

# Assembly

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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### NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54 TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 2:10 P.M. January 26, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

**Absent:** Jacobsen

Also present - League of Women Voters member  
Howard Barrett, Bob Bruce

Mr. Barrett passed out hard cover copies of the Budget, and asked for return of other copies.

Discussion of when different agencies would be heard. Chairman Glaser said Conservation and Agriculture were scheduled for the last of March or the first part of April. Mr. Young asked if hearings were going to be allowed that late. Chairman Glaser said all scheduled hearings were within 60 days. He said he had allowed four days a week for hearings, and would try to leave Friday afternoons open.

Mr. Barrett explained Page A-1 of the Budget is for historical purposes.

Mr. Newton of the Taxpayers' Association came into the Committee Room at 2:29 to observe and take notes.

Discussion of the Kerr-Mills act. The counties are quite interested because it will bring in Federal monies. Detailed picture of all sources of revenue studied on Pages A-2 and A-3. Page A -4 - major tax sources. A-5, A-6 gone over. ADA - Page 120 discussed. B-1, recommended appropriations not in detail yet.

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Page 6, Secretary of State. Discussion, fee based on number of square feet they are occupying - to allow Federal funded agencies to pay money into Buildings and Grounds to support Buildings and Grounds. If there is more money than approved at the end of the year it will be transferred back to the Secretary of State then back to the General Fund, which Mr. Barrett said has never been done before. University, Highway and Fish and Game total come under Buildings and Grounds - Health and Welfare. Mr. Barrett said we're gaining dollars to support Buildings and Grounds, using Federal funds to support general funds, meeting \$95,000 we wouldn't have gotten otherwise. Money paid from rent money, Buildings and Grounds, should show as cost of operation of Agriculture Department, not as Buildings and Grounds budget.

Bob Bruce said money is need for unclassified salaries from Feb. 1 to July 1, not in individual budgets. He said if they do not go into effect until July they are already one year out of date and that unclassified should be treated the same as classified.

Discussion of janitors needed because of petty stealing which has gone on in the past.

Discussion of group insurance, raising state participation from \$3.00 to \$6.00 to bring more participants. Company has raised premiums, state is looking for new company. Only older employees are staying in the program, younger ones with good health records get out. No new carrier will take

over any group unless 75% of the enrollment will participate.

Committee to inspect Governor's Mansion on conclusion of meeting. Mr. Barrett suggested they look at the mansion budget, Page 3, before going over. He said there is no statute covering maintenance of the Governor's mansion. Explanation. In the past money has been spent from Buildings and Grounds because they have responsibility for maintaining all state buildings, can be used for minor improvements and repairs but nothing major. Chairman Glaser discussed prison inmate labor, which has been used in the past, but stated the present governor does not want prison inmates mingling with his family. More telephones are needed because of the larger family. Mr. Harris asked how the whole family of 8 or 10 people could possibly eat on the money asked for. Discussion of expenses such as flowers for table when entertaining, etc.

Chairman Glaser read a letter giving a fire report on the mansion, saying many areas need attention, and that wiring is obsolete and does not meet code.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

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Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

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Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer