

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

Chairman Smith opened the meeting for discussion of AB 357 which requires good cause for dismissal from certain public offices.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht told the committee he has had occasion to represent public employees who were separated from their employment without any notification of cause. The purpose of this bill would be to require a showing of good cause upon dismissal. The committee discussed the use of the term "good cause" and it was developed that this term has precedent and is defined and clarified in supreme court decisions.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass AB 357.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 511 which modifies the procedure for reconveying certain donated county land to the donor was discussed and it was developed that in some instances a donor sets aside parcels of land for the use of county development and in the conveyance specifies the uses to which this land may be placed. In the event all of the land is not needed for the specified purpose this bill would enable the land to return to the donor.

Branch moved Do Pass AB 511.
Hilbrecht seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 484 and AB 403 were discussed together as they both deal with air pollution control. Chairman Smith said that these bills will be heard on Tuesday, March 11th.

Assemblyman Reid appeared before the committee to comment on AB 558 and 559. AB 558 would broaden the authority of county hospital trustees and AB 559 designates the board of hospital trustees as the body to determine indigency status of patients and provides for the payment of indigent patient expenses. Mr. Reid said that this latter bill would lead to the establishment of criteria for indigency determination which presently is not well established. Chairman Smith asked that Mr. Reid provide the committee with the criteria as it has been established in Clark County and further consideration of these bills was deferred.

Mr. Frank Daykin of the Legislative Counsel appeared before the committee to explain SB 210 which he said was tailored to meet the demands of Ormsby County for an auditorium and recreation center. The bonds issued would be supported by the local room tax which Mr. Daykin indicated was broad enough base and the debt limit would not be endangered. Mr. Daykin was thanked and excused.

Branch moved Do Pass 3B 210.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Reid returned to the committee and said that with regard to AB 588 the committee should watch for SB 96 which if passed by the Senate would be a preferable piece of legislation than AB 588.

The committee noted also that AB 552 and AB 375 are correlated bills permitting prior service time to be reinstated for public employee retirement purposes.

Assemblyman Wood referred to AB 282 which he had been asked to research for amendment. The committee agreed that the highway engineer in instances of granting final acceptance to contracts if the uncompleted portion is insubstantial still needs broader clarification. It was agreed to study the possible amendments.

Chairman Smith reminded the committee that the Tuesday and Wednesday agendas had been combined to be heard on Tuesday, March 4th.

Meeting adjourned.