

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

Chairman Smith opened the meeting when a quorum arrived.

AB 422 which provides for the deposit of public money at interest was discussed.

Hilbrecht moved AB 422 be indefinitely postponed.

Hafen seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

ACR 41 requesting that legal action be initiated against the Sampson Investment Company by Las Vegas and North Las Vegas was brought to the committee's attention.

Lingenfelter moved ACR 41 be indefinitely postponed.

Hilbrecht seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

ACR 47 urges boards of county commissioners to promote consolidation of services among local governmental units. It was agreed this is a good resolution.

Dini moved Do Pass ACR 47.

Getto seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Tim Hafen appeared before the committee with Russell McDonald of the Legislative Counsel. He asked that the committee listen to Mr. McDonald's comments on AB 713. Mr. McDonald told the committee that AB 713 proposes to amend the Mineral Power Act which is a special law. The Local Government Purchasing Act provides for purchases without bid up to \$2,500 but because the Mineral County Power Co. operates under special law the ACT does not apply and this bill would give them the same purchasing privilege.

Getto moved Do Pass AB 713.

Dini seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. McDonald was asked to comment on AB 763 which changes population basis for the exercise of powers by local governments when based upon population. Mr. McDonald referred to his previous presentation and said this bill now adopts the 100,000 - 200,000 figures for Reno and Las Vegas respectively on the basis of anticipated census. The federal statute defines when the census becomes effective and this is built into the bill. There is another provision in Section 38 that provides that the bill though acted upon will remain in suspense until the effective census date and the counsel can write in the provisions to other legislation.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 763.

Lingenfelter seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

While Mr. McDonald was present the committee asked for his comments on AB 503 a bill which would allow Clark County to authorize a street beautification project in Las Vegas. He said that there is a plan to erect some public fountains in an "alternate" highway in Las Vegas. It has been stated that bond counsel would prevent sale completions involved in the project without this bill. However, Mr. McDonald said that because of the location the Bureau of Roads should be consulted on this bill.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht asked what the intent of AB 756 which provides for the election of two judges of Las Vegas municipal court for 4-year terms was. Mr. McDonald said that it would clarify the terms in such manner that the two best qualified men would be chosen by the electorate.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 756.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 762 which requires local governments to use accrual or modified accrual accounting systems was discussed. The recommendations of the North Las Vegas audit were considered.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 762.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter called attention to AB 758 which increases compensation for Esmeralda County officers.

Lingenfelter moved Do Pass AB 758.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Bryan Hafen moved Do Pass AB 754 which authorizes counties to establish hospital districts. Mr. McDonald was asked for his comments on this bill. It was developed that the bill is intended to enable an area which is remote from hospital facilities to establish a district and erect facilities. It is permissive only and would if levered properly possibly attract foundation contributions. An amendment to Section 17 of the bill was suggested.

B. Hafen moved to amend AB 754 and Do Pass as amended.
Getto seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

SJR 1 which excludes fiscal matters from state and local initiative and referendum was discussed at length. A motion to give the resolution a Do Pass was withdrawn following the discussion.

SJR 21 which memorializes the President and Veterans' Affairs Administrator to establish a veterans hospital in Southern Nevada was discussed. It was developed that the only hospital in the state is located in Reno and that most of the veterans reside in the southern part of the state.

Mello moved Do Pass SJR 21.
Wood seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

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SJR 22 proposes to amend Nevada Constitution by abolishing the positions of county surveyors and superintendents of public schools. Assemblyman Wood said that these positions cannot be filled through election because they do not attract a high caliber candidate. Assemblyman Lingenfelter said that he felt the county surveyor should be retained as an accountable public official. Assemblyman Hilbrecht said that the work is contracted out anyway.

Wood moved Do Pass SJR 22.

Hafen seconded.

Motion passed over the objection of Lingenfelter.

The committee discussed SJR 18 of the 54th Session and SB 367 but deferred action until another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Assemblyman Hilbrecht.