

change of duties imposed by House Bill No. 207 upon the Director of Aeronautics, it became necessary for me to veto section 11 of this bill.

"For the reasons indicated, section 11 of this bill is vetoed, and the remainder of this bill is approved."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.

CHAPTER 308.

[S. B. 95.]

JOINT COMMITTEE ON URBAN AREA GOVERNMENT.

AN ACT relating to state government; creating a joint committee on urban area government of the legislature; providing for the selection, term, and reimbursement of certain expenditures of the members of the committee, and conferring rights, powers, duties and prescribing the functions of the committee; providing for advisory committees; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. As used in this act "committee" means the joint committee on urban area government of the legislature of the state of Washington, and the term "urban area" shall mean incorporated cities and towns and peripheral areas which have become substantially urban in character.

"Committee",
"urban area"
defined.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the joint committee on urban area government of the legislature of the state of Washington which shall meet, act, and conduct its business at any place within the state of Washington during interim periods prior to the 1963 session of the legislature.

Committee—
Created—
Meeting place.

SEC. 3. The committee shall consist of five senators and five representatives who shall be selected as follows:

Committee
—Members,
selection.

(1) The president of the senate shall nominate five senators to serve on the committee, who shall be residents of urban areas of the state, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. In the event that the president does not

nominate five senators, or in the event that the senate does not confirm the nominees prior to two days before the close of the regular session of the legislature, the senate shall elect the members by a majority vote of a quorum. Upon confirmation or election, the senators shall be installed as members.

(2) The speaker of the house shall nominate five representatives to serve on the committee, who shall be residents of urban areas of the state, and submit the list of nominees to the house for confirmation. In the event that the speaker does not nominate five representatives, or in the event that the house does not confirm the nominees prior to two days before the close of the regular session of the legislature, the house shall elect the members by a majority vote. Upon confirmation or election, the representatives shall be deemed installed as members.

Committee—
Members,
political
affiliation.

SEC. 4. Not more than three members confirmed or elected by the senate, and not more than three members confirmed or elected by the house, shall be affiliated with any one political party.

Committee—
Members,
terms.

SEC. 5. Members shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3 of this act, at the next succeeding regular session of the legislature, or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Committee—
Vacancies in
membership
filled.

SEC. 6. The committee shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from the legislative chamber whose member departs; members filling vacancies shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 3 of this act or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Citizen
advisory sub-
committees.

SEC. 7. The committee shall by majority vote select a chairman, may establish appropriate subcommittees, may prescribe rules of procedure for itself and its subcommittees, and shall create citizen

advisory subcommittees, the members of which shall include residents of

Urban areas of more than five hundred thousand population,

Urban areas of less than five hundred thousand population but more than fifty thousand population, and

Urban areas of less than fifty thousand population. The committee may create such additional citizen advisory subcommittees as it may deem appropriate.

SEC. 8. The committee may employ an executive secretary and such clerical and other assistants as it finds necessary or appropriate, and fix their compensation. Committee—
Employees.

SEC. 9. Members of the committee and any of its subcommittees shall receive twenty dollars per diem, and ten cents a mile for travel, while attending sessions of the committee or of its subcommittees. Committee
—Members
per diem,
expenses,
paid by
voucher.

All expenses incurred by the committee or its subcommittees or the members thereof, including salaries of its executive secretary and assistants, shall be paid upon voucher forms signed by the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee. Vouchers may be drawn upon **[funds appropriated generally by the legislature for legislative expenses or upon]* any special appropriation which may be provided by the legislature for the expenses of the committee. *Vetoed.

SEC. 10. Unless otherwise directed by a two-thirds vote of the whole committee, all witnesses shall be examined privately. Witnesses
examined
privately.

SEC. 11. The committee is authorized to ascertain and study laws, facts, trends of urban development and other matters relating to the welfare and government of urban areas of the state including but not limited to: Committee—
Powers and
duties.

(1) Incorporations of and annexations to cities and towns;

(2) The functions and powers of the several agencies of local government and their relationship to each other;

(3) The financial support required to carry out the missions of local government and the sources of such support;

(4) The present and future requirements of the residents of urban areas for governmental services and the local governmental machinery best suited to provide such services;

(5) The proper role of the state in local government affairs and finance.

Committee—
Interagency
cooperation.

SEC. 12. The committee shall consult and maintain liaison with the legislative council, the legislative budget committee and all affected public agencies, and shall seek the participation of all interested and responsible organizations.

Legislative
council to
assist
committee.

SEC. 13. The legislative council shall consult with, advise, and assist the committee, recommending areas of study, advising as to organizations and persons suitable for subcommittees, and assisting in research and study of urban problems.

Legislative
council
reimbursed.

SEC. 14. All expenditures of the legislative council incurred in consulting with, advising and assisting the committee shall be paid upon vouchers approved jointly by the chairman of the council and the chairman of the committee from the appropriation herein provided.

Committee—
Report of
findings,
recommendations.

SEC. 15. The committee shall report the findings of its subcommittees to the governor by September, 1962, and shall make such recommendations to the governor and the legislature relating to changes in administrative practices and existing laws as it finds necessary. If the recommendations adopted by the committee do not receive unanimous ap-

proval, any dissenting members shall have the privilege of submitting minority recommendations.

SEC. 16. The committee shall have authority to receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from private sources as may be made from time to time in trust or otherwise for the use and benefit of the purposes of the committee and to expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of said gifts, grants, or endowments.

Gifts, grants and endowments.

SEC. 17. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect on April 1, 1961: *Provided*, That the members of the committee shall be appointed or elected as provided in section 3 of this act prior to the end of the thirty-seventh regular session of the legislature.

Effective date.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1961.

Passed the House February 16, 1961.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1961, with the exception of a certain unnumbered item of Section 9, which is vetoed.

NOTE: Excerpt of Governor's veto message reads as follows:

Veto message, excerpt.

"I disapprove and veto the unnumbered item appearing in the last paragraph of Section 9, of the bill, reading as follows:

'funds appropriated generally by the legislature for legislative expenses or upon'

"For the reason that this item is drawn in such loose language that in effect, the chairman or the vice-chairman respectively, of the proposed committee would have a blank check to invade or even to exhaust funds appropriated by the legislature for other interim committees and other proper legislative expenses during the coming biennium.

"I am wholeheartedly in favor of the remainder of the bill which will establish a joint legislative study and fact-finding interim committee for the purpose of evaluating the existing relationships between numerous municipal and quasi-municipal corporations, in order that during subsequent sessions of the legislature, statutes may be enacted assuring orderly growth of urban and suburban areas.

"Fortunately, Section 9 of this bill contains authorization for proper financing of this committee through means of a specific appropriation. Therefore, the item vetoed will in no way interfere with the desirable objectives of this bill.

"With the exception of the foregoing item which is vetoed, the remainder of Senate Bill No. 95 is approved."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,
Governor.