

## Assembly

### WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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#### NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norman D. Glaser at 2:12 P.M. March 8, 1967 in Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Harris, Tyson, Mello, Glaser, Howard, Young, Ashworth (2:18),  
Bowler, Jacobsen

Absent: None

Also present - Bob Bruce, Howard Barrett; Rev. Clyde Matthews  
and Russell McConnell to discuss Community Action Program,  
Office of Economic Opportunity (Anti-Poverty Program).

Office of the Director of Economic Opportunity, Page 169. Mr. Russ McConnell, Executive Director, Community Action Program, spoke in behalf of his program. He said it had been recommended that it be absorbed by the Department of Economic Opportunity but Clark and Washoe County programs are not under the state so this would not be realistic. He said he would thus ignore page 170. Discussed functions of his office. He is advisor to the Governor on all aspects of the state-wide program, which he coordinates; <sup>also</sup> gives technical assistance and attempts to resolve problems. His office enables 4 Community Action programs in the State to function. He explained that his program deals with poverty in rural counties. He pointed out two minor errors in their budget, said the state has been supporting the program by 10%, will continue to March 1, 1968, then will go to 20% July 1. On funds available, Federal Government to increase amount to \$13,452 for this year and \$13,550 next year. Rent figure is inaccurate so no additional amount except correction on rent figure. General fund appropriations now under consideration, \$13,425. Mr. Matthews discussed their work with Welfare people -- practical nurses' school at Washoe Medical Center cited as an example. He said the program is not in any sense a dole, not one penny goes to people for anything except education or work. Mr. McConnell passed out sheets with figures. He said this was the level of funding available, not necessarily the amount of money they will spend but the level of spending that has been earmarked for them. This was for 15 rural counties, not Clark or Washoe. Chairman Glaser asked if it works right, they will need \$6,000 from the state. Mr. McConnell said "yes." He said the position request was only to operate the statewide supervisory program. People will work in the counties, the program will be based on a list of priorities determined by local coordinating committees in each community. These people in the field will write the program and submit it to a board of directors, then it will go to the Office of Economic Opportunity for funding. Some money will be raised at local level, that is why only \$6,000 is being asked. Mr. Barrett said the \$6,000 being asked for is in this budget and will be taken out and given to him to match for federal funds. Mr. Jacobsen out at 2:18, back at 2:40.

Press - in 3:30

Mr. Matthews discussed Las Vegas program.

Bode Howard asked Mr. McConnell about headstart, grassroots and upward bound programs and the differentiation between them. Mr. McConnell discussed these phases.

Mr. Harris asked if the Community Action Program was going to be phased out. Mr. Barrett said when their justification for these two budgets was received, it was assumed both were state agencies, then they found that CAP is in reality a state program - now, rather than get the \$6,000 from 15 small counties they are suggesting state general fund money as a subsidy for the 15 small counties. Mr. McConnell administers his own program, Clark and Washoe Counties administer theirs. Chairman Glaser asked about overlapping of programs. Discussion. Mr. Young asked if the \$980,000 is all federal. It is. Mr. McConnell said the \$6,000 would mean they would have the opportunity to get out and do their job rather than be scrounging for money all the time. The \$6,000 would be \$400 per county.

Page 169 - U of N program - \$70,000 scratched out.

Page 171 - special federal grant.

Mr. Carver appeared to discuss Civil Defense program. Emergency capability based on nuclear threat is the main problem. Building space rental, \$3,000, added. Really a decrease from 8,000. When the recommendation was made, it was not known who the civil defense director would be. Mr. Carver said he would like to keep the Coordinator, so would recommend taking out the \$8,364 and putting back \$99.

(Civil Defense Program)

Page 284 - Industrial Insurance. Agency has an advisory board of one member from each county, although not paid and never meet, there is a law that they must pay industrial insurance on them and \$286.00 has to be added on there.

Toll charges on phone. Mr. Carver said they had been "bootlegging" on phone service, but got kicked off. He would like at least to have this increased by \$300.00 so he can conduct business other than strictly by letter.

Page 286 - RADEF - 100% federally funded program.

Discussed Page 288 - County Shelter planning program just added. Washoe, Ormsby and Clark each have original contract.

Discussion of budgets to go over, agreement and disagreement with Senate. Attorney General's office - Page 11 - discussion of investigator or Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Mrs. Tyson said she and Helen Herr had talked to law enforcement officers in southern Nevada and they are also going to the Attorney General's office and see what their space needs are, etc. Mrs. Tyson said there is actually an Identification Bureau in Clark County which is working very well. Discussion of narcotics problem. Speaking as a representative of Clark County, she said she would like to be given a little time while down there this coming weekend to check these things out.

Page 9 - Archives.

Chairman Glaser said Mr. Bowler was going to look into this and make his recommendation. Mr. Bowler said he had discussed the matter with the Secretary of State and Archives Group and they have no objection if we go with Governor's recommendation. Mr. Jacobsen moved to go with the Governor's recommendation. Mrs. Tyson seconded. Motion carried.

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Page 49 - Planning Board. Mr. Jacobsen said he hoped Committee could talk to them again.

Page 52 - Tax Commission. Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Ashworth would like to talk to them again, need more time.

An unfamiliar newsman came in and Mr. Glaser asked him to introduce himself. He said he was Morris Saltzman, with the AP in Reno who was helping Mr. Kennedy.

Page 66 - Supreme Court. Issue is whether they shall have 3 judges or 5. The budget is set up on 5. Bill passed but Senate Finance came over to us on 5 but kept salaries of 2 at \$20,000 figure, deleted \$2,000, Board of Pardons which they have been giving as ex-officio for. Senator Gibson felt it was against the constitution. Mr. Barrett said Ways and Means and Senate Finance did this two years ago and came out as Committee action, but pressure was so great they finally yielded. The first appropriation bill was drawn on the basis of \$20,000 then was amended to put back in a judge which made \$22,000, now we have five judges. Due to the fact that two additional judges start in July, they don't work in July, Mr. Young moved to pass bill with effective date of January 1, 1968. Harris seconded. Ashworth discussed what should be done in regard to the future in this capital complex and said this particular building is one of the problems. A legislative building has been put off too long, very important to have legislative building before Supreme Court has new building. Perhaps they could be moved into this building. Some heat will be put on with 5 judges. If there is assurance the legislative building will come first, think they should have it. Mrs. Tyson said two new judges would go in at \$22,000, others would remain at \$20,000. Vote on Motion. Motion carried. Bob will adjust budget downward, save 6 months' salary. SB 93 covers. He said he would have to include two law clerks.

Young moved "amend and do pass," seconded by Mello. Motion carried.

Recess called at 3:48. Meeting resumed at 4:01 P.M.

Page 69 - Law Library - included in State Library. Bob Bruce said that about this same amount has been included in the budget for the State Library as that for the Supreme Court Law Library. Mr. Barrett said it is in the Agency's request for the State Library but not in the governor's request for State Library. Page 155 - primarily for librarian's salary. Mr. Glaser said in effect if the budget is approved we will be separating the two libraries and increasing the amount above the governor's recommendation.

Page 154 - State Library, Page 155 - Operating Detail. The Supreme Court is asking for separation of the two libraries.

Mrs. Tyson moved that the law books be left in the Nevada State Library. Seconded by Jacobsen. After discussion, Mrs. Tyson withdrew her motion. Mr. Young moved - delete Supreme Court Law Library on Page 69. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Young moved we accept Governor's recommendation on Nevada State Library. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Page 71 - General Government. District Judges' Travel - hold until we get Judges' bill here. Mr. Barrett discussed. Mrs. Tyson moved "do pass" on District Judges' travel. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

Press came in at 4:13.

Legislative Counsel Bureau, Page 77 - Mr. Barrett discussed National Conference, explained how representative of the Governor's Conference would be working in Washington, looking on, keeping us informed of progress being made there as well as keeping abreast of federal legislation that has an affect on state government. \$25,000 is Nevada's share. Mr. Barrett said many of the larger states have representatives back there all the time. The California budget office has a man there. It would go through the National Governor's Conference and they would set it up in Washington. There is one bureau for all the states.

Mr. Ashworth moved to include \$400.00 dues and \$2500 each year for Governor's Conference in Washington. Mr. Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried.

Mello moved \$25,000 under Contract Services. Bowler seconded. Motion carried.

Page 78 - Legislative Counsel's Salary - Russ McDonald. Discussion. \$19,500 both years - third item down - \$15,500. \$14,090 first year - \$14,338 second year - roughly 10% pay raise. Part time employees - \$10,212, 68-69. Deputy Legal Counsel out.

Page 80 - Fiscal Analyst. Mrs. Tyson said the Legislative Functions Committee is now collecting resolutions and studies and Mr. McDonald is concerned about the number of studies being requested. She said she had asked that everything that comes in be sent to her committee and wondered if this wouldn't have some bearing on studies(as far as the bureau is concerned)on the budget? \$10,212 just applicable to second year. Legislative Commission recommended \$16,500 for Fiscal Analyst and \$12,500 for Deputy. Under new positions on Page 80, strike out principal clerk typist.

Page 82 - Legislative Research - recommended \$11,500, classified pay raises \$11,080 each year, only changes Legislative Commission recommended. Young moved "adopt". Second by Bowler. Motion carried.

Mr. Barrett said Mr. Glaser had asked for up-to-date information on revenue projects. He passed out sheets with the information. He said they were reasonable revenue projects in the light of recent revenues that have come in. Sales Tax, 4% increase in the budget, now projecting a 2% increase. Discussed raise in cigarette taxes. He said the budget was originally over-balanced, there were more revenues than anticipated. Mr. Glaser asked Mr. Barrett to read letter about prison, additional projects asked for, wants them to know additional positions have our blessings.

SB 100 - Silicosis. Mr. Jacobsen said it is an emergency measure, they have no money. He asked if anyone knew the background on the bill.

Mr. Barrett explained, every two years there has to be an appropriation for silicosis people because some of the people die. There is no more coming in under it. They keep saying each year it will terminate.

Mr. Bowler moved "do pass" on SB 100. Seconded by Mello. Motion carried. Jacobsen opposed.

AB 344 - State Archives. Mr. Bowler said it is in conflict with AB 150.

AB 166 - Financial Grants by State to local public libraries. Young moved "indefinitely postpone." Second by Harris. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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Norman D. Glaser, Chairman

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Agnes M. Nelson, Committee Stenographer