

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Seventy-Third Session
February 17, 2005**

The Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments was called to order at 3:48 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Co-Chairwoman Ellen Koivisto presided in Room 3142 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Ellen Koivisto, Co-Chairwoman
Mr. Harry Mortenson, Co-Chairman
Mr. Marcus Conklin, Co-Vice Chairman
Mr. Bob McCleary, Co-Vice Chairman
Mrs. Sharron Angle
Mr. Mo Denis
Mrs. Heidi S. Gansert
Mr. Brooks Holcomb
Ms. Kathy McClain
Mr. Harvey J. Munford
Mr. Bob Seale
Mr. Scott Sibley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Chris Giunchigliani (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel
Michelle Van Geel, Committee Policy Analyst
Celeste Gunther, Committee Attaché

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Co-Chairwoman Koivisto:

[Meeting called to order. Roll called. Opened hearing on Senate Bill 40.]

Senate Bill 40: Removes requirement for printing one copy of bills and resolutions on special paper. (BDR 17-1043)

Brenda J. Erdoes, Legislative Counsel:

We bring before you, S.B. 40. It came about as a result of the State Printing Office being transferred to the Legal Division at the end of last session. Part of what's occurred since that happened is that we've gotten to know the printing business a little bit, and we've found some economies that we think we can accomplish, and this is one of them. If you look at the bill, Section 1 on page 1, the bracketed language that is struck basically used to say that a copy of each bill has to be printed on heavy buff paper. That's an expensive process. It was set up, I think, back in the 1950s, because heavy buff paper was something that not everyone had, so it was a way to authenticate an original bill.

Now you can go to any office supply store and pick up that kind of paper, so it's not a great way to authenticate the original. Also, it's expensive. On the printing press you have to change out the paper and it's more expensive than white paper. So we're proposing to strike that, and instead put in a provision that requires the Legislative Counsel to determine the appropriate method for designating the original bills. We would designate an efficient method that works for everyone. We didn't put a specific method in there, because we wanted to allow for technological changes through the years. It may be that, in the future, you want to authenticate these with a hologram or something.

For right now, the best we could come up with was this embossed seal ([Exhibit B](#)). We plan to emboss a copy of each bill with this legislative seal. That would designate the original, and that's what would be put in the bill jacket. The other sections of the bill are just to clean up references to that buff copy. This will save about \$50,000 per session. For example, last session we used 49,027 sheets of heavy buff paper to accomplish this statutory requirement. We would not have to do that, should you decide to pass this bill.

Co-Chairman Mortenson:

Wouldn't the embossing be an extra, large cost? Couldn't you forget the embossing? If somebody wanted to counterfeit a bill, they could get an embosser made? It seems hard to believe. Has there ever been a problem with people counterfeiting bills?

Brenda Erdoes:

There are stories that have been passed down. I don't have any proof of it. I know that it is an important function; it is a crime to adulterate a bill. We felt that it was important to protect that tradition, if nothing else. An embosser is a pretty inexpensive item these days. The one we got you can press by hand.

Co-Chairwoman Koivisto:

[Closed the hearing on S.B. 40.]

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANGLE MOVED TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 40.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Ms. Giunchigliani and Mr. Sibley were not present for the vote.)

Co-Chairwoman Koivisto:

We have some resolutions to request Committee approval to go ahead on. The first one is Read Across America Day. It's a resolution that's done every legislative session on Theodore Geisel's birthday to commemorate Dr. Seuss and to encouraging reading.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT MOVED TO REQUEST A
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION DRAFT RECOGNIZING MARCH 2,
2005, AS READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY. (BDR R-1311)

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Ms. Giunchigliani and Mr. Sibley were not present for the vote.)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN MOVED TO REQUEST A
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION DRAFT COMMENDING THE DRUG

ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.) PROGRAM AND THE D.A.R.E. OFFICERS. (BDR R-1312)

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Ms. Giunchigliani and Mr. Sibley were not present for the vote.)

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN MOVED TO REQUEST A COMMITTEE RESOLUTION DRAFT RECOGNIZING THE VALUE AND NEED OF ARTS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION. (BDR R-1313)

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Ms. Giunchigliani and Mr. Sibley were not present for the vote.)

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ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED TO REQUEST A COMMITTEE RESOLUTION DRAFT RECOGNIZING THE FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER HEROES OF THE WATERFALL FIRE IN CARSON CITY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANGLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Ms. Giunchigliani and Mr. Sibley were not present for the vote.)

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- BDR 24-508: Authorizes city clerk to designate alternate or additional facility at which electors may register to vote. (ASSEMBLY BILL 89)

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF BDR 24-508. (ASSEMBLY BILL 89)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN McCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Co-Chairwoman Koivisto:

We can discuss what it does when we go ahead and have a hearing on the bill. It gives the city clerk authority to have another place where people can register to vote, as well as the city clerk's office, like a fire station, or school, or something.

Assemblyman Seale:

So we can have further discussion then.

Assemblywoman McClain:

It's my understanding that on Committee introductions, just because you vote to introduce it doesn't mean you have to support it down the line, because you have such limited information on it.

Assemblyman McCleary:

I was going to say something very similar to what Ms. McClain just said. It is tradition that we accept Committee introductions, even if we might not like the bill. It's giving it an opportunity to be heard. It's procedural; just because you say yes, it doesn't mean you're committed to the bill. We still have the authority, I guess, if we wanted to say no, but I don't think it's been done in many a session. Nobody's ever denied an introduction.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Ms. Giunchigliani was not present for the vote.)

Co-Chairwoman Koivisto:

[Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Celeste Gunther
Committee Attaché

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto, Co-Chairwoman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments

Date: February 17, 2005

Time of Meeting: 3:45 p.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
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<u>S.B.</u> <u>40</u>	B	Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel	Paper embossed with legislative seal