

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
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Meeting called to order at 10 AM by Chairman Glaser in the Ways and Means Room.

Present: Glaser, Mello, Ashworth, Harris, Bowler, Young, Howard, Jacobsen, Tyson
Absent: None

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Mr. Young said the only salaries we talked about fixing were the 3 members of the board and the secretary of the commission.

Mr. Russ McDonald, present for the discussion on this subject, said that we have never before had any salary bill such as this which sets unclassified salaries in all sections. Previous salary fixing had only involved the top men. He said Senate Finance had requested the separate bill on this.

Mr. Glaser said that initially in the first week of the Session we approved the top position changes. Then on April 6 we passed out the list of other positions. We never intended to set the detailed breakdown on through all the positions in every section of unclassified salaries.

Discussion on this effecting budget control of the Gaming Commission. Mr. McDonald said this would be budget control on the positions and salaries, though not on other operating facets. This defines by statute the positions and salaries on unclassified. It can't be changed without another bill once it has been passed, meaning passage of another bill would be required to raise these salaries in future sessions.

The Senate's thinking was to prevent the situations where the unclassified people are actually making more than their classified supervisors. This would make the bill pertaining to the 95% encroachment of salaries operative.

Mr. Ashworth asked if with this, the Gaming Control Board could hire extra and special type help if they needed to. Mr. McDonald said with this budget control they could hire more of classified but not unclassified.

Mr. Young commented that this locks up the Gaming Control Board.

Mr. McDonald suggested they could pull out all but the 3 control board members and the secretary.

Decision to hold on bill being drafted on this.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM

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Mr. Ashworth moved that we increase the Nevada Tax Commission budget (Ernie Newton's) for operating by \$100,000, and anything not being used reverting back - under budget control.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Glaser said he talked with Mr. Terrell about the setting of unclassified salaries situation and he indicated that in the opening weeks we did say we agreed on the unclassifieds being set and under this type control. However, they were not put on the list so we did not think it went beyond the list when apparently it did. Mr. Glaser explained the committee's concern with this freezing on the Gaming Commission which the Senate did understand and after explanation with Russ McDonald concurred to go along with us on leaving it open-ended on the number of people allowed to be employed in these positions but they would be hired at certain salaries and they would do their own hiring.

Mr. Ashworth pointed out that this agreement with Senate Finance would do one thing: it would control the salary amount which would be put into the budget but they would still be able to hire special type positions. However, there would be a salary schedule setting up the salaries for certain type positions, which they can use their discretion in filling. The number of positions is not set.

Mr. Ashworth moved that we give Mr. McDonald the go ahead on the drafting of this bill setting the unclassified salaries with the above mentioned amendment.
Mr. Young seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on this bill including other agencies such as the Governor's Office. This would include these. Mr. McDonald will submit the rough draft of this bill for subcommittee approval.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Meeting resumed at 1:20 PM.

SB 512: Provides additional state support for certain school districts and minimum state support for all school districts

This gives an appropriation to 4 counties, Ormsby, Eureka, Douglas and Lincoln, which do not receive as much under the Nevada Plan as previously and need this help in the transition in order to keep functioning. An amendment would provide that this be self-repealing after a 2 year period. Mr. Jacobsen said that the implementation of the Nevada Plan would provide no money from state appropriations, taxes won't come in until the end of the first quarter anyway, so without a surplus they can't keep going. Douglas and Ormsby have been conservative and SB 15 being based on what they have spent in the past left them without enough funds during the immediate period.

Discussion on the ad valorem. This would get Douglas and Ormsby up to the 1.5 which they are not right at the present time. Discussion on comparative tax rates in various counties.

Discussion on patching up the formula because of special needs right from the beginning. Mr. Ashworth said that instead of indicating a certain percentage, a definite amount

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should be allocated to these 4 counties that need the help right now to get started. Discussion on this being the case in this bill.

Discussion on criminal identifications bureau. Mr. Young would like reconsideration of this.

Mr. Bowler moved that a letter be sent to the Governor requesting this to be put on the agenda for Special Session.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.