

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 3:15 P.M. February 13, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

Absent: None

Also present: Bob Bruce, member of press, Howard Barrett
C. R. Davenport, Clerk of Supreme Court; Judge Zenoff, Supreme Court; Judge Bruce Thompson, Supreme Court; Judge Jon Collins, Supreme Court; Attorney James Guinan, Legislative Consultant to The Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada.

Mr. Davenport appeared before the Committee to discuss salary details in the Supreme Court budget. Judge Thompson discussed necessity for law clerks, who are in classified service, and difficulty of obtaining them. They can get much more pay elsewhere. These clerks are usually just out of college. Students with better grades can be gotten if higher salaries are paid. Judge Zenoff discussed.

Discussion of need for bailiff. Judge Collins spoke in behalf of necessity for one.

Chairman Glaser mentioned that the work load had dropped off. Judge Thompson said this was because opinions have been handled by order, whereas every case filed is actually entitled to a written opinion. This has happened because they are so far behind in their work. Statistical sheets were passed out to the Committee.

Mr. Davenport discussed the Law Library budget. He said it had been prepared by the Law Librarian and he actually didn't know too much about it, it was not a part of their budget (supreme court) when initially submitted. A bill was prepared to have it put under supervision of the Supreme Court rather than the Law Library. He said the Senate Finance Committee had a bill to separate the function of the Law Library from the State Library. Justice Thompson said there is no money in the bill, they are primarily interested in having control of purchase of law books and believe a person who knows them should have such control...in the past there has been conflict between the law librarian and the state librarian on this score - the wrong sets were purchased, etc. Mr. Bruce said this bill has to pass for this budget to be adopted and the state library's budget will be cut by this amount. Consideration of State Library Budget, Page 154. Mr. Davenport said he felt Mrs. Anderson's (Law Librarian's) budget was not at all out of line. Chairman Glaser asked if the woman who is the librarian

now would continue in the job. He was told, yes, that only \$1,000 is needed to reconcile, top page 69, law section has also been included in the State Library's budget. Chairman Glaser stated then that there would be no need for concern unless Senate Finance didn't pass said bill, then they would have to fix discrepancy.

State Board of Pardons Commissioners - Page 70. Two judges granted pay raises during their terms, given \$2,000 acting as ex-officio judges - way of supplementing. Judge Collins explained function of Board, final board of clemency.

District Judges' Travel, Page 71. Mr. Davenport discussed, trouble getting judges in the budget when some were sick. Judge Thompson said it was almost routine for them to have to ask for emergency funds. Judges' per diem discussed, \$15.00 per day and .10 a mile, Judge Collins said it just can't be done. He said unless a legislator's rate of \$7.00 is given at hotels in Las Vegas for instance, another room must be sought. He said when he traveled he had a private income so used his own money, then took it off his income tax. Chairman Glaser agreed with Judge Collins and said he would see that the Committee take a look at it. Discussion of state car use. Judges in the first district have cars assigned to them, otherwise not and cars no good.

Page 72 - Judges Salaries and Pensions. Chairman Glaser asked Mr. Barrett to explain background for benefit of new Committee members.

Mr. Bowler out - 4:53.

Mr. Davenport said widows of two judges now receiving pensions. Judges get 1/3 of their last year's salary after 12 years, 2/3 after 20 years.

Mr. Ashworth out at 3:56. Back at 3:57.

Mr. Davenport explained there had been no provisions for Judge Marshall's retirement, as it was not known he was retiring when the budget was prepared.

Discussion on out-of state travel for conferences, etc. Chairman Glaser asked if there is any possibility of just adding one judge this year and another in a year or two (in positions). Judge Thompson said no there has to be a quorum. Mr. Guinan stated any increase had to be from 3 to 5.

Judges & representatives left the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Bowler back, 4:03.

Officers' Bond Premiums, Board of Finance. Howard Barrett explained Board of Finance. Required by statute to be bonded. Also bonding for local employees.

Mr. Barrett - on Judges' pensions, said he has a man working on a list on pensions, they hadn't included two widows.

Chairman Glaser remarked these people will have to be added into this. Mr. Barrett said his per diem is set by statute. Mr. Glaser asked if they had any idea just offhand, if this was increased to \$20.00 a day how much more it would cost. Mr. Young said we have a bill in here today - Joe Vianni - AB 212. Mr. Barrett said it affects counties. Mr. Barrett said he thought there was a Hawthorne statute tied into it. Mr. Glaser said the Committee has the bill, if they will give a rough estimate of what it would cost, it would help in their deliberations. Mr. Barrett left at 4:12.

Mr. Glaser asked Committee members to turn to Page 1. He said they could start to review some of these budgets and finalize them so they can see how far apart they are with Senate Finance. By the end of the 60th day he said they should be pretty close to being through. He asked members to get out budgets, make notes and see what they wanted to cut or add to.

Mr. Glaser discussed \$6,000 instead of \$7,000 for in-state travel on the Governor's budget - 66-67 \$4,500, has asked for \$7,000 in the next two years. Mr. Young said it has not been completed and will not be until July 1. Mr. Jacobsen said he thought it was all right the way it is. Mr. Harris moved leave it at \$7,000. Seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Motion carried.

Out of State travel - \$2,000. Bowler moved o.k., seconded by Mr. Jacobsen - motion carried.

Discussion Executive Administrator-Labor Commissioner - \$18,400 for Administration - scratch out \$2100. Tyson - on first sheet \$18,400, then new one gives a different figure. Next salary, special assistant, asks for \$15,000 - we set it at \$14,000. Discussion - don't think we should agree on this one salary unless agree on all three administrative. Press Officer - has asked for \$12,000 and we gave him \$12,000 both years so second year is \$12,000 instead of \$12,600.00.

Governor's Secretary - \$800 both years.

Operating - Telephone - asking for \$11,800 first year, \$11,500 second year. Mr. Jacobsen moved adopt this, seconded by Harris. Motion carried - approved as in budget.

Contract Services. \$1800 during legislature. Tyson moved o.k., Mello seconded. Motion carried.

Equipment rental - \$3,800 for Xerox. Bowler moved, seconded by Jacobsen. Motion carried. Approval of the office of the Governor in budget as amended. Chairman Glaser said if Senate Finance won't go along with us on Labor Commissioner and Ken Buck, then we will come back and review Administrative Assistant.

Bowler moved, Jacobsen seconded, that we cooperate with proviso that matter can be reopened at any time



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT—FINANCE
RENO

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Mr. Norman Glaser
Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
Nevada Legislature

Dear Mr. Glaser:

During the Legislature's consideration of the Physical Science Building legislation the University was requested to provide a policy statement concerning the Capital Improvement Fee Fund. On Saturday, February 11, 1967, the Board of Regents approved the following statement.

The Board of Regents adopted a Capital Improvement Fee on February 12, 1966 and specified that it would be imposed beginning fall semester, 1966. The fee is \$42.00 per semester for students registering for seven or more credits and \$3.00 per credit for those registering for six or less credits. The fee applies to those students on the Reno and Nevada Southern University campuses registered for courses during the fall and spring semester. It does not apply to students in Evening Division, Summer School or other fee supported programs. As with all fees assessed by the Board of Regents, this fee is subject to change except as restrictive covenants with bond holders may limit the reduction of the fee.

The fees are deposited to a Capital Improvement Fee Fund and the funds for each campus are separate. Monies may not be expended from these funds without approval of the Board of Regents. The funds are invested in U. S. Treasury Bills or Time Certificates of Deposit until needed and the earned interest is credited to the fund.


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These funds shall be used, as directed by the Board of Regents in the following ways.

1. For the service of revenue bonds, the proceeds of which were used for the construction of academic buildings. It is specifically acknowledged that the Legislature must by enactment of a law authorize a revenue bond issue for each building so funded.
2. Surplus monies in the fund (i.e. "surplus" meaning not currently required for debt service) may, upon direction of the Board, be used:
 - a. For the purchase of land adjacent to the campuses and within the University's master plan areas as such land becomes available and is offered for sale;
 - b. To loan to the dormitory or dining hall bond debt service funds in the event such funds are unable to meet their annual payments; and
 - c. For such remodeling projects as are urgently needed for the accommodation of students in academic buildings but which cannot be funded from University operation funds nor State Planning Board Capital Improvement funds.

Very truly yours,


Neil D. Humphrey
Vice President-Finance

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