

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
54TH SESSION MARCH 29, 1967

Meeting called to order by Chairman Glaser at 3:40 PM in the Ways and Means Room.
Present: Glaser, Mello, Harris, Bowler, Ashworth, Jacobsen, Howard, Young
Absent: Tyson,
Also present: Bob Bruce

Present to testify on SB 104 - Council of the Arts:

James McCormick	Mrs. Annette Herz	Mrs. Florence Burge
Charles Ross	Sam Houghton	Mrs. Mary Porter

Mr. McCormick said that a very large group of citizens are very much concerned with the Nevada State Council on the Arts becoming a functioning body of the State. He represents 30 art organizations in the Reno, Sparks, Carson City areas, with 4,000 active participants. He recommended changes in SB 104 as follows:
Page 1, Section 3, Line 15 delete "the" so that it reads "in performing and fine arts
Page 2, Section 9, delete "but members of the executive board shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the board"
Section 10, (d) delete "or perform any other act"
Section 4 - line 22 - insert "of at most 21" between consisting and members

Mr. Charles Ross spoke of the total lack of communications at the present time with regard to art activities throughout the state, particularly among the schools and University. This proposed agency will fill this pressing need. He expressed hope that this would be the means by which schools could obtain funding other than state funding for the physical facilities and allow an interchange of art activity both performing and visual. This council could fill the interim period to assist the University and the school districts. He is most concerned with finding the means of allowing us to work for the generations of people to come in providing them with contact with this "deadly serious" aspect of life.

Mrs. Annette Herz, member of Reno Community Concert Association, Community Chorus and President of Repertoire Group, spoke of the difficulty of finding appropriate places for performances. The recognition and dignity the council could give would greatly enhance the arts. She spoke of the amount of money spent in development by the state of our natural resources; how much more important the development of our human resource. She also spoke of our creative use of the ever increasing leisure time.

Mr. Sam Houghton, President of the Reno Art Gallery, approximately 350 members, former Assemblyman, pointed out that SB 104 contains no appropriations. He argued against this Session protecting future Sessions from money requests. He said he realized we couldn't make up Nevada's lag in this area overnight. However, we can obtain funds from private individuals and the federal government. He reiterated the argument for development of human resources.

Mrs. Florence Burge, Associate Editor of "View Magazine" , said that the development of this Council of the Arts would be beneficial not only to Nevada, but to the many tourists who come here and give them a broader view of all the things we have to offer. She spoke of the great amount of talent here in the state which is little known. Her magazine and supplementals covering the arts would be distributed to many surrounding areas, such as San Francisco, Sacramento, etc. besides those distant areas in Nevada.

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Mrs. Mary Porter, President of the state chapter of American Association of University Women, represented 575 women. She also spoke in favor of the Council and wished to go on record as supporting the basic concept of the Arts Council. She spoke of the development of human resources, our responsibility to future generations and of man's creative ability necessary to sustain himself in this age of automation.

In answer to question, Mr. Houghton said that this council would form a nucleus for the approach of and donations of grants from foundations and individuals within the state. If this is authorized, this can be done - also federal funds available. Experience has shown that on the whole these programs become self-supporting. Any matching funds with the federal government could be dealt with very adequately by the Session involved. Mr. McCormick said that under the existing law the federal government can support matching funds of up to \$50,000 a year - on a 50/50 basis.

In answer to question, Mr. McCormick said that the figure of 21 for the members of the board is an arbitrary one chosen to allow an adequate representation from the many various types of art.

Mr. McCormack presented a petition signed by supporters present, copies of which are attached to the minutes. Mrs. Burge distributed to members of the committee copies of "View Magazine"

People connected with this subject left the meeting at 4:05 PM.

SB 449: Eliminates division of archives in office of secretary of state.
Provides for the transfer of certain documents to the Nevada Historical Society.

Mr. Fred Gale, State Archivist, said he wanted to present facts heretofore unknown and correct some misunderstandings. We never had any intent of requesting a building for the Archives. We've thought of going to microfilm so that a building would not be needed for 6 to 8 years. Archives is a separate entity, not duplicated by any other state organization.

He quoted from "the History of Nevada's State Archives", a copy of which was distributed to each member of the committee and is part of the minutes.

By 1943 Statute, the Historical Society was named as the Archival Agency of the state with the responsibility to receive, maintain and make available the heritage, in written document, of our state. The Historical Society has not been meeting this responsibility even though they receive funds for this. Many state agencies deliberately kept their records because of the lack of adequate care. Since the Division of Archives was established in 1965, we have been presented with over 25,000 documents. Between Nov. 1965 and June, 1966, we have served 143 scholars. During the same period we have received 153 letters and telephone calls requesting information. We have published 4 editions of archival holdings at no cost to the state which have been placed in libraries throughout the State of Nevada and also other surrounding states and the National Archives in Washington, D. C. We have offered research services throughout the country. Only one person is on the State Archives payroll. The 4 auxiliary members serve free.

SB 449 passage would mean 2 years work and \$25,000 initially invested would be wasted. The present archival material would have to be given back to their owners and then whatever they choose to be re-presented to the Historical Society, Archives Division. Many of these documents would never be returned. It seems the McCarran's papers would be sent to the National Archives if returned. Also, the Secretary of State is required by law to keep his documents at the seat of government, so these would not be returned to go to Reno. So, the idea that all the contents will be packed up and sent to Reno is false.

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As to the question of cost of re-cataloguing and cost of transportation, etc., Mr. Gale said the \$7,000 would take care of a part-time assistant, and the material could be re-catalogued in perhaps 3 years. The Historical Society has 1000 square feet of room for the Archives, whereas we now have 1800 and the Archives are far from completed.

Mrs. Barbara Thornton, an independent researcher - for 4 years for the University and part of the time used the State Archives when in the basement under John Koontz. She testified as to the dedication and remarkable work done by Fred Gale. She said she has never seen a state employee do so much with so little money. She compared the accessibility of the records, neatly on shelves and catalogued, with the former placement of them in cartons etc. when it took half a day to find something you could now find in a few minutes. She spoke of the lack of space in the Historical Society for the Archives Division. She pointed out the necessity and function of the Archives to be placed at the seat of government. In every state in the Union, except 2 having no Archives Division at all, this Archives Division is placed in the Capitol of the State. Seven of the states have Archives in conjunction with the Historical Society, but placed at the seat of government. In all 7 there are enormous buildings to house them. Also, a couple have all the historical agencies in one big unit - the Museum, Archives and Historical Society. She emphasized the necessity for complete archives, saying it is a part of democracy.

Mrs. Grace Dangberg of Minden testified as to the necessity and worth of the archives. She spoke from a private interest point of view - family histories. She also pointed out their necessity in checking back property rights. She told of the near impossibility of finding records when she was asked to gather material for a water suit in the area several years ago. The records were kept in the individual counties. Of the Kinsey records they could find only one of the 11 volumes. Since the Archives Division has been established, pertinent records can be found in 10 or 15 minutes. She spoke of their importance to title companies and people moving into the state. She quoted Sister Mary Margaret Patricia McCarran speaking of the archives under discussion as being "organic living things that belong with state government!"

John Eberhart, Assistant Director of Government Research of the University, but is speaking for himself, not as representing the University. He endorsed Mrs. Thornton's testimony on the importance of the Archives; also substantiated Mrs. Dangberg's testimony in playing an important part in family affairs. He said there would be no savings in money for these archives to be moved; there would still be a problem of not adequate space. He emphasized the point that collection and maintenance of a system of Archives is not done once and that's the end; it is always continuing. He spoke of the necessity of them remaining at the seat of government. The Archives must develop in close cooperative relationship with other state agencies to determine which papers are of enduring importance. He spoke of the importance of this for future generations.

Mr. Robert Armstrong, University Archives in Reno, but not representing the University, stressed that the Archives are public records and the business of government is public business. He testified as to the great frequency of the Archives being used.

He urged that AB 50 already passed requiring the Archives to be at the seat of government will be kept in force if the Archives are kept.

Mr. Trimmer substantiated previous testimony as to the importance of the archives for checking property rights, etc. He pointed out an example showing that they do comprise records that are not entirely obsolete.

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Mr. Mello moved that SB 449 be indefinitely postponed.
Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the budget on the Archives Division be reinstated.
Mr. Ashworth seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

AB 484: Provides for establishment of community colleges.

Assemblyman Homer and Dr. Edwin Richardson were present to discuss bill introduced by Mr. Homer.

Assemblyman Homer presented various charts and visual aids in his plea for passage of this bill. One showed that the State of Nevada stands alone in the United States in its lack of community colleges. Even Hawaii, Alaska and small communities throughout the country have these colleges. These community colleges entail vocational and technical type education. Of the amount of money expended in education today, only 4% is spent on vocational education. 50% of the highschool graduates are enrolled in the University in some instances, but at the time of graduation this is down to 30%. Therefore, 70% are not completing the University and are not equipped to go out and make a living. The "mortality rate" of the University students is: enrollment 1st year - 1295; 2nd - 966; 3rd - 738; and 4th - 582. We are spending 96% of our education monies on 30% of our students. Prison statistics - 95% inmates are school drop-outs; 100% of Job Corps drop-outs.

He spoke of the academic subjects stressed in the highschools which are not the answer to the student who does not complete college - vocational education is needed. The community college is the answer. These are locally controlled - a 2 year institution of higher education which offers broad comprehensive programs of instruction and of service for the community and persons of post-highschool age.

One of the charts showed the location of the 5 proposed colleges, the first one being built in Carson City for the purposes of studying and evaluating the system. He spoke of the reserve of qualified staff from right here in Carson City. He pointed out that these community colleges provide no dormitories and campuses because the students would be commuting from their homes. The estimated cost per student per year - \$500.

Dr. Richardson debated the argument of Dr. Armstrong of the University that we are not ready for it - to be successful there would have to be a beginning enrollment of 500 students. In the books distributed to the committee is a list of Junior Colleges located all over the country. None started with an enrollment of 500; many started with 100 or less and are now up to thousands. Out of the 1278 Juniors and Seniors in Ormsby and Douglas Counties, there is a potential of 959 students. Also, we could draw from South Lake Tahoe.

Dr. Homer enumerated the composition of the Board. He said they are asking \$25,000 just to get started. He suggested tying in the real estate transfer tax when given up by the federal government for further financing, so no new taxation would be necessary for this program.

Another chart showed "Opportunities" - Occupational Technical Professional; Open Door Admissions; Respond to Community Needs; Draws on Community Resources; Full or Part-time Basis; Evening or Day Courses; Local Instructional Staff. Another chart showed Programs such as Guidance, Counseling, Placement, Transfer to 4 year institutions, Manpower Development and Training Act, Cultural Civic and Avocation, Community Services, etc. Another chart showed a variety of possible courses.

In answer to question of lateness of introduction of this bill, Dr. Homer said he had it prepared the first week of Session, but it took this long to come out of the bill drafter's office. He had no control over this. He pointed out the help of Dr. Richardson's knowledge and familiarity with the subject.

Discussion on the control over the courses and standards by the State Board of Education. Dr. Homer said this was omitted due to my ignorance and also if the board operates in such a way as to spend 96% of monies on 30% of the students, I don't want anything to do with it.

Dr. Richardson commented that in all other states in the Union the systems take their guidance from other institutions of higher education. He said the course compare with those at the University of Nevada and all other quality 4 year institutions. As to the determination of the worth of the standards, the registrars and internal officers would do this. Also, the accrediting agency is a controlling factor. Also, all minutes of the board are submitted to the Board of Education.

Dr. Homer pointed out that there would be different curricula in different areas. Under local government control, the board will uphold quality goals, and standards. Dr. Homer mentioned some citizens who were backing him in his request for the community college system. Some of these were Reverend Ward, Dr. Van Patton, Barney Peterson and Justice Collins.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

We, the undersigned, on behalf
of the Nevada Art Gallery in Reno
do urgently support passage
of S. B. 104:—

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- Francis J. Trachok
- Joyce W. Kahl
- Melissa W. Jager
- Junta Hale
- Ray Houton
- Hedi Haack
- Martha Fejner
- Carol Mussel
- Barbara Wright
- Barbara J. Freeman
- Edda Houghton
- Rhoda R. Shedd
- Samuel G. Stouffer

* (Attending informal coffee at
the Gallery on 643 Ralston St.
Reno on Wednesday morning
29 March 1967)

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AGENDA THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1967

MORNING

8 AM Joint meeting with Senate Finance in their committee room.

AFTERNOON

2:00 PM	Title V - Work Training Programs	-----	Eddy Scott Sunbear - Intertribal Council Jerry Honawa Raphel Bell Dave Schlissinger Mrs. Sonia Mr. Robert Bowers Mr. Robert Newquist
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REVIEW BILLS

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3:00 PM	AB 484	Community Colleges	Dr. Homer

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