

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 1:10 P.M. February 6, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

Absent: None

Also present: Bob Bruce, members of the Press

Chairman Glaser announced that the Dean of the College of Agriculture would speak on AB 6 at 2:00 P.M. He said we had some additional considerations to make on unclassified positions. May meet with Senate Finance at 3:30.

Chairman Glaser told the Committee that in addition to personal contacts, he had received additional material on salaries. Even though no official motions have yet been made, the tentative agreements on salaries have stirred up controversy. The agreements, he said, were made mainly so the Committee could meet with Senate Finance and be in a bargaining position. He said there is concern through the State because of the salaries, and read from a letter from the Attorney General to Floyd Lamb and Mr. Glaser containing comments on disparity between unclassified and elected officials, and expressing thought they should be reconsidered.

Mr. Bowler said he felt the Committee had moved too fast on salaries and that there was considerable discussion through the State expressing concern on the matter, concern about the hold-the-line policy and classified and unclassified salaries.

Mr. Bowler moved that we rescind what action has been taken regarding salaries and take a look at the program with new perspective. Mr. Ashworth seconded the motion. More discussion by Mr. Harris and others. Mr. Harris said he couldn't understand why there had to be a motion when Committee never really voted on it. Mr. Glaser said word "reconsider" should be used instead of "rescind." Mr. Bowler withdrew the word "rescind." Motion passed.

Discussion of fact Committee was in favor of July 1 effective date on salaries. Chairman Glaser said there had never been a motion on this matter.

Mr. Howard said he hated to open up the whole project again when the Committee was pretty close to Senate Finance idea. Mr. Glaser said they would just consider those in which the Committee had a difference with the Senate first, others later.

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Chairman Glaser said he wished to apologize to the Committee if he had misled them, that in the past it had been the policy the policy of the Committee to flatten salaries out for two years and he felt the policy should be continued.

Mr. Howard moved that the Committee flatten salaries out for two years. Motion seconded. Passed.

Mr. Newton of Taxpayers Association came in at 1:22.

State Hospital - Superintendent \$23,000 for the 2nd year.

Should consider all six department heads before considering Executive Assistant - historically he is over department heads and his salary depends a great deal on salaries set below.

Director of Administration. Don Mello moved that we go along with the Senate at \$17,600. Seconded by Bode Howard. Harris - on question. Asked if they were talking about Mr. Barrett. Was told they were. Mr. Harris said he thought Mr. Barrett was one of the most important men there and he couldn't go along with that. Chairman Glaser said if a man is better than others is all right to give him more money. Mr. Bowler said Mr. Barrett is already established and doing a good job. Mr. Mello withdrew his first motion and moved to make the salary \$18,600. Mr. Harris said \$18,800. Then he said what would be wrong with leaving it at \$18,000 for two years. Chairman Glaser asked the Committee to bear in mind that Governor's Assistant would have to have better or equal. More discussion.

Mr. Jacobsen moved Committee compromise on \$18,000. Seconded by Mr. Ashworth. Discussion of fact people working under department heads are sometimes making more money than their superiors. Seems nothing can be done about it now. No further discussion on motion. It was voted on, passed. Mr. Harris opposed.

Mr. Young moved that Director of Health, Commerce, Conservation, others, all be set at \$18,000. Discussion. Mr. Bowler said he didn't think anything could be done now about Burnell Larsen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, he has been working at \$20,000. Chairman Glaser said he felt the Superintendent of Public Instruction should not have been included in this category. He said the State Board is looking for a man who can assume leadership, they think they have one now and if the salary is cut they will lose him. Suggestion Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of Health and Welfare be taken out of this category. Discussion Dr. Ravenholt's salary of \$26,000 in Clark County not be compared with his salary with state.

Mr. Jacobsen said on this, he thinks we ought to take individually then afterwards see what we have. Ashworth said he would have to vote against this. Motion lost.

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Director of Commerce. Moved by Mr. Ashworth to go along with Senate Finance - \$17,600 both years. Seconded by Mr. Mello. Passed. Harris opposed.

Director of Conservation. Mello moved we go with Senate Finance, \$17,600. Bowler seconded. Passed. Harris opposed.

Superintendent of Public Instruction. Jacobsen moved go with \$20,000 both years, seconded by Howard. Passed. Harris opposed.

Chairman, Gaming Control Board. Mello moved go with Senate, \$17,600.00. Motion died.

Mello moved \$17,000, Bowler seconded. Passed unanimously.

Director, Health and Welfare. Bowler moved, go with Senate Finance Committee, \$17,600. Seconded by Jacobsen. Passed unanimously.

State Highway Engineer. Moved and seconded, salary at \$20,500 for both years. Passed.

Governor's Executive Assistant. Senate Finance set at \$18,400. Mr. Ashworth said he thinks the Director of Administration and Governor's Assistant are on a par with each other. Mello moved \$18,400.00. No second.

Howard moved \$18,000. Ashworth seconded. Passed. Harris opposed.

Gaming Control Board Members. Bowler moved retain at \$16,500. Seconded by Jacobsen. Passed.

Deputy Highway Engineer. Jacobsen moved \$17,900. Seconded by Howard. Passed unanimously.

Item 24 - First Assistant Superintendent (Ed.) Jacobsen moved \$16,000 for next two years, Howard seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mello moved we firm up for two years the salaries agreed on with Senate Finance Committee on first page of unclassified positions, from Line 15 to 36. Seconded by Jacobsen, with exception of Adjutant General. Passed unanimously.

Second page - Line 11 - Assistant Superintendent - Ed. Admin. Bowler moved \$15,000, seconded by Jacobsen. Motion passed.

Secretary, Retirement Board. Jacobsen moved hold to \$14,400. Tyson seconded. Passed unanimously.

Director, Economic Development - Item No. 7. Ashworth moved leave open until determination can be made concerning value of department. Bowler seconded. Passed.

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Mello moved to accept salaries for two years at the level set in conference with the Senate with exception of those being held open, Items 7 and 28, on page two of unclassified salary schedule. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Page three - Line 11 - Deputy Director - Economic Development. Ashworth moved to leave salary open until determination made on department. Seconded by Mello. Passed unanimously.

Line fourteen - Deputy Director Economic Opportunity. Jacobsen moved to hold to \$9500 for the two years. Seconded by Bowler. Passed.

Assistant Secretary, Retirement Board. Jacobsen moved \$10,940. Mello seconded. Passed.

Liaison Officer, Adjutant General's Office. Ashworth moved, hold open. Bowler seconded. Passed.

Bowler moved to accept salaries as stated on Page 3 of Unclassified Positions with exception of those held open. Jacobsen seconded. Passed.

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Deputy Adjutant General. Bowler moved we continue to hold open until studies completed. Mello seconded. Before question, Howard stated he thought the Committee should know the person under discussion was a woman. Mr. Bowler withdrew his motion.

Mr. Jacobsen moved to hold position at \$7,200 both years, seconded by Mello. Motion carried.

Chairman and Members of Gaming Commission. Bowler moved to retain the present pay structure now in existence as to per diem. Seconded by Mr. Howard. Motion carried. Young opposed.

Ashworth moved Committee accept salaries as scheduled on Page 4 on Unclassified Scheduled. Seconded by Mello. Carried.

2:18 P.M. Dean Dale Bohmont of College of Agriculture, University of Nevada entered the meeting with Assemblyman Tim Hafen to discuss AB 6 making an appropriation to the University of Nevada for agricultural research and demonstration in Pahrump Valley, research station.

Mr. Newton of Taxpayers' Association left at 2:19 for approximately 30 minutes. Mr. Barrett and Paul Tutino of the Budget Office present as observers, to be heard later.

Five minute recess called at 2:20. Meeting reconvened at 2:30 with all members presented. Dean Bohmont showed slides dealing with agricultural and research work by the University in different areas of the state, particularly Pahrump Valley. Chairman Glaser asked what operational costs would be, assuming the station is established and was told \$40,000 a year. Dean Bohmont said it would take a minimum of five years to set it up. Chairman Glaser asked whether it couldn't be funded through the University budget and was told it was their hope that it would be done that way - legislative intent there in the budget, maybe qualify for Federal funds. Discussion of Amargosa Desert work, 40 acres where a

station could be set up. Discussed by Mr. Hafen.

Dean Bohmont and Mr. Hafen left at 2:50.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Paul Tutino appeared for the Motor Pool at 2:51 P.M. Discussion. Chairman Glaser said he hoped Committee could look at facilities.

Mr. Newton re-entered the meeting at 2:55.

Mr. Tutino left meeting at 3:10 P.M.

Bill Hancock of the Planning Board came in at 3:11 to discuss his budget, Page 49. Discussed salary schedule, 5 temporary positions don't appear he said. Discussion of need for an Urban Planner, mechanical engineering draftsman. Main thing is travel. Mr. Hancock left at 3:22.

Meeting in recess until Senate Finance comes in to meet jointly.

3:30 P.M. - Meeting resumed jointly with Senate Finance Committee. Senators Gibson, Lamb, Fransway, Fisher, Brown, Bailey, Pozzi. Senator Lamb acting as Chairman. All Ways and Means members present, as well as Mr. Bruce and Norman Terrell.

Meeting for purpose of resolving any differences the two committees might have on salaries. Mr. Glaser said the Ways and Means Committee had reconsidered on some things and felt they had reached some more realistic views.

Page 439 - Major considerations in first 12 salary categories. Mr. Glaser said State Hospital had been set (Superintendent) at \$23,000 - agreed with before.

Governor's Executive Assistant, \$18,000 for both years. In rejecting '65 budget found that historically Ways and Means' position had been to flatten out salaries for two years.

On Executive Assistant Gibson moved to go to \$18,400, Fransway seconded. Motion carried.

Amended motion to \$19,000. Pozzi seconded. Motion lost. Decided to let this go until Senator Tiwlow is present.

State Highway Engineer. Bailey moved \$20,000, Pozzi seconded. Motion lost. Moved and seconded make Governor's Executive Assistant \$19,000. Motion lost. Ashworth moved go with Senate Finance on Highway Engineer, \$19,000. Howard seconded. Passed.

Director of Administration. Fransway moved to go along with Ways and Means at \$18,000. Seconded by Pozzi. Passed.

Gaming Control Board members. Mello moved to go along with Senate Finance, \$15,840. Ashworth seconded. Passed. Young and Harris opposed.

Executive Secretary Gaming Commission. Motion to go with Senate Finance, \$12,075. Second, Motion passed. Haris opposed.

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First Assistant Secretary of Education. Moved and seconded, go with Senate Finance at \$15,000. Passed.

Assistant Superintendent of Education. Moved and seconded, go with Senate Finance. Motion passed.

Labor Commissioner. \$10,500 with Senate, passed.

Chief Parole and Probation Officer. Jacobsen moved, Ashworth seconded, go with Senate Finance, \$13,500. Motion carried.

Secretary, Retirement Board. Mello moved stand pat at \$14,400.00. Young seconded, motion passed.

Brown moved \$15,200. Glaser suggests we leave open now. Gibson feels should pass it by now. Back again.

Moved to go with Ways and Means. Fransway seconded. Passed.

Deputy Adjutant General. For secretary in office. Hold off.

Line 6 - Chief Assistant, Treasurer's Office. Ashworth moved \$7,200.00. Seconded, passed.

Jacobsen moved, seconded effective date of salaries July 1. Motion carried. Mello opposed.

Gibson moved they do the same, Fransway seconded. Bailey amended to April 15. Pozzi seconded. Back to original motion, July 1. Passed 4 to 1.

4:02 P.M. Joint meeting dissolved. Mr. Terrell gave numbers of those positions being held open: Page 1, Line 4; Page 1, Line 28; Page 2, Line 7; Page 2, Line 17; Page 2, Line 28; Page 3, Line 11; Page 3, Line 35; Page 4, Line 1 and Line 12.

The Chairman announced there would be no meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, February 7, this day being held open for Sub-Committee work.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 P.M.

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer