

## Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE  
54TH SESSION MARCH 31, 1967

Meeting called to order by Chairman Glaser at 3:10 PM in the Ways and Means Room.

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

AB 258: Abolishes certain interest required to be assessed by Nevada gaming commission for late license fees

Assemblyman Jim Wood and Mr. Bowers from Gaming Control present for this discussion.

Mr. Bowers said that at the present time the Nevada Gaming Commission has 2 remedies for late fees. One is to impose a 25% tax on the gross amount due with a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$1000. The other is a 7% interest charge upon the amount not paid, the interest charge required to be computed on a daily basis. This is small and insignificant. The total for the last year and 9 month period amounted to \$594; the cost of administration of collecting it amounting to more. Thus, this type penalty is requested to be eliminated. The 25% tax is really the effective deterrent. In answer to question, Mr. Bowers said there is no extension of time provision within the Gaming Commission.

Discussion on the date due for license fees. They are required on the 25th of the month following the quarter. It was pointed out that most reports to other agencies are due on the last day of the month, so this date of the 25th causes a hardship when it is not necessary. Notifications are sent out about a week or so prior to the deadline. Mr. Bowers agreed that there may be some good justification for the due date to be changed to the end of the month and had no objection to such change.

Mr. Glaser said that in the event we pass AB 258 out, we will have to resolve 2 conflicts by amendment, as notified by Russ McDonald.

Assemblyman Wood and Mr. Bowers left the meeting at 3:15 PM.

NEVADA STATE PRISON ----- Warden Carl Hocker Business Manager Gordon Pratt

Mr. Hocker advised the committee that the honor camp is understaffed. Also, 5 officers are required for manning the 3rd housing unit. However, they would choose not to open the housing facility in favor of properly manning the camp which does the state a great deal of benefit in areas of forestry, etc. and which would require 5 more officers

Mr. Hocker pointed out the need for an officer to protect the PBX, control center. This is now left unprotected.

The need for 5 officers plus one for communications is in addition to present authorizations. The 5 just authorized were to man the new tower.

Mr. Pratt pointed out the reorganization going on at the prison to strength the cell houses, honor camp, prison farm, etc. Warden Hocker said that the existing pattern of staffing when he got there is all being altered. The staffing shows up on the post

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assignment schedule which outlines 24 hour operations. Reassignments have been made to allow coverage of the infirmary and the administration segregation unit (some of these people there for protective custody - great suicide risk) not previously protected. Therefore, these changes and extra coverages have left the need for the five additional officers for the camp and one for the guidance center.

The uniform decrease was made in line with the desire to affect economy.

The total requested budget increase (net) is \$117,775 first year, \$122,579 second year as shown in the Memo of March 28, 1967 pertaining to requested resubmission of budget distributed to committee. Warden Hocker said this is a basic necessity.

Warden Hocker and Gordon Pratt left the meeting at 3:30 PM.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

I. W. Williams, Budget Officer, distributed to the committee booklets containing requests for various items for various departments and justifications therefor. These are requests for some of the budget cuts to be put in.

Mr. Williams pointed out the need for the addition of the Public Information Officer at \$9,780 first year and \$10,275 second year. Justification in booklet. The amount for heat was underbudgeted, so are requesting \$2400 for each year.

Discussion on the building space rental. This is for the Las Vegas and Reno offices. The Building Maintenance is for janitorial services which has been transferred to Buildings and Grounds, which charges us for the service in the amount budgeted. In answer to question, Mr. Williams said there are 9 janitors. In answer to question, Mr. Williams said this contract service arrangement for the janitors has proved to be the more economical way of operating.

Discussion on the office in North Las Vegas. Mr. Williams said they are currently conducting studies and research into the economic feasibility of maintaining this branch in North Las Vegas. It is beneficial during the rush period, but possibly not the rest of the time. However, before removing it, there should be justification. Also, justification might be shown for keeping it.

Mr. Hale Bennett, of the Automation Division, was present to answer any questions although his department was not making any additional requests. He said that the one computer is being shared by the Highway Department and Motor Vehicles. He said they are planning on continuing with the single shared computer between many agencies, but as more are tied in, there may be a need for a larger computer.

Senator Bailey suggested a joint meeting of Senate Finance and Ways and Means to hear a presentation on data processing.

Mr. John Glover, Chief of the Driver License Division, requested that another automobile be added to the Governor's Recommendation. Justification is included in the booklet. Reasons include major repairs necessary on present vehicles, the locations and mileages covered by the vehicles. Mr. Jacobsen asked if they could wait for the additional vehicle for 68-69. Mr. Glover said they could possibly get by by trading the oldest vehicles. Automobile replacement cost \$2240.

Mr. O'Connell, Fiscal and Accounting Division, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Don Brown, Chief of Nevada Highway Patrol, requested 2 additions. One for compensatory overtime pay of \$48,187 first year and \$51,305 second year. He pointed out that it is more economical and provides better coverage of duties for payment of overtime rather than allowing compensatory time. Justification in booklet.

The second request is for 2 clerical positions in addition to the 1 the Governor Recommended. This would amount to \$9,684 first year and \$8,278 second year. Justification in booklet - mainly too great a workload for current positions.

In answer to question, all stations are 7 day stations. Coverage is for 24 hours a day; clerical work - 5 day week.

Mr. Barrett said that the choice between a 48 hour week with a 10% increase in salary or a 40 hour week with 2 days off was given to the patrolmen. They chose the 48 hour week. There is sufficient money for this. The overtime pay is in addition to this, Mr. Barrett said in answer to question.

Mr. Brown said they need the total of 3 clerical positions right now in the first year. (1 from the Governor's Recommendation and 2 from present request) How they will continue is unknown, depends on many factors whether they will need a further increase or not.

There are 33 commissioned personnel. The Governor recommended a total of 10 for the two years - new positions.

Discussion on the source of funds for this department. They are derived from the highway users fund.

SB 374 was mentioned - adding \$1 to registration fee - presently in Senate Finance.

Senator Bailey said the only reason in past years for not adding a greater number of new positions was the cost factor. Only so much comes out of the users fund. After working on this subject for several years, they felt this was the time to take a better look and they feel justified in asking the road users to contribute more. This is being done in other agencies such as the Public Service Commission.

Discussion on the cost of accidents. Mr. Brown said that yearly losses amount to 31 million dollars. \$2,944,000 is spent on traffic safety. Of this 31 million the only people benefited are the doctors, etc. Every death on the highway amount to an economic loss of \$45,000. Mr. Brown commented on the experiment being conducted on the highway between Las Vegas and Mercury. As of January, 1967, they put 3 men per day on this patrol. To date, they have achieved a 40% reduction of accidents. He also commented on the experiment in California on U.S. 50 which proved similar statistics. There was a 21.6 reduction in accidents while there was a statewide increase of 7% and an increase of 6% traffic during this period. He said that for every dollar spend on highway patrolmen, there is a return on savings of \$12.

Discussion on building space for highway patrol in Las Vegas. Buildings and Grounds has specified space in the building on 2nd and Bonanza because the space in the Sierra Street building is inadequate. The rental would amount to \$20,160 per year with the initial cost of moving of \$1,135. So, the first year cost would be \$21,295 and thereafter \$20,160. This is in line with the rent other agencies are paying for that building. The location of this building was pointed out as advantages to the highway patrol, also the construction of the building itself in relation to the

specifications of Civil Defense. A little more was allowed in the budget for this department because of the extra radio power, etc. in relation to the other agencies in the building.

Mr. Lambert, Director of Motor Carrier Division, had 2 requests above what the Governor Recommended. The compensatory overtime pay request is similar to that of the highway patrol and justification for such is in the booklet. (\$10,800 each year.)

The second request is for automobile replacement in the second year in the amount of \$16,800. Justification in the booklet relates mainly to estimated mileage of the vehicles they now have which leads to major repairs. Both criteria for replacements will have been met by the 68-69 budget time - 2 years of age and excess of 60,000 miles. Another factor of importance - safety factor.

Discussion on the port of entry in Wells. This will be phased out when the freeway is completed in that area. Comments on the more economic system of roving vendors rather than ports of entry. The last financial statement in the Reno area showed a \$6,000 increase from the vendors than the port of entry.

Senator Bailey spoke of the data processing and the increase of money coming in through the mail. We spent 98% of our time checking the legal operator through the port of entry. Now, the emphasis can be put where it is needed.

Mr. Lambert said that for every \$1 spent on the vendor there is a return of \$11.21; for every \$1 spent on the port of entry there was a return of \$4.54.

In response to question, it was commented that the bonding is way above that amount of collections.

Mr. Williams brought the committee's attention to the Memo pertaining to the purchase of a portable scale. Due to the delay of filling positions in the Highway Patrol Division, there is an amount of \$40,000 available. So, they are asking for approval of this transfer in categories. Mr. Barrett pointed out that unless the committee specifically objects to this, they will go ahead and make the purchase out of that excess money in the budget. Justification for this is attached to the Memo - mainly lack of scale facilities around the state; the available scales not being open on a 24 hour basis; need for enforcement because of the damage done to the roads by overweight vehicles, etc. The proposed scale would be acceptable to the courts, would be a Schramm Wonderlift Mobil Scale, would be equipped with a Fairbanks Morse weight beam, would only take 3 minutes and 45 seconds to set up and requires only 2 men for its operation.

Mr. Ashworth gave Mr. Lambert a proposed bill pertaining to the switching of plates on taxicabs and asked for his opinions on it in a few days.

Mr. Richard Herz, Chief of Registration Division, requested one additional field inspector for Reno. Justification in booklet, mainly heavy work load and growth in Nevada requiring full time attention to various problems such as registration, etc. Cost - \$7,788 first year and \$8,158 second year.

Mr. Herz also requested that the 2.50 clerical positions be reinstated in the budget. Justification in the booklet - when the North Las Vegas office was opened, no additional senior clerk typists were added to man the new installation. Cost \$6,890 each year.

Mr. Dolan, Budget Office, Department of Administration, commented on the transfer of monies from one category to another to purchase a new oven in conjunction with the reflectorized license plates authorized in 1965 and supposed to start in 1967. The Legislature (65) authorized \$36,000 for the oven. The plates were issued on a limited

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scale this year. However, the present oven is not able to handle the full run of plates so SB 84 was presented asking for a supplemental of \$30,000 for this. The oven costs \$50,000; they had anticipated an amount of \$20,000 being left to add to this supplemental. However, the number of plates in January ran more than expected so they are short \$9,000 for the oven. So, they are requesting a transfer of \$9,000 from the category of Raw Materials to the oven purchase. This can be done because there is \$9,000 less raw materials to buy because of the issuance of plates this year. This is another case where the transfer will be made without specific objection by the committee.

Another instance of money transfer will be made, unless specific objections by the committee, from equipment rental under the highway patrol to pay the counties share of Law Enforcement Teletype System. This was to become effective in July of '66 but actually went into effect in January. So, the counties were unable to come up with their share. This is a one shot deal of paying their share of between \$1500 and \$2000; the counties thereafter being aware of this expense and paying their own.

Discussion on the cost of data processing machine rental on page 411. The increased allocations allow them to have more, not based on usage of such. The \$184,000 figure would be the Motor Vehicle Department's share of the rental of a larger data processing machine. The total cost is \$36,000 per month. Mr. Hale Bennett commented on the background of going to this big system - result of a study started in 1965 which pointed out that the space, files, etc. would be inadequate by 1970, so work toward a magnetic storage system in a big computer which its many advantages.

The subject of the criminal identifications bureau was discussed with Mr. Brown. This type of bureau would be of great help in the field of the Highway Patrol. As to the placement of such a bureau, rather than see it die, he would take it into his department where it could function well because of the computer system already there and this department being the center of state and nationwide communications. As to the question of having narcotics a part of this, Mr. Brown said the statutes would have to be revised for this, and I have no personal desire in becoming a state police agency which is the effect this would have. In response to the question of the cut off in information from California, Mr. Brown said that they have been denied for a year and have been using the FBI for criminal identifications. The question of paying for this service if California would agree to supply it arose. Mr. Brown said that to get criminal information from them, since they are computerizing, would mean we would have to have an interfacing tie with their system. Mr. Brown pointed out that this type of bureau - identifications and labs, etc. involves highly technical people and comparative salaries. In answer to question he said paying California for its services in this line might merit exploring, but emphasized that the State of Nevada needs its own. In answer to question on personnel necessary if the Bureau was set up in the Highway Patrol Division, Mr. Brown said in addition to a very well qualified man with a good salary, there would probably be need for 1 or 2 clerks. However, personnel is dependent upon the extensiveness and type of records system desired. They would have the space available, but would need the additions in personnel. Mr. Brown said that law enforcement in Nevada stands firmly opposed to the placement of this bureau in the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that Mr. Brown make an estimate of staffing necessary, and list some of the advantages of this central identifications bureau being placed in his department for the use and consideration of the committee in reaching its decision as to the correct placement of this bureau.

Mr. Ashworth seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Guests of the committee left at 5 PM.

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AB 258: Abolishes certain interest required to be assessed by Nevada gaming commission for late license fees

Mr. Ashworth requested amendments be drawn for AB 258 changing the due date of the fees to the last day of the month rather than the present requirement for the 25th. He said it will better serve the gaming industry and the public. Mr. Bowers had no objection to this being done. Mr. Ashworth explained the bad relations with the taxpayer this 25th date has been causing. Mr. Jacobsen said that NIC required the 25th, and there is nothing we can do about that. They had tried both dates and found they had to stay with the 25th.

Mr. Glaser will get the requested amendment from Russ McDonald.

SB 34: Amends provisions relating to group insurance for state officers and employees.

Amendments to this bill were drawn. One adds 2 members appointed by the Governor to the committee on group insurance and deletes lines 22 and 23 designating a fiscal analyst and the legislative counsel. The other amendment requires the state to pay the \$8.54 on employees' gross income of \$12,000 or less; and only \$3 on employees' income of over this amount.

Discussion on the \$12,000 figure. The attempt was to keep employees in the group insurance system. If this \$12,000 figure were dropped lower, it might cause people to drop out of the system with a resultant rate increase.

Mr. Young moved that SB 34 be amended and reported out with a DO PASS.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Copies of a letter from Elmo DeRicco pertaining to the status of the Lake Tahoe Park land were distributed to the committee.

Copies of a letter from Attorney General Harvey Dickerson pertaining to the requested breakdown of the work being done by his assistant, Ray Roberts, is attached to the minutes.

Discussion on the Dairy Commission per diem - SB 219. Discussion on whether the amendment covered just the commissioner or the employees. Mr. Barrett explained that those commissions, etc. that do not come through the Treasurer's Office and for whom we see no claim are based upon actual expenses. However, the Dairy Commission is under budget control and under the personnel system and their monies are in the Treasurer's Office. He said a possible solution (to be consistent with actions on the other divisions and in sympathy with Dairy Commission request) would be to have the Dairy Commissioner at a separate rate but the Dairy Commission employees at the state employee rate.

Mr. Barrett was requested by the committee to supply a report of how many commissions do go through the Treasurer's Office.

Copies of the committee requested letter to the Woolgrowers Association written by Mr. Glaser, March 29, 1967, is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that a letter be sent by the committee to the State head of the Title V program expressing concern over the Title V program and requesting that a budget be submitted to the State Budget Office in time for the preparation of the next budget. Mr. Mello seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

March 29, 1967

Mr. Lloyd Sorensen, President  
Nevada Woolgrowers Association  
519 - 13th Street  
Elko, Nevada

Dear Lloyd:

Recently, the Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on the budget for the Department of Agriculture. Included in that budget is an expenditure from General Fund monies to the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control Committee in the amount of \$127,492 for the fiscal year 1967-68 and \$129,089 for the fiscal year 1968-69.

The objectives of this committee, as outlined in the Statement of Justification, are to control predators such as coyotes, mountain lions and bobcats and also to control rodents on farm lands, range reseeding and forest reseeding. Bird control at cattle feedlots, around growing crops and in nuisance situations are also objectives of this committee.

It was the feeling of the Ways and Means Committee that the objectives of the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control Committee are not being achieved and the expenditure of General Fund money, in this area, was not justified. However, we were able to continue this program for the next two years on the basis that interested people and, particularly, the woolgrowers would come up with a more workable program at a lower cost to the General Fund.

I have been instructed, as Chairman, to forward this notification of legislative intent along to you so that you might pass it on to your members and other interested parties.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Norman D. Glaser, Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee

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HARVEY DICKERSON  
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Honorable Norman Glaser  
Chairman, Ways & Means Committee  
Assembly Chambers  
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Mr. Glaser:

Pursuant to Mr. Jacobsen's request at the time I appeared before your committee last week, I enclose herewith a resume of the work done by my investigator, Raymond E. Roberts.

I would appreciate it if this information would be made available to the other members of the committee, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



HARVEY DICKERSON  
Attorney General

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Enclosure





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HARVEY DICKERSON  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Subject: Investigations and Other Activities of Special Investigator.

Period-July 1st, 1965 through January 31st, 1967, inclusive.

(1). INVESTIGATIONS HANDLED, 1965 (six mos)-1966 (twelve mos)-1967 (one mos)-TOTALS

Closed cases	15	69	5	89
Pending "	4	7	5	16
Inactive "	5	2	0	7
<u>Total cases</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>112</u>

(2). AGENCIES ASSISTED,

State	17	54	5	76
County	6	22	5	33
Cities	1	2	0	3
<u>Total Agencies</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>112</u>

(3). OTHER ACTIVITIES,

Talks/Schools	2	4	0	6
Meetings	38	20	10	68
Court Appear.	2	18	3	23

(4). MILES TRAVELED,

Vehicle(car)	6765 Miles	13,414 Miles	2012 Miles	22,191 Miles
Airoplane	2100 "	4,008 "	0 "	6,108 "
<u>Total Miles Todate</u>	<u>8965 "</u>	<u>17,422 "</u>	<u>2012 "</u>	<u>28,299 "</u>

(5). EXTRA HOURS,

Extra Hours	219 Hours	436 Hours	37 Hours	692 Hours
Comp "	-28 "	-59 "	0 "	-87 "
	<u>191 "</u>	<u>377 "</u>	<u>37 "</u>	<u>605 "</u>

or 75 days/5hrs.

(6). Vacation/Sick Time

None taken todate.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ray Roberts*

Raymond E. Roberts, Investigator.  
Feb 1st, 1967

Note: All of the above noted investigations were conducted by this investigator as a result of a request from the various State, County and City Agencies.