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MINUTES OF MEETING ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, 55TH
LEGISLATIVE SESSSION, MARCH 21, 1969

Present: Smith, Hilbrecht, Dini, Getto, Bryan Hafen, Lingenfelter,
Wood, Branch and Mello.

Chairman Smith opened the meeting and asked the committee's action on AB 681 which Assemblywoman presented on the last meeting and which authorizes transfer of certain state land to Clark County Association for Retarded Children.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 681.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Bowler was introduced for his comments on AB 675 which permits county and city governing bodies to enter into lease-purchase agreements for buildings.

Assemblyman Bowler said that it had been brought to his attention that certain private groups would welcome an opportunity to construct civic buildings within a complex if they could enter into an agreement to lease the facility back to the governing body for its use. The private investors would gain through write-off of their investment. The bill is permissive and would allow local governing entities to acquire needed buildings without bonding. He thanked to committee for the opportunity to comment and was excused.

Assemblyman Rawson Prince next appeared to present AB 502 for the committee's consideration. This bill repeals the requirement that claims against counties must be sworn to by claimants. He said that it had been requested by his County Assessor and he felt sure it would be welcomed by other assessors in the state. By removing the process of having the claims notarized and sworn there would still be sufficient controls but the process would be shortened and facilitated. Mr. Prince said that in effect the counties are violating the law and this bill will rectify matters. He was thanked and excused from the meeting.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 502.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

The committee discussed AB 675 as presented by Assemblyman Bowler and agreed to hold it for further consideration.

Mayor Orin Gragson of Las Vegas, Nevada was introduced and asked to comment on AB 676 which changes the designation of the Las Vegas governing body from board of commissioners to city council. Mayor Gragson told the committee that he knew of no special reason for the change other than that most of the cities with council forms of government refer to their governing bodies as counsilmen instead of commissioners. He said that he would have no objection to the change.

Assemblyman Mel Close was introduced on behalf of AB 646 which exempts certain suppliers of water from the requirement to fluoridate it. He said the bill had been requested by the County Health Department to protect small water firms who serve less than

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500 users from exorbitant costs if they are required to fluoridate the water.

Assemblyman Reid appeared before the committee as sponsor of AB 705 upon which Mayor Gragson had commented. Mr. Reid told the committee that the bill had been suggested to bring Las Vegas into conformity with other local city council forms of government. He said that when Las Vegas changed from the commission form of government they failed to change the designation of the commission to a city council. He was thanked for his presentation and excused.

The committee discussed the fluoridation bill as presented by Assemblyman Close. It was developed that water users are protected to the extent that the fluoridation could not be effected without an election indicating approval.

Dini moved AB 646 be indefinitely postponed.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Bryan Hafen said that the legislative counsel is preparing a measure to bring conformity into the various city charters and that the intent of AB 676 with regard to the Las Vegas commissioners would be met at that time.

B. Hafen moved AB 676 be indefinitely postponed.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

The committee discussed AB 702 which extends the time for servicemen to reenter employment under the Public Employees' Retirement System with credit for military service. The committee agreed that the extension is overly long.

Bryan Hafen moved that AB 702 be indefinitely postponed.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

An amendment had been prepared for AB 691 which would authorize the Public Employees' Retirement Board to deduct group insurance premiums from retirement allowance of retired public employees. The committee felt that the bill was asking the Board to assume additional workload and responsibility that was a matter for personal handling.

Wood moved that AB 691 be postponed indefinitely.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Bryan Hafen asked the committee to consider SB 27 which authorizes incorporated cities and towns to acquire, improve, equip, operate, and maintain public improvements and to issue bonds to acquire, improve and equip public improvements. It was suggested that inasmuch as the bill was tailored to meet Boulder City requests that it be amended to bracket in Boulder City only.

Branch moved to amend SB 27 to bracket in Boulder City and Do Pass as amended.
Hilbrecht seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

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AB 520 which requires county surveyors to be residents of the county was discussed. Mr. Frank Daykin from the Legislative Counsel had arrived to comment on some other bills and Assemblyman Getto asked his comments on AB 520. Mr. Daykin said that in some of the smaller counties there are no resident surveyors to qualify. He stated however that if an election is held, and no candidates file, then it is permissive to appoint a surveyor who can become a resident after appointment.

Lingenfelter moved AB 520 be postponed indefinitely.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SB 173 which permits the formation of rodent control districts was discussed and again Mr. Daykin was asked to comment. He told the committee that what is sought is a clarification of the rodents that are subject to control. The present statutes mention flukes and various other species but the rodents which need control are not clearly spelled out. This bill would do this.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 173.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Daykin was asked to comment on SB 395 which amends provisions the County Utility Franchise Law relating to terms of existing franchises. He said that the statute passed in 1919 had largely outlived its usefulness but that it is still necessary to extend the terms of some utility franchises and that is the reason for this bill.

Branch moved Do Pass SB 395.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SB 143 clarifies the powers of the State Board of Examiners with respect to refunds and other claims against the state. Mr. Daykin told the committee that SB 143 was requested by Howard Barrett as a cleanup measure. It permits work programs to be started any time during the fiscal year and permits the Governor to delegate some powers to the Chief of the Budget Division.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SB 143.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 705 provides for correction to tax rolls by county officials. Mr. Daykin said the purpose here is to allow the Board of Equalization to correct some errors which appear after they have convened without having to hold another meeting just for that purpose. Assemblyman Hilbrecht said if the intent is just to correct mechanical or typographical errors the bill should spell this out.

Wood moved to amend AB 705 by inserting "mechanical or typographical errors" and Do Pass as amended.
Hilbrecht seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Daykin was asked to comment on SB 311 which establishes a Fiscal and Accounting Procedures Law. He said that the bill was requested by the Fiscal Analyst to create what was omitted from the Funds Consolidation Law. The bill takes a select few of the provisions from that law and adds some accounting definitions. The committee agreed to withhold further action until Mr. Bruce of the Fiscal Analyst's office could be called.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter asked the committee give consideration to SB 392 which directs continuation of the Virginia City Restoration Commission.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 392.

Getto seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Smith circulated to the committee a formula format which would tie county official and local official elective salaries to a census basis. It was agreed that AB 595, the Washoe County pay bill, be held until Senate action on the formula bills is completed.

The committee did not agree to introduce a BDR that was presented for their introduction with the understanding that it would be referred to the Judiciary committee.

Meeting adjourned.