

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 2:00 P.M. in Ways and Means Committee Room January 30, 1967.

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

Absent: None.

Also present, Howard Barrett of the Budget Office, Bob Bruce, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, members of the press and Mr. Wittenberg of personnel office to appear with Governor's Office.

Chairman Glaser announced that the Committee was to meet jointly with the Senate Finance Committee in their chambers at 2:00 P.M. to discuss the Governor's budget. He said the two committees would meet on a "home to home" basis, alternating between Assembly and Senate rooms. The committee accordingly recessed and went to the Senate chambers. However, Chairman Glaser was informed by Senator Lamb that the Governor was anxious to have Senators Pozzi and Fransway present for the meeting and they were unavailable, so the Ways and Means Committee returned to its Committee Room where the meeting was resumed at 2:05 P.M. Lt. Governor Ed Fike in the meantime had indicated he would come in and utilize the time originally scheduled for the governor. Before his entrance, the committee discussed his salary - \$40.00 per day when acting as President of the Senate. His salary is \$4,500 whether Legislature is in session or not; in addition, he receives an extra amount when acting as governor - \$1,500 has been budgeted.

Lt. Governor Fike entered the Committee Room at 2:09 to discuss his budget. He said retirement and group insurance could be stricken. Travel was discussed. Mr. Fike left at 2:18.

Chairman Glaser said on some of the lighter budgets, he plans to have discussions the day after the agencies appear while details are still fresh in Committee members' minds. Larger budgets will be in closing days.

Discussion as to whether Legislators are covered by NIC during session. Concensus of opinion they are in light of past experiences by Tom Kean and Mr. Jacobsen.

Chairman Glaser asked Mr. Barrett to go ahead with preliminary justification of Secretary of State budget. Mr. Koontz entered meeting at 2:23 to discuss his budget. Discussed new positions, particularly need for girl to tend office while Archivist Gale is gone. Only 1/2 time position allowed. Discussed increased work load, filings, new corporations, securities and fraud work, election work. Discussion of \$45,000 previously in Buildings and Grounds Budget being charged to Secretary of State...Mr. Barrett said he thought it was an error, shouldn't be that much, should be about \$15,000. He said he would check.

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Chairman Glaser asked Mr. Koontz to discuss Archives Department more fully. He explained need for preserving valuable old records of the state which had been scattered throughout the Capitol building. He said \$25,000 left over from the Centennial Fund had been given them for two years' work and told of steel files, remodeling of basement and other work which had used most of it, as well as purchase of acid proof cardboard boxes for storage proving additional expense.

Mr. Gale, Archivist, was called into the meeting and entered at 2:45 to explain more about the archives and his work. He told of volunteers and the Youth Corps helping him. Discussion of Grant Sawyer documents, 54 filing cabinet drawers being utilized for them, and commission Governor Sawyer had created to help solve problems such as what documents should be saved, etc. Discussion of requests from historical societies in other states and research required to answer letters. Discussion of need for micro-film machine, they would like to have their own. Mr. Barrett said he felt it was better not to set up separate equipment in two or three different agencies but just have one big set-up and charge a service charge. Discussion of need for space.

Mr. Gale told of California's laminating papers of Lincoln assassination for Nevada free of charge. Chairman Glaser asked if they would do work for a fee for us and answer was yes, also Atlanta, Georgia. Discussion appropriation bill asked for which would work figures back into budgets to pay what Buildings and Grounds should be.

Mr. Mello left briefly.

Mr. Koontz and Mr. Gale invited Committee to visit Archives. Decided we would go over on conclusion of meeting. Mr. Koontz and Mr. Gale left at 3:14 P.M. Chairman Glaser went over agenda for following day.

Chairman Glaser asked members to look at classified and unclassified salary schedules on pages 437, 438, 439, 440 in line with appearances tomorrow. Colorado River Commission - page 439 - salary discussed - should be taken out of Contract Services and put into salaries to show what it actually is. Chairman Glaser said he would like to know what man this is for this salary..Mr. Barrett said they had once told him they did not want the Legislature to see it - the \$26,400 - he told them he did not know why, he feels they can present a very good case for it and thinks information should be available to the Legislature as a regular budget item instead of hiding under contract... Chairman Glaser requested that a hearing be scheduled for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 P.M.

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer