

MINUTES OF MEETING ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
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Present: Smith, Branch, Lingenfelter, Mello, Dini, Getto,  
Wood, Bryan Hafen, and Hilbrecht

Chairman Smith opened the meeting by acknowledging the presence of so many printers from throughout the state.

In attendance were:

Jack McCloskey, Mineral County Independent, Hawthorne, Nevada  
Bud Triplett, Wells Progress, Wells, Nevada  
T. M. Marston, Western Printing and Publishing Co., Sparks, Nev.  
Charles R. Martin, Nevada Sierra Baptist Convention  
Roy E. Wiegand, Emml. 1st Baptist Church, Sparks, Nevada  
Blake M. Franklin, First Baptist Church, Reno, Nevada  
Freeman Johnson, Carpenters Union #1780, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Walter Cox, Mason Valley News, Yerington, Nevada  
State Senator Warren L. Monroe, Elko, Nevada  
E. L. Newton, Nevada Taxpayers Association  
Tom Dickerson, Record Courier-Review Miner  
Robert York, Jr., University of Nevada Student

Chairman Smith stated that previous attempts to hear the printers bills had been made but that due to weather conditions and other factors a representative group had not been heard. He stated however that AB 284 which deletes requirement that legal notices or advertisements be published in newspaper printed in county where publication is required had been acted upon by the committee. The bill, he said, has been indefinitely postponed, but the committee is open to comments on it.

Mr. Dennis Wright, of the Nevada Legislative Counsel, was introduced to the committee.

Mr. Wright said that the Legislative Commission had authorized a study between sessions to review the printing bills and the publishing picture throughout the state. He said that AB 284 had been drawn with the public aspect of the situation in mind but that it has been made clear that there are three counties, at least, in the state where no newspaper is printed.

AB 285, however, would permit local governments to obtain public printing from other counties in some instances; and AB 286 would permit state agencies to use offset duplicators and allow the State Printing Office to provide certain printed materials to local governments.

Mr. Wright indicated that the study that had been made was a limited one and did not encompass the entire field.

Senator Monroe had asked to comment on the bills. He prefaced his remarks with a statement that no bills should have been drafted upon the findings of an uncompleted study. The intent of the Legislative Commission in setting up the study was to cover the whole picture and eliminate the biennial appearance of bills that served no purpose but to confuse the picture.

Senator Monroe took strong exception to all of the three bills. He said that no printers had been consulted by those conducting the study and that therefore their interests were not taken into consideration. He offered the committee an amendment should they decide to take further action on AB 284. He offered for the committee's consideration the establishment of a centralized printing plant in the State Printers Office to handle all of the government printing within the state. He said, however, that the most emphatic concern of the study was with regard to price. He said if price is to be the only consideration then the State Printing office should be put out of business and cited instances where the lowest bidder on some state catalogs was a Mexico firm.

Senator Monroe also advised the committee that AB 286 authorizing offset printing is clearly subject to be overruled by decisions of the courts on what constitutes offset printing and what does not.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht inquired of Senator Monroe whether he would suggest that all of the printing equipment from the highway and other departments be moved to the State Printing office. He also inquired whether it was suggested that the state offices in Las Vegas and elsewhere mail all their printing jobs into that office for processing. Senator Monroe said that it was worthy of consideration.

It was developed that there is approximately \$130,000 worth of printing equipment in the state printers now.

Mr. Jack McCloskey was next asked to comment. He supported the presentation of Senator Monroe. He said that the amount of business these bills was aimed at in the small counties is very minor. He read the committee figures representing the total amount of business his firm did for the local entities to support this argument. He suggested that the bidding should be left open for private printers to compete with the state office for low bid. Mr. McCloskey spoke against AB 285, AB 284 and AB 286.

Chairman Smith advised those in attendance that the bills were presented to the committee as the result of the study that had been made and were not sponsored by any of the committee members except by request.

Mr. Tom Marston also commented on the bills saying he thought they all should be tabled. He reiterated that no printers had been consulted in the study. He said that a hearing was to have been held and that one should be held with the printers for full consideration of the problem.

Mr. Lou Paley representing the union interests said that his position was that the committee should not take any action until a complete study was made.

The gentlemen were thanked for their comments and excused from the meeting.

Before leaving, Mr. McCloskey was asked if he had any comments for the committee on AB 577 which authorizes Mineral County

commissioners to lease Mineral County power system after voter approval. Mr. McCloskey said that all the bill does is add the leasing authority after voter approval for the county-owned facility. He said that several private power concerns have been watching the facility and would be willing to lease it for a more economical operation to the county. They have been making feasibility studies that may lead to bids from them to operate. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to appear and left the meeting.

Getto moved Do Pass AB 577.  
Dini seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Mello moved AB 285 be indefinitely postponed.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

Mello moved AB 286 be indefinitely postponed.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

It was developed that SB 247 permits the employment of the wife of the Superintendent at Nevada Girls Training Center and is the same as AB 442 now in the Assembly Committee on Health and Welfare.

Mello moved Do Pass SB 247.  
Cetto seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 552 which permits an employee whose prior public position was abolished by Legislature to reinstate prior service time for retirement purposes, was discussed by the committee and it was developed that it would open the door for some people who had been affected by legislative action.

Branch moved Do Pass AB 552.  
Lingenfelter seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

The committee agreed to withhold action on AB 375 and the other tenure or vesting period bills under retirement until the actuary study is complete.

AB 362 which increases the permissible interest rate on general improvement district bonds was amended to bracket the one improvement district at Lake Tahoe for which it was sought.

Hilbrecht moved amend and Do Pass as amended for AB 362.  
Wood seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 164 which established procedures for annexation of territory to local improvement districts was discussed.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass AB 164.  
Motion seconded.  
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 304 allows county commissioners to vote on certain cooperative agreements which extend beyond terms of office. Assemblyman Branch explained the intent of the bill and Assemblyman Wood suggested the bill be amended to restrict it to that intent.

Wood moved to amend AB 304 and Do Pass as amended.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

The committee discussed SB 56 which was presented to the committee earlier by Mr. Springmeyer representing the Ormsby County Cemetery District.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 56.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

ACR 34 directs the Legislative Commission to study the Public Employees' Retirement System and the committee agreed such a study would be beneficial.

Wood moved Do Pass ACR 34.

Lingenfelter seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

AJR 42 memorializes the Department of Transportation of alter certain time zones was discussed with its effect on the White Pine County area.

Wood moved Do Pass AJR 42.

Getto seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

AJR 43 which urges federal officials to cooperate with Nevada in obtaining federal funds to complete RENOVation was discussed.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass AJR 43.

Getto seconded.

Motion passed with Mello not voting.

AB 668 which was introduced by Assemblyman Dini to increase compensation for Lyon County officers was discussed.

Dini moved Do Pass AB 668.

Branch seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned with the committee agreeing to introduce two BDR's which the Chairman had been given.