

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman Glaser at 8:35 A.M. February 27, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

Absent: Harris, Ashworth

Also present: Norman Terrell and Bob Bruce of Fiscal Analyst's office; Howard Barrett, Budget Office; Press; Lincoln Liston, Assistant Superintendent, Administration Division, State Department of Education.

Chairman Glaser announced there would be discussion of SB 79 by Norman Terrell. It is one of the Fiscal Analyst's bills as a result of an audit made of the Gaming Commission providing that advance fee deposit of provisional license be applied to actual state gaming license fees due for final quarter and changing word "gambling" to "gaming" to effect uniform nomenclature.

Bowler moved "do pass," seconded by Jacobsen. Motion carried. Mr. Bowler to take on floor.

SB 88 - Fixes maximum amount of state printing fund and removes restriction on number of departmental reports printed. Fiscal Analyst's bill as a result of audit at Printing Department over a year ago. It contains a recommendation for installation of a double-entry accounting system. Jack McCarthy in accordance with provisions in this amended bill.

SB 82 - - Extends date of last apportionment of state funds to school districts. Lincoln Liston explained. Previously has been paid on April 1. The new bill would have last quarterly payment on May 1. It would not be detrimental to the school districts. Mr. Glaser asked if it was requested by the Administration and was told it was. Mr. Liston left at 8:45.

Russ McDonald - 8:53.

SB 84 - Appropriations, supplemental and other from general, state highway funds for various purposes. Mr. Barrett said these are explained in the budget, pages B1 and B2. Under Section 2, Paragraph 1, Sub-paragraph A, \$5,000 for supplemental to Attorney General's special fund, which has been almost depleted, for additional attorneys he had to hire on the Mark Twain Life Insurance Case. This money is appropriated by each session of the Legislature. Two widows of District Judges have become eligible since appropriation. Judge Marshall also retired, and a replacement was required for Judge McNamee for six months. To pay Western States Council, a group got together with the Colorado River Commission on this. He said it is explained on Page B-3. State Hospital is for ambulance, transportation of patients between Clark County and Sparks. Discussion of \$20,000 to add to Employees Revolving Fund. Mr. Barrett finished his presentation & explanation of the budget at 9:02 A.M.

Russ McDonald explained AB 228, providing for an operating fund, salaries and expenses for members and consultants of ground water boards. He said SB 44 also deals with Clark County Board. He said SB 44 is probably in error. Senator Brown requested 44 back in August, started out first asking for salary and per diem for El Dorado Advisory group. He said he thought

AB 228 is actually what Senator Brown was after, may as well forget SB 44. Hold it and deal with AB 228 any way Committee likes.

Mr. McDonald left at 9:07.

Bowler moved "do pass" on AB 228. Mr. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Tyson to take on floor.

SB 44 - Mr. Jacobsen moved "Do Pass," seconded by Mr. Bowler. Motion carried.

SB 123 - Mr. Bowler moved "do pass," seconded by Mr. Howard. Chairman Glaser explained that Nate Hurst wanted the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and Secretary of the Senate to be given some consideration in this bill, which removes restrictions on per diem expense allowances of legislators; increases supplemental travel allowances and authorizes telephone allowances; -in regard to supplemental travel. Vote on motion. Motion carried. Austin to take. Decided to get Nate Hurst to discuss the bill.

AB 250 - Appropriation for land next to Mansion. Mr. Bowler moved "do pass," seconded by Mr. Howard. Motion carried. Mr. Jacobsen to take on floor.

AB 280 - Department of Conservation. Elmo DeRicco gave to Committee to set up. Per diem. Mr. Howard moved "do pass," second by Jacobsen. Motion carried. Roy to take on floor.

Nate Hurst appeared before committee at 9:23. He was asked just how much they were allowed now in the way of expenses. He said there was not anything allowed until two years ago when they got a bonus as per diem at the end of the Session....\$15.00 per day for 60 days. Now they have nothing for per diem unless a resolution is passed at the end of the session for \$900 for 60 days. Salary is \$40.00 per day, no mileage. Nate left at 9:26.

Insurance people came in at 9:25 A.M. Mr. Louis Mastos, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Nevada; Hugo Quilici, Director of the Department of Commerce; Doug Ericksen, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

Mr. Mastos discussed AB 296, Insurance Code revision. Would bring the code up-to-date. Mr. Glaser asked that he touch on the background of Mr. Williams, who is to do the work. Mr. Mastos said he has re-written at least 10 of the insurance codes for various states, including Wyoming, Montana, Arizona; he passed out a letter written by Williams to Mr. Mastos. Mr. Jacobsen asked whether anyone in our state could do the work and Mr. Mastos said not. It was originally put together by Mr. Vargas and copied from the Illinois law. He knows of no one besides Mr. Williams who does this kind of work, very few people are available. Others all on East Coast. Williams is in Seattle. Insurance men left.

SB 77 - Mr. Barrett said the Supreme Court asked for this after the budget was closed; there was no time to bring it over and submit directly to the Legislature. They feel that with two younger Supreme Court Justices they are incurring more expenses in travel and operating. Mr. Young moved to table the bill. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

SB 212 - Bob Bruce discussed. He said it was one of their requests, primarily to allow extra time in preparation for legislature in reviewing

budgets; they desire to have agency work sheets by September 1.
Mr. Jacobsen moved "do pass" SB 212, seconded by Tyson. Motion carried.
Mr. Howard to take on floor.

SB 82 - already explained by Mr. Liston. Mr. Young moved "do pass,"
seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Motion carried. Mr. Glaser to take.

SB 88 - printing fund bill. Mr. Glaser said this bill was requested by
the Fiscal Analyst. Bob Bruce said the real heart of it is the cost
system; a uniform system needed. Mr. Bowler moved "do pass,"
seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Motion carried.

AB 70 - State Fire Marshal bill - Mr. Quilici, Head of Department of
Commerce; Louis Mastos, Insurance Commissioner; Richard Bast, State Fire
Marshal; Advisory Board members Senator Francis Farr and Keith Henrikson
present to discuss; also Doug Erikson, Chief Deputy, Insurance Division.

Chairman Glaser said the Committee is primarily interested in costs in-
volved in appointing two more deputies.

Budget broken down - approximately \$800 for furniture to establish
office in Las Vegas, plus salaries. Need for arson investigation help..
discussed by Mr. Bast. Senator Farr discussed subject of workload. Keith
Henrikson also spoke. Doug Erikson spoke on insurance aspects.

AB 296 - contract to Mr. Williams, \$25,000 for recodification insurance
code. Bowler moved "do pass," seconded by Mr. Jacobsen.
Marvin White to take, Austin to notify.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer