

Present: Smith, Lingenfelter, Hilbrecht, Bryan Hafen, Dini,
Mello, Branch
Absent: Wood

Chairman Smith opened the meeting and introduced Assemblyman Harry Reid to comment on AB 730 which permits certain counties to establish merit personnel systems.

Mr. Reid told the meeting that the original bill AB 402 was withdrawn in favor of AB 730 which incorporates the language that is already in the statutes. He said he had contacted all of the various heads of county departments in Clark County and that they approved the proposal. The bill establishes an appeal procedure in which 3 people outside the department would be on the board and 2 people within the department. Chairman Smith asked if the bill would be applicable to quasi-governmental agencies. Mr. Reid said it was drawn for county department application. He was thanked and excused from the committee.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 730.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

City Manager Guild Gray of Boulder City was introduced to the committee for his comments on SB 384 which allows Boulder City to annex certain lands and to develop them at its option.

Mr. Gray said that he recognized the committee's expressed concern over the amount of land mentioned, that being 50,000 acres. He told the committee that the State of Nevada has an option to all of the land in El Dorado Valley which consists of over 100,000 acres. Boulder City was put on the priority list for a new airport and the federal agency picked the site and Boulder City through this bill is attempting to dispose of 50,000 acres of the El Dorado Valley land in order to acquire the airport site. He outlined the agreement that has been reached between a private investor and the California City development people to purchase and develop the land which would be incorporated in the City of Boulder. He noted the safeguards in the bill which do not commit Boulder City to any development commitments. He said the cost to Boulder City would be negligible inasmuch as 66% of the airport costs would be furnished from the F.A.A. Boulder City does not have the sole right to annex this property. The consent of the Colorado River Commission would have to be received.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht asked that a map be furnished the committee. Mr. Gray furnished a map later during the meeting and it is reprinted as part of these minutes.

Mr. Gray was thanked for his presentation and excused.

AJR 27 which proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide that county governing bodies fix compensation of county officers was discussed.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AJR 27.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SJR 9 of the 54th Session proposes annual sessions of the Legislature.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SJR 9 of the 54th Session.
Lingenfelter seconded.
Motion passed over the objection of Bryan Hafen.

SJR 11 memorializes Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to make Las Vegas field office a branch of the Reno regional office. It was developed that this bill would provide the necessary service office to Clark County that it does not now have.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SJR 11.
Branch seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SCR 13 directs the Legislative Commission to study municipal governments. The committee agreed that was a good resolution.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass SCR 13.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Branch called the committee's attention to the amendments that have been drawn to SB 74 which amends the Consolidated Local Improvements Law, the County Improvements Law, and certain city charters to clarify special assessment proceedings. Amendment 1769 and Amendment 1855 were read and discussed.

Fiscal Analyst Robert Bruce was called and appeared before the committee to comment on SB 311. Mr. Bruce said the bill is merely an act which corrects the legislative directive to the Controller to follow better accounting practices. He said it makes it possible to establish double entry accounting procedures to replace the single entry procedures now being used in some instances. In all cases the accounting procedures must recognize the constitution of the state as well as the legislative intent of all fiscal matters. Mr. Bruce said that this bill would literally repeal the old Fund Consolidation Law. When you consolidate funds they lose their identity. Income gets deposited into the wrong funds. He said there are from 26 to 27 million dollars in the state treasury but it is not known which funds they belong to.

Chairman Smith asked if this bill would allow deposits to be correctly made. Mr. Bruce said it would. He explained Sec. 17 of the bill. Federal funds coming into the state are placed in a suspense account until they allocated out. Assemblyman Hilbrecht suggested that the bill be amended in Sec. 18, par. 3 to provide that the State Board of Finance be included with the department of administration and the fiscal and auditing division of the legislative counsel bureau to review and implement recommendations. Mr. Bruce said he would have no objection.

Mr. Bruce was thanked for his presentation and excused.

Hilbrecht moved the amendment to SB 311 and Do Pass as amended.
Lingenfelter seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Branch asked that the committee consider SB 74 as amended.

City Manager Clay Lynch outlined the amendments to the committee and explained the provisions.

Branch moved Do Pass SB 74 as amended.
Hilbrecht seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Tim Hafen was introduced to the committee to discuss AB 713 which authorizes the Mineral County power system to purchase equipment supplies of value under \$2,500 without advertising for bids. He told the committee it had been requested by the utility to allow greater flexibility in their purchasing procedures. When asked why the \$2,500 figure was chosen he said it had been an arbitrary choice based on the belief that was the usual exception figure employed. He was thanked and excused from the committee.

Branch moved Do Pass AB 713. Assemblyman Hilbrecht said he would like to look at the Senate Bill before acting on AB 713. Branch withdrew his motion.

AB 715 which clarifies administrative control over health districts was discussed. Assemblyman Lingenfelter said that he was having some amendments prepared. Assemblyman Hilbrecht said that he had many letters opposing the bill.

Hilbrecht moved AB 715 be indefinitely postponed.
Mello seconded.
Motion was unanimously passed.

AB 719 which validates creation of the Kingsbury Fire Protection District was discussed.

Getto moved Do Pass AB 719.
Dini seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 726 which increases compensation of Nye County officers was discussed.

Mello moved Do Pass AB 726.
Dini seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SB 172 was discussed. This bill eliminates provisions for waiver of public employees' retirement allowance. Assemblyman Hilbrecht stated that the make the bill applicable to some credit union practices that the bill be amended to include "powers of attorney".

Hilbrecht moved to amend SB 172 and Do Pass as amended.
Branch seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Smith turned the Chair over the Assemblyman Lingenfelter.

Consideration was given to SB 181 which requires boards of trustees of board of regents of University of Nevada to permit radio and television broadcasts of athletic events. It was developed that this bill would leave the broadcast or television privilege open to bid and would not allow "locked in" contracts.

Mello moved Do Pass SB 181.

Motion seconded.

Motion failed a majority.

Chairman Smith returned to the meeting.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 181.

Lingenfelter seconded.

Motion passed over the objections of Getto and Dini,

Assemblyman Branch asked that AB 142's amendments be considered. He said that the bill which provides for the election of the North Las Vegas city attorney has been amended to provide that the city attorney need not live there and to provide a salary of \$18,500 instead of \$18,000 with the proviso that he not be permitted the option of private practice.

Hilbrecht moved to amend AB 142 and to Do Pass as amended.

Motion seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Dini asked that the committee reconsider its action on SB 178 which it had indefinitely postponed.

Dini moved the previous action on SB 178 be rescinded.

Motion failed.

Chairman Smith acknowledged that City Manager Clay Lynch wished to be heard on AB 142. Mr. Lynch told the committee that the intent of the city of North Las Vegas's charter was that the city attorney be the legal counsel for the city manager and the city council. Also to preserve this intent it was provided that he be appointed and that he be a completely impartial observer so as to render solid legal opinions. He asked that the committee reserve its action until other members of the city government could be heard.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht said that Mr. Lynch's presentation had advocates but that he had contacted many other attorneys and the consensus is that a city attorney is better an elected position. His function is to serve as the legal representative of the people. He may advise the government on legal matters but his prime responsibility is to the electorate. If he gives bad legal advice he should shoulder the responsibility and answer to the electorate.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter added that the City of Reno had suffered a poor choice of an elected city attorney but that subsequently the electorate gave wide approval to one of the best city attorneys now in the state.

The committee studied the map provided by City Manager Gray.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass SB 384.

Branch seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.

