MINUTES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GO VERNMENT AFFAIRS, 55TH LEGISLATIVE 101 SESSION, FEBRUARY 14, 1969

Smith, Branch, Mello, Wood, Dini, Bryan Hafen, Getto,

and Lingenfelter.

Absent: Hilbrecht

Chairman Smith opened the meeting and stated the first measure for consideration would be Assemblyman Homer's AB 9. Assemblyman Homer told the committee that he had no further comments to make but that Mr. James J. Noel from the Nevada Tax Commission had prepared some figures showing the effect of the bill on the state's retirement fund. He also had prepared some figures relating to a bill that is being introduced by Assemblyman Lingenfelter.

The figures prepared by Mr. Noel are reproduced and made a part of this record. The intent of this bill is to provide an incentive for the younger state employees to remain in state employment rather than to the service for private or another state's employment. Mr. Noel's presentation supported his view that the retirement fund would remain sound and would not be hampered by reducing the vesting period for benefits to ten years under the Public Employees! Retirement System.

The committee members questioned Mr. Noel about the percentage of people with less than ten years service who leave. He said that Mr. Buck's office could probably provide the figures. As a Tax Commission employee his experience only related to that agency. It was agreed that the State Personnel people would have to be contacted further with regard to the bill. Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Noel for his presentation and for the work he had done in preparing the statistical support he had presented to the committee. He was excused and assured the committee if they desired any further information from him he would be anxious to provide it.

The committee then considered AB 138 which permits certain library and school district purchases by informal bids. Mr. Bob Lloyd was introduced to the committee. Mr. Lloyd said that he was with the Department of Education and has worked as a member of the library council. He told the committee that the main intent of the bill would be to effect savings to smaller districts by allowing them to take advantage of discount rates on subscriptions to various periodicals. Assemblyman Getto said that the present \$1,000 restriction and the formal bid process provided for control that he was reluctant to see removed. The committee discussed the possibility that removal of these formal process might lead to persons placing business in the hands of friends rather than with the best service Mr. Lloyd admitted that the integrity of the public employee would have to be relied upon and suggested that any flagrant violations of ethical procedure would in due course condemn the offender. It was also developed that the bill could lead to business being channeled to the same vendors without regard to the best service vendor strictly upon large volume low bid offers. firms might become monopoly gainers to the actual disadvantage of the state. Mr. Lloyd said that the most saving the bill offered would be in time saved in the bid process. A \$13,000 bid in Clark County for example probably costs over \$1,000 in clerical time preparation. Chairman Smith relinquished his chair to Assemblyman Lingenfelter who thanked Mr. Lloyd and he was excused from the meeting.

Mr. Lingenfelter said that Chairman Smith wanted to address himself to SB 32.

Assemblyman Smith said that some urgency had presented itself with regard to <u>SB 32</u> which establishes the interim regional planning agency for the Nevada portion of Lake Tahoe basin and extends the deadline for condemnation of property for a state park. The commission is due to meet on the 20th and if the bill has not been passed out in time the commission will not be able to act. He said that the bill has been amended and approved by the Senate as amended.

Getto moved Do Pass <u>SB 32</u>, Dini seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

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