

Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
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Meeting called to order by Chairman Glaser at 3:30 PM in the Ways and Means Room.

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

SB 432: Lowers service requirement for retirement of public employees;
increases widows' benefits

Mr. Glaser said that SB 432 is the Senate's version of AB 430. It allows vesting at 20 years with 4% reduction in benefits each year. In a letter from Ken Buck, a conflict was found in SB 432, so an amendment was drawn by Russ McDonald to correct it. In Section 2, a widow may receive \$100/month if the deceased member had 15 years of service in. The amendment allows vesting at 20 years instead of 25 and clears up all the language in the bill relative to vesting.

Mr. Bowler moved that SB 432 be amended and reported out with a DO PASS.
Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Page 390 Colorado River Commission

This budget had been held for Mrs. Tyson. Mrs. Tyson's question on it had been satisfied, so had no objection to this budget being approved.

SB 214: Places employees of Colorado River commission in state personnel system;
provides that salary of commission secretary be fixed by law.

This bill would put the Colorado River Commission budget under budgetary control causing the secretary's salary to be set. It would not affect the administrator. This bill has a conflict with AB 272 so Mr. Glaser will have an amendment drawn to correct it.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that SB 214 be amended and reported out with a DO PASS.
Mrs. Tyson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Assignment for floor: Ashworth

Mr. Ashworth moved that this budget be approved as amended (secretary's salary \$26,400)
Mrs. Tyson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Page 393 Fort Mohave Development Fund

Mr. Bowler moved that this be approved as the Governor recommended.
Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashworth made the subcommittee report and recommendations on the budget for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Page 408 Administration

The subcommittee recommended not giving them the requested Public Information Officer, but include the additional for the heat item. The Senate is adding the heat, but hasn't decided on the Public Information Officer.

Mr. Ashworth moved that the budget be approved with the amendment of the heat increase to \$4700 for both years.

Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Page 411 Automation Division

Mr. Ashworth moved that this budget be approved as the Governor recommended.

Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Page 414 Drivers License Division

Mr. Ashworth moved that the budget be approved with the amendment of increasing the automobile item by \$2240 making a total of 4 automobiles and putting it in the first year with nothing in the second year.

Mr. Mello seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously. (Senate did same thing)

Page 417 Fiscal and Accounting Division

Mr. Bowler moved this be approved as the Governor recommended.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Page 419 Nevada Highway Patrol

The subcommittee recommended not giving them the requested compensatory overtime pay (Senate also), but include extra clerical and extra building rental and moving expenses.

Mr. Ashworth moved that the budget be amended to increase the clerk-typist positions 1 each year making a total of 2 first year and 3 second year; also to increase the building rental by \$20,160 each year; and include a separate category of \$1135 for moving expense the first year.

Mr. Bowler seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard moved the budget be approved as amended.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Page 423 Motor Carrier

The subcommittee recommended not giving them the requested compensatory overtime pay (Senate also), but include the automobile replacement in the second year.

Mr. Ashworth moved that the budget be approved with the amendment to increase the automobile replacement category to \$22,400 in the second year and delete that in

the first year.
Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Page 426 Registration Division

The subcommittee recommended not giving them the requested extra seasonal clerk-typists (Senate also), but to include another field investigator.

Mr. Ashworth moved that the budget be approved with the amendment to increase the field examiners by one - increase of \$7788 first year and \$8158 the second year.

Mr. Mello seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard moved that the Highway Budget be given a Do Pass.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that the above action be rescinded; the passage of the budget held for a visit and tour of the department.

Mrs. Tyson seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

WILLIAM RAGGIO, Washoe County District Attorney, was present for a discussion on the proposed Criminal Identifications Bureau. He had been the Governor's representative at the Governors Crime Conference in Washington, D. C., one of 700 delegates from all the states in the United States representing various organizations and commissions interested in any area of crime control from social welfare to the corrections aspects.

Mr. Raggio said he felt obligated to report the national interest in the type of legislation represented by AB 337 (establishment of criminal identifications bureau). He stressed 2 points in particular. The first was the necessity of establishing an area of statistics on crime. We have never had a compilation of full statistics in this area either for the use of law enforcers or the Legislators. This was mentioned at the conference as the area of prime importance for each state - a sophisticated method of statistical collections to see just where we are and just what is needed. Even a minimal approach to this phase will be a good start. The second point was the access to federal monies now available under the Law Enforcement Act. This would make \$15 to \$25,000 grants available for this type of project on a matching basis. However, part of the matching could be what we provide in the way of service rather than dollars. Congress is considering 2 bills - Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1967 and Juvenile Delinquency Projection Act of 1967. The first appropriates 50 million dollars for the first year and 300 million the second. The first areas for research and planning should be one for which we will qualify. Mr. Raggio stressed the definite need for this bureau and said we should have something on the state level putting us in a position to qualify for the federal aid as these other monies become available. They will be available only to subdivisions of 50,000 or more, so we must have it at the state level as only 2 of our cities could meet this qualification on the city level.

Mr. Harris asked if federal grants would be available if this bureau were set up in another office and not a separate agency. Mr. Raggio said he would suppose it would be available wherever you set it up. He also said that everyone in law enforcement is opposed to this bureau being in the Attorney General's Office. It should be on the Executive side of government. Someday it will properly fit into some agency such as a Public Safety Department. In answer to question, Mr. Raggio said he had not discussed the placement of this bureau with Senate Finance.

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Mr. Raggio said he had no objection, when apprised of the proposed bill placing it with the Highway Patrol. As to the question of the employment of a chief and secretary for this bureau, Mr. Raggio said that to get the type of man we need, we will have to pay him a good salary. He should be competent in many phases of identifications work. If he is a well-qualified man, there should be no objection to the title of chief.

Mrs. Tyson presented her views on the subject. She stressed her support for a separate agency. However, rather than lose it entirely, she would go along with placing it in an existing department.

Mr. Howard said he had supported the bureau as a separate entity. He is opposed to it being in the Attorney General's Office. However, he now feels that it would be well off in the Nevada Highway Patrol. He said Mr. Brown has some fine ideas and plans for this thing.

Mr. Raggio emphasized that he preferred it as a separate bureau. However, if to get it going, it has to be attached to some other existing department, then most law enforcers would want it attached somewhere on the Executive side. If the Highway Department is where it would fit best, that is fine.

BOB LIST, Ormsby County District Attorney, ratified the statements of Mr. Raggio. He added the mention of computer use - this already established in the Highway Department.

BILL MCDONALD, Humboldt County District Attorney, also ratified the previous statements of Mr. Raggio and Mr. List. He said the Highway Patrol is experienced along these lines and this would be a good place to put the bureau. He also testified as to the need for this, especially in the cow counties.

In response to the question of including the narcotics aspect in with the identification Mr. McDonald said that right now they are trying to get the cooperation of Reno Police Department to help with a narcotics case now pending. Yes, they would be interested in the narcotics phase.

Discussion on intent of last Legislature's action in putting an additional man in the Attorney General's Office. Upon question, Mr. McDonald said that the assistant, Mr. Roberts had not been requested so had no personal knowledge of his work. None of us feel qualified to judge the needs of the Attorney General's Office so would not like to be drawn into a discussion on this subject. It did develop that the man was an investigator and not regarded by anyone as an identifications man.

Mr. Raggio suggested that the proposed new bill placing this bureau in the Nevada Highway Patrol be amended to include the wording District Attorneys as well as Peace Officers in the section relative to obtaining information.

Mr. Glaser questioned that there is no particular mention of who this bureau is responsible to. Should we amend it to read that it is put under the Chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol. The comment was made that according to the bill, it is responsible directly to the Governor.

Printing of proposed bill held for Don Brown's comments and approval of such.

Discussion on reasons to be given to Senate Finance on the placement of this bureau with the Highway Patrol rather than the Attorney General's Office. Mr. McDonald said that this would be primarily a statistical type agency. The Attorney General's Office is not in line with this - the Highway Patrol is. Also the point of lines of communications being already established with the Highway Patrol adds to this.

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Mr. List said that also correctional agencies are generally located on the Executive side. This type of agency would fall in that general category. Some day in the future all of these type agencies will come under one department so this logically would be the place for it at this time.

The guests left the meeting at 4:40 PM

SB 318: Places all state building supervision under buildings and grounds division

Mr. Barrett said that this bill would accomplish what is outlined in the budget where all agencies would pay service charges for building maintenance, utilities, etc. The bill deletes the various names of the buildings included and just specifies that any state building not assigned elsewhere comes under Buildings and Grounds. This bill is necessary for the budget approvals.

Mr. Howard moved that SB 318 be reported out with a DO PASS.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Assignment for floor: Tyson

SB 380: Makes state fire marshal and his deputies peace officers

AB 70: Allows state fire marshal to appoint deputies

AB 70 is the one with financial implications; allows the fire marshal to appoint not more than 2 deputies.

One of the objections to it is the history involved. Mr. Young said that the initial authorization has just pyramided in requests for additional men, etc., reported Mrs. Tyson. However, Mrs. Tyson pointed the necessity for an additional man to cover the state. One fire marshal is absolutely unable physically to cover the whole State of Nevada. She said that Mr. Young is not at the present time so opposed to it as he was.

Mrs. Tyson, Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Glaser voiced their opinion in favor of one Deputy for the State Fire Marshal to be stationed in the Las Vegas area. Mr. Howard said that Mr. Farr had asked a total salary increase of \$25,000 and stressed passage of SB 380. Discussion on the necessity for arson experts. Mrs. Tyson spoke of her personal experience with this and emphasized the necessity for arson experts. Las Vegas has one, but they are badly needed in the cow counties.

Mr. Glaser spoke of some of the duties of the Fire Marshal relative to checking in-state traffic for flammable materials, etc. Mr. Harris pointed out that the State Fire Marshal and Deputy could work anyplace in the state, even though assigned to one end or the other.

Mr. Harris moved that AB 70 be reported out with a DO PASS. (intention of adding 1 deputy in budget)
Mrs. Tyson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Page 308 Insurance Division - State Fire Marshal

Discussion on the in-state travel category. Discussion on the need for an extra car for the new deputy. Decision to leave the travel as it stands. A new car is necessary because they work "under cover" - could not lease one from the motor pool. Discussion on office supplies needed. Salary would be set at \$9600. Discussion on increase of part time clerical position and building rental.

Mr. Glaser asked Bob Bruce to work up the new figures along the lines mentioned.

Mr. Ashworth moved that this budget be approved as amended.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

SB 215: Regulates specifications for bids on public works.

Mrs. Tyson said that under this bill, if you bid a particular trade name, there is a waiting period of 7 days before the award is to be made. She commented that usually in all types of specifications, wording will include trade name "or equal". This bill compels at least 2 bids even if one is a trade name.

Mr. Ashworth moved that SB 215 be reported out with a DO PASS.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Assignment for floor: Harris

SB 219: Increases salary and per diem expense allowance for state dairy commission

Mr. Barrett said that the first bill on this would have paid actual expenses up to \$25 a day - it would have been the only Board whose monies go through the Treasurer's Office to have this type of language. He pointed out the difficulties for the pre-audit this type of arrangement makes - with all the receipts for every expense, etc. The regular state employees do not have to remit receipts - they get \$20 a day regardless of the amount spent. He pointed out that this type of system actually saves money.

Discussion on the amount of per diem to be allowed. The bill as it stands now is amended to limit this amount to \$20/day. Senator Dodge wants it raised to \$25. All boards and commissions now going through the Treasurer's Office stand at \$20. (Dairy Commission does go through the Treasurer's Office)

Committee decision to leave SB 219 as originally amended in line with consistency with other like boards and commission.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.