

Library Note

When received from State Archives, the minutes of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means were in two large folders and were without tabbing or page numbering of any sort. Upon cursory examination, the microfiche of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means minutes look to be in the same order as what was received in the folders.

Library staff first scanned the contents of each of these folders “as is” in order to maintain the integrity of the product received and to make a working copy. The scanned copies of what was received from State Archives are available as [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

While examining the working copy, Library staff noticed several inconsistencies in the dating of some meetings. There were two meetings dated as occurring on February 12, 1969, at nearly the exact same time. Based on the absence of Messrs. Close and Glaser from one of the purported February 12 meetings and their absence on the Floor of the Assembly on February 11 (but not on February 12), Library staff surmised that this meeting occurred on February 11 not February 12. There were also two meetings dated as occurring on March 6, 1969 at the same time. Based on the fact that the bills discussed in one of these meetings were reported out of committee on the Floor of the Assembly on March 5, Library staff surmised that this meeting occurred on March 5 not March 6. Finally, there were five meetings dated April 2 and/or April 3, 1969. In these five meetings marked April 2 and/or April 3, there were certain details that were irreconcilable with either the *Assembly Journal* or other meetings, such as the apparent co-occurrence in time of some meetings. This led Library Staff to conclude that it was likely some of the meetings were incorrectly dated. However, there was insufficient data present to make an accurate determination of when the meetings actually occurred. Therefore, these meetings were labeled as they were originally, with the addition of an A-E to represent the order in which they were found in State Archives’ files, and for indexing purposes. Prefatory notes precede all meetings found to have inconsistent dating.

In order to facilitate indexing, Library staff rearranged some of the pages in the working copy, placing any documents submitted to the committee with the minutes of the meeting that most closely match the subject/content of the document. Some documents were unable to be placed with a set of minutes and are, thus, separate documents labeled “Miscellaneous Document 1” and so on. There are 11 such documents. Each has a prefatory note explaining where they were found within the Archives files.

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