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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 1:43 P.M. February 8, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Young, Howard, Ashworth, Harris, Jacobsen, Mello, Glaser,
Absent: Bowler (1:45).
Tyson

Also present, Bob Bruce, Mr. Newton of Taxpayers' Association.

AB 137 - An act to provide for an oil portrait of Grant Sawyer, former Governor of the State of Nevada; to create a fund and to provide an appropriation therefor.

Young moved "do pass," Harris seconded, passed unanimously.

Discussion on AB 6. University Committee found money in the University Budget to institute this. Decided to hold until Mrs. Tyson could be present.

AB 8 - Establishes Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Cemetery in Reno as state monument.

Inasmuch as this bill was introduced by Assemblywoman Mary Frazzini, the Committee members decided they would like to hear her discuss it. She appeared at 1:50 and did so. She gave a history of the cemetery, telling of volunteer labor, door to door collections, to help preserve it when it was found being used as a garbage dumping ground. She said the War Department will furnish headstones to replace those destroyed by vandals. These will be furnished at no cost and even shipping will be paid. She said as far as she knows it is the only Civil War Cemetery originally purchased by the Grand Army of the Republic. She said the group of men who fought and are buried there were from Virginia City. Mr. Howard said he had worked with Mr. McCarthy on the project and after much research they had determined it was the only cemetery purchased by the Grand Army of the Republic. They are asking \$1,000 - \$500 each for two years. Mrs. Frazzini said the whole Washoe Delegation is behind it. They had hoped to have the backing of the Parks and Recreation Department. However, Chairman Glaser read from a memo from Elmo De Ricco, by George Hardman, of that Department saying they felt that was not enough money to maintain, etc. Suggestion by Mr. Howard that the City Parks in Reno might be interested. Mrs. Frazzini said she would check, but felt it was of interest to whole state.

Howard moved to defer action on AB 8 until it could be checked into further. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Press came in, 2:03

Tax Commission members James Lien, Assistant to the Secretary; James J. (Jake) Noel appeared to present their Budget. They explained that the office of Secretary of the Tax Commission is presently vacant. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Dolan of Budget office.

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Budget under discussion on Page 51. Mr. Noel discussed. He explained the largest increase in their budget is for salaries, spoke of need for Assistant Chief Appraiser, auditors. Auditors increase collections. No reciprocity with other states in collecting.

Clark Russell of Department of Economic Development came in at 2:08 to await his turn to appear.

Mrs. Tyson entered at 2:11.

Lt. Governor Ed Fike came in at 2:14 in connection with later hearing on Economic Development Dept. Assemblyman Frank Young also present.

Tax Commission members and Mr. Barrett concluded business and left at 2:22. Mr. Dolan remained.

Department of Economic Development - Clark Russell and Mr. Dolan presented budget requests.

Bowler and Ashworth out at 2:30. Senator Chic Hecht came in.

At 2:40 Mr. Russell led discussion on philosophy behind Department of Economic Development and passed out material from the A. D. Little Company, as well as "Nevada Community Profiles". Assemblyman Frank Young made presentation in behalf of the company's work in bringing in industry.

Mr. Newton left at 2:43.

Lt. Governor Fike spoke on behalf of A. D. Little Company program, felt Nevada is too dependent on one industry, gambling.

Chairman Glaser asked if they needed legislative action to go ahead on the study since money already in budget. Mr. Russell said it is out of the operating budget and Mr. Barrett said it can be transferred if it meets with approval. Mr. Dolan said it would not be actually a transfer. Mr. Russell said they hoped for ratification. Chairman Glaser said he felt a selling job had to be done in the Senate where they actually want to abolish the Department of Economic Development. Department members and Lt. Governor, also Senator Hecht, left at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Jacobsen suggested that after such meetings the Committee members should discuss the subject of the hearing among themselves and reach conclusions while topics are still fresh in their minds. Chairman Glaser thought this was a good idea and he would like to be reminded to do it every time, had planned to do something along that line.

Mr. Jacobsen said he felt the industrial relations man (A. D. Little) did a very good selling job, but that if Nevada became an industrial state it would make it a "lousy place to live." Mr. Mello asked if Director of Department of Economic Development was the job Mr. Quilici has now and was told there is presently no director. Mr. Russell is the assistant and has only been there 3 weeks. Mrs. Tyson felt A. D. Little would only be getting into a lot of money, felt we should do things ourselves. Chairman Glaser suggested getting a good director, spending \$15,000 maybe, who would really do something with the Department of Economic Development rather than having a company come in. Consensus of opinion of Committee that we should not

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Mr. Harris back at 3:00.

have A. D. Little Company or any stranger come in to do what we can do ourselves at reasonable cost. Mrs. Tyson felt Lt. Governor Fike would not hold out for the company but maybe go along with Director idea and that he is most interested in development of the state and would do everything in his power to help.

Mr. Barrett in meeting.

Chairman Glaser asked whether Committee should close this budget or wait until later. Mr. Barrett said the Department of Economic Development is valuable if only to answer letters pouring in from school children throughout the country. Discussion ended. No action.

Chairman Glaser said four more salaries remained to be discussed, page 439 and work sheet. Ways and Means is apart from Senate on 3 positions and Executive Secretary of the Gaming Commission. Secretary of Gaming Commission says \$12,075 - actually is \$13,200, set by statute. Senate Finance is aware of this also and is going to set this figure at \$13,200.

Jacobsen moved, Mello 2nded we set Executive Secretary Gaming Commission at \$13,200. Measure passed.

Quorum present in meeting - Young, Tyson, Howard, Jacobsen, Mello, Glaser.

Chairman Glaser said Senate Finance Chairman Lamb had told him his Committee was willing to adjust and compromise on 3 positions the committees are apart on.

Executive Assistant, Line 4 - we had it \$18,000 - they want to set it at \$18,400 which would be in line with governor's request that executive assistant be set higher than directors of departments that are below him.

Mrs. Tyson moved we concur at \$18,400, seconded by Mello. All in favor. Passed. Chairman Glaser said they have indicated willingness to increase Labor Commissioner to \$11,500.

Mello moved Labor Commissioner \$11,500, seconded by Jacobsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashworth back - 3:26.

Secretary of Retirement Board - Mrs. Tyson moved \$15,200, seconded by Mello. Mr. Young said he didn't think the man would stay unless he gets \$16,000. Further discussion on. Brought up if we don't go with Senate on him they won't go on others. Further talk about what Buck (Secretary) is doing. Decided to talk to Sen. Lamb and explain to him Committee would like to wait and see just what is going on. Decided to hold for bargaining purposes. Will talk to Sen. Lamb.

Bowler in, 3:27. Discussion by Mr. Harris about Chief Parole and Probation Officer. Thinks he should have more. Won't reopen.

Mr. Young said he heard Gaming Commission members had orders they can't stay in hotels having gambling, thinks per diem should be increased.

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Young moved \$4,000 for Chairman Gaming Commission and \$3,000 on members as a salary, seconded by Mello. Discussion by Mrs. Tyson.

Motion deferred.

Mr. Harris moved we adjourn, seconded by Mello. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer