

Assembly
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman Glaser at 2:03 P.M. January 24, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Young, Tyson, Ashworth, Bowler, Mello, Glaser, Jacobsen, Howard, Harris

Absent: None

Also present: Howard Barrett of Budget Office, Robert Bruce of Fiscal Analyst's office, Neil Humphrey of the University.

Senator Lamb came in at 2:05 and said University bills had been referred back to Finance Committee with idea of coming to Ways and Means. Chairman Glaser said that tomorrow afternoon General Government would be reviewed with Mr. Barrett and this should be with Senate Finance.

Chairman Glaser said the Committee on Economic Development wanted Assembly members and others the next day to hear a proposal on industrial development requested by Frank Young.

Joint Meeting

2:12 P.M. - Senators Brown, Gibson, Fisher, Bailey, Fransway, Lamb, Pozzi, Titlow present, members of press. Joint meeting, Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance called to order by Chairman Glaser. Senate Finance wanted to meet jointly to determine whether amendments were to be made, etc., especially one regarding student fee of \$42.00 so in order to make amendment on first package they felt they should have the feeling of Ways and Means. Discussion of accrual of student fee money and tying down use of it. Don't want them building buildings state has to maintain.

Senator Dodge came in, 2:15. Mr. Bunker and Mr. Close later; also Senators Chic Hecht and Christiansen.

A sub-committee had discussed the matter with Russ McDonald, who said he would have to think about it. Russ came in at 2:18. Said it could be tied down if enough money accrued in the account but only by agreement by holding out \$950,000 if they agreed to pay bond service requirements; could say "also include the regents' promise, etc.", that that money should not be expended for any such purpose unless...might define duties of employees but not their powers. On fee Legislature has no control.

Mr. Gibson said he felt the University shouldn't bear the brunt of the whole thing, that they had come up with this idea in response to something the Legislature had asked for. Controlling of this will take deep thought and major action, don't do hurriedly. Authority on fee can't be changed without constitutional amendment. We should take advantage of the opportunity now to save 1/2 million dollars by passing bills. Mr. Glaser said he felt that an amendment would be out of order at this time, but that additional legislation should be considered at a later date. Senator Lamb said as far as his committee was concerned, the bills would go out with a "do pass." Mr. Humphrey said he would not be able to speak for the Board of Regents, recommended discussion with them later.. Senate Finance Committee and Russ McDonald left at 2:44 P. M. Informal discussion, short recess.

Meeting resumed, 2:51

Present: Young, Tyson, Ashworth, Howard, Jacobsen, Mello, Glaser

Absent: Harris, Bowler

Chairman Glaser said the budget could not be discussed until Governor's message.

Mr. Harris back, 2:53. Howard Barrett and Bob Bruce present.

Mr. Barrett discussed Planning Board requests and what governor recommends, passed out list. Discussed land acquisition at Nevada Southern. He asked a reporter present not to use any of the figures he gave out, as he would be given the story in the Governor's office in a few minutes.

Mr. Glaser mentioned that appropriations would not have to be made for education this time.

Mr. Bruce stated that the governor had made an agreement with them to get the budget three weeks ago so they could start working but no information could be disclosed until after the message tomorrow, said they would be ready then with a comparison of five years in every budget given. Mr. Bruce said he is not here to change opinions but just to bring certain things to light, bring things up - if Committee wants to do anything about them, they can. Discussion of scope of advisory capacity and fact Nevada is one of first states to put in a Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Discussion of planning board thoughts on new legislative building in capitol complex program.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M. with statement Committee would meet January 25 at 2:00 P.M. with Economic Development Committee and others interested to listen to industrial specialist.

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer

SCHEDULE, WEEK OF JANUARY 23 - JANUARY 27, 1967

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

MONDAY

Review Capitol Complex
Review Phase I, Physical Science Building, with Senate Finance
Committee

TUESDAY

Prison - 2:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Review Prison Complex and building program

WEDNESDAY

Receive budget message from Governor - 12:00 Noon
Afternoon - Meeting - Ways & Means Committee Room -
2:00 - 4:30 P.M. to review general government

THURSDAY

Meeting 2:00 P.M., Ways and Means Committee Room - general
government budgets. Following meeting, review gambling
collection procedures at Harvey's Wagon Wheel, Lake Tahoe.

FRIDAY - Meeting - 8:00 - 10:00 A.M., Ways & Means Committee Room.
Noon - adjourn.