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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 3:47 P.M. March 9, 1967 by Chairman Norman Glaser in Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

Absent: Young, Tyson

Also present: Bob Bruce, member of League of Women Voters; Paul Tutino of Budget Office.

Judge Guild of the Museum appeared to discuss AB 367 - Places additional museum employees in classified service. He just wanted permission to place 2 or 3 people in the classified service - no money required until next session of the Legislature. He read a letter from the Mayor and the Stauffer Chemical Company in Henderson giving permission to establish branch museums in Henderson and said he also has permission for one in Elko.

Vice-Chairman Don Mello took over the meeting at 4:43 because of the severity of Chairman Glaser's cold which finally prevented his being heard. He stayed in the meeting, however.

Judge Guild finished his presentation and left.

Discussion of Page 308, State Fire Marshal. Present to discuss this were State Fire Marshal Richard H. Bast; Chief Williams; Senator Farr; Keith Henrikson, of Fire Marshal's Advisory Board; Louis Mastos, Commissioner of Insurance; Hugo Quilici, Director, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Harris out - 4:55.

Mr. Jacobsen asked about out-of-state travel and said the work program showed \$450.00. Mr. Bast said this figure was increased so he could attend. Keith Henrikson said there has been some method of repayment of cost of two deputies present in SB 163 ^{SB 12} provides construction standards for mobile homes and travel trailers. Authorizes State Fire Marshal to set standards for fire prevention and fighting equipment, license certain businesses, and establish library. \$12,000 - license money will be returned directly to the same fund. Senator ^{Farr} made remarks. Mr. Jacobsen asked Mr. Bast to explain the 3 new positions they are asking for. He said there were actually only 2 1/2 - two deputies, one for the northern part of the State, the other in Las Vegas, 1/2 with the insurance division.

Increase mainly salary - travel, deputies on road most of the time. Discussion of education and policing problem. Mr. Mastos spoke on need for more help. He said he felt the two extra deputies were needed. Mr. Jacobsen brought up subject of insurance department and fire department being related in some respects. Mr. Henrikson said several states have taxed 1/4 of 1% and some 1/2 of 1% on insurance premiums and added the money to the Fire Marshal's budget. Mr. Mastos said he would recommend

fee service for services performed. Discussion on fire works fees.

Mr. Williams said he had heard rumors that they were trying to set up a "little kingdom" but that is not their intention. They feel they cannot get along without more help.

Fire Department finished presentation.

Page 305 - Insurance Division - Mr. Mastos read a letter from the Department of Commerce to the money committees. Discussed salary of Insurance Commissioner and Deputy Insurance Commissioner - said first should be U25 instead of U21. Men will not stay in this job because of the low salary. He said he would recommend U21 for the deputy commissioner in Las Vegas rather than U18. Next - he felt this should be U-30 rather than U-28, new position. Travel discussed, clerical personnel, operating and equipment detail.

Glaser out - 4:25.

Mr. Harris asked whether the deputy attorney general was a steady position. Mr. Mastos said it was. They want him included in the budget so they can get him full time.

Page 303 - Department of Commerce. Discussion of legal analyst for whole department. It is the 6th largest income producer for the state of Nevada, according to Mr. Quilici. Concerning data processing, Mr. Mastos said his department still wanted to retain its own key-punching machine. Discussion of AB 380, recommendations for changes in fee schedule. He said they would bring in excess of \$100,000 to fund for Nevada. Mr. Jacobsen said he would appreciate changes and recommendations in writing. Discussion by Paul Tutino of salary schedule, Page 306.

Mr. Quilici discussed his budget, with which he said he had no quarrel in any respect. He said he didn't know about travel. He spoke on behalf of the heads of each of the departments in the Department of Commerce regarding salary. He said they are presently receiving \$15,000 and the Agency request is \$16,008. He said he hoped to talk with people in industry next week re banking fees for examinations, also some additional funds from small loan companies. The Governor has recommended that the clerical requests be held in abeyance.

Page 295 - Mr. Gallagher, Inspector of Mines, discussed his budget, beginning with out-of-state travel - did not apply for, as now he only goes to Oakland. He said in-state travel is one of the most important needs of his office. He has no control over where mines of this state are going to be worked, has to to remote regions. Agency request of \$4700 includes operation and maintenance for three state owned vehicles and per diem for 3 people traveling. He said his department was cut 3 years ago and during the 1950's, peak mining period, travel expenses ran as high as \$5,000. \$3,700 is not adequate. He asked for \$4,700, Governor recommends \$4,200. He feels the industry is picking up considerably, this year should be another peak one due to the silver situation; tungsten is picking up again. Mr. Bowler said the expenditure summary is \$200.00 less than the Governor recommended and asked if they are allowed latitude on this in transferring funding there. Mr. Gallagher said yes. Bob Bruce said it was because of building rent.

Mr. Young came in at 4:48.

Mr. Gallagher said in answer to a question from Mr. Jacobsen concerning picking up funds, that his strictly an investment agency. Printing bill discussed, printing of Nevada State Mining law, for which there is a great demand. This is the only place in which they are available, reprints are needed, and they cannot be brought up to date unless money is obtained. Mr. Tutino discussed IBM machine, \$400 for replacement. They are built to last between 8 and 10 years, this machine is 9 years old.

Page 297 - Public Service Commission.