aides he employs.

Assemblyman Mello asked Mr. McDonald to comment on SB 3 which authorizes the City of Sparks to utilize surplus municipal services center and fire department bond proceeds for a city hall and police building projects. This bill resulted from residual funds remaining unused following the completion of other projects approved for bond funding by the people of Sparks. Its purpose would be to allow the use of these residual funds for other projects. Assemblyman Mello stated that the consensus of some city officials in Sparks was that legislative approval was not necessary for this diversion in the use of funds. Mr. McDonald stated that he felt, without further research, that the bill would be enabling and clarifying for the ends sought.

Chairman Smith thanked Mr. McDonald for his presentation and he was excused from the meeting. He then asked the committee if they wished to act upon the bills presented.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 40.  
Branch seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Branch moved Do Pass SB 41.  
Lingenfelter seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

The committee agreed that SB 43 be held for further consideration pending the adoption of an amendment.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 44.  
Getto seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 45.  
Branch seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 46.  
Mello seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 50.  
Hilbrecht seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 51.  
Branch seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Smith said that the agenda set for this meeting had been changed by Mr. McDonald's presentation and the bills not acted upon would be held for further consideration. He said that the meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) would include a final hearing on AB 60 ratifying the California-Nevada Interstate Compact. He said further that Mr. Westergard had sent the committee a letter from the federal government to the effect that no federal determination has been made on the proceedings contrary to assertions made in the earlier hearing by Mr. Leland. He advised the committee that Mr. Leland has made no attempt to communicate with them since the first hearing.

Chairman Smith stated that the Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce has prepared a forum on county consolidation and constitutional conventions that the committee could also hear at the meeting tomorrow.

The question of whether a larger meeting room in Nye Hall will be used for tomorrow's meeting was left open and the committee will be advised where the meeting will be held later.

Meeting adjourned.