

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

May 17, 1978

Dr. Warren H. Schmidt, Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson

George E. Bodle
Dr. Catherine G. Burke
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner
Jerry Epstein
Milton G. Gordon
Richard S. Gunther
Hugh L. Henshaw
Mary Jane Kidd
Leo A. Majich
Lauro J. Neri
Robert Ruchti, II
Luis A. Ruiz, CLU
George Shellenberger
Larkin Teasley
Bryan Walker

Burke Roche
Executive Secretary
John Campbell
Staff Specialist
Maxlynn Larsen
Commission Secretary

Members Present:

Warren Schmidt, Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
George E. Bodle
Catie Burke
John Byork
Carolyn Ellner
Milton Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Luis Ruiz
George Shellenberger

Members Absent:

Margaret Carr
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Jerry Epstein
Richard Gunther
Hugh Henshaw
Leo Majich
Lauro Neri
Robert Ruchti
Larkin Teasley
Bryan Walker

Dr. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. He announced that the special meeting had been called to review the position paper prepared by the Community Relations Task Force on Proposition 8 and SB 1, the Behr Bill.

Task Force on Community Relations - Carolyn Ellner, Chairperson, reported that the task force had presented its statement on the Jarvis-Gann Initiative two weeks ago. After its adoption, the task force studied the Behr Bill and Proposition 8, read related material and interviewed a number of people. The task force concluded that the Behr Bill is a strong and financially sound bill which will bring relief to the homeowner, renter, and senior citizen in a responsible, productive way. A statement was drafted and mailed to the members recommending that the commission strongly support Proposition 8 and the Behr Bill.

Following a discussion period, Dr. Ellner moved that the Economy and Efficiency Commission recommend that voters vote YES on Proposition 8 and the Behr Bill. The motion was seconded by John Byork and passed unanimously.

Warren Schmidt explained that, since this was a special meeting, many of the members had previous commitments and could not attend. However, the record should show that Jerry Epstein, Richard Gunther, Larry Neri and Larkin Teasley had reported that they were in support of the statement and recommendation. Leo Majich, who previously supported the Jarvis-Gann Initiative, has changed his position and is now supporting Proposition 8.

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Executive Secretary Report - Burke Roche reported that the commission was receiving a number of requests for speaking engagements and interviews. The Committee for No on 13 is coordinating the replies to editorials. On KNX there have been five editorials, so there have been five rebuttals, and Warren Schmidt made one of them.

On the Jarvis-Gann Initiative, Warren Schmidt and he gave a presentation to the Committee on the Affairs of the Aging, and May 31 he is scheduled to participate on a panel discussion at Glendora Town Hall.

On the secession issue, John Campbell and he made a presentation to the El Segundo Women's Club, and Catie Burke is scheduled to participate in a panel discussion on Channel 28. She will also tape an interview for radio station KBIG. Mary Jane Kidd will do a half-hour interview on radio KMAZ.

Chairperson Report - Dr. Schmidt reported that Burke Roche and he had presented the report IMPACT ON NEW COUNTY FORMATION to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. On motion of Supervisor Hayes, seconded by Supervisor Ward and unanimously carried, the following Board Order was passed.

"The commission was directed to circulate the report to the news media, libraries, educational institutions, and to community groups and was given authorization to print the necessary 2,000 copies. The commission was thanked and commended for its report."

Dr. Schmidt introduced three visitors - Pat Yeoman, Chairperson of the Grand Jurors' Association, Edith Bogen and Herb Shane, members. He said that organization and the E & E Commission have a lot of common concerns, and there are a number of occasions when they can unite their voices.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.