

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, SENATE FINANCENEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE, 54TH SESSION- APRIL 6, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Senator Lamb at 4:15 PM in the Senate Committee Room.

Present for Ways and Means: Glaser, Mello, Harris, Bowler, Ashworth, Howard, Jacobsen  
Roy Young

Absent: None

Present for Senate Finance: Lamb, Brown, Gibson, Titlow, Bailey, Fransway, Pozzi

Absent: None

Also present: Norman Terrell, Bob Bruce

Archives and Historical Society - Page 9 and 161

Senator Fransway said that within a year the new building will be completed. Then we would move the Archives over there. Senate Finance decided to authorize this move of the Archives into the Historical Society as of July 1968. If during Special Session, you would want to change this action, you could then.

Mr. Glaser presented the viewpoint of the Ways and Means Committee in not being too sure the Archives belong over there. We wouldn't be any better off if Special Session were in January in seeing how they would handle the Archives in the Historical Society building because it isn't due to be finished until April. Also, in order for this to be brought up during Special Session, it would have to be in the Governor's Message.

Discussion on probability of this being up for consideration during Special Session.

Decision to hold.Attorney General Page 11

Senate Finance took the legal analyst out of the budget for the Department of Commerce and put another Deputy in the Attorney General's office to be assigned to the Department of Commerce full time. Senator Pozzi said he had talked with Harvey Dickerson, Attorney General, about this and Mr. Dickerson pointed out the need for this type man rather than the legal analyst because the attorney would be able to write opinions, go to court and be able to fill more functions than the legal analyst. He also pointed out the need for another man because of their tremendously heavy workload. So, this Deputy is added to the budget for the Attorney General and the money budgeted to pay his salary in the Department of Commerce budget.

Mr. Glaser said that we had done a similar thing but rather than add this Deputy to the budget, we deleted one he had and put this full time Department of Commerce position in its place. However, this does leave him with only 3 because of this one assigned full time to Commerce and the one we assigned to the Department of Agriculture and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Mr. Howard moved we go with the Senate in adding the Deputy to the positions in the Attorney General's Office and assigning him full time to the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Children's Home - Las Vegas page 262

This budget is for the operation of a children's home for 8 months in Las Vegas. If you approve the building of an orphan's home you need this budget.

Ways and Means had not acted upon the total capital improvements proposals yet. However, there was no feeling from the committee that they would not approve the building of this children's home in Las Vegas.

Mr. Howard moved that we approve this budget for the children's home in Las Vegas Page 26  
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

National Guard Page 290

Senator Fransway moved that they go with the Assembly. (Adj. Gen. salary \$15,000 both years  
Senator Pozzi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Commerce - Page 303

Taken care of with action on Attorney General's Office budget

Banking Director Page 311

Mr. Young moved we <u>go with the Senate.</u>	(Senior exam	9,000	-	9,456)
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.	(Office supplies	250	-	450)
Mr. Ashworth voted no.	(Telephone	200	-	200)
Motion carried.	(Telephone tolls	100	-	100)
	(Printing			
	annual report	0	-	300)
	(Equip.	886	-	686)

Retirement Board Page 431

Budget agreed upon except the item - Ken Buck's salary (increased to \$16,000)

Mr. Jacobsen moved we adopt the budget as amended with the increased salary for Mr. Buck.  
Mr. Ashworth seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Marshal

Agreed upon - Senate having agreed to the extra deputy.

Mental Retard Cottages Page 207

Ways and Means had decided on 4 cottages; Senate 8 cottages because of the \$151,700 available from the federal government with an additional \$70,000 budgeted by state.

Mr. Young pointed out that this may be inexpensive for the state to build the 4 more cottages for the \$70,000, but the operational and administrative expenses will be necessary too. Mr. Terrell gave the figure of \$69,000 for a 10 month period of operational cost in Las Vegas.

Mr. Mello moved we go with the Senate (additional 4 cottages in Sparks along with 4 in Las Vegas)  
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
Mr. Jacobsen voted no. Motion carried

These additional cottages will double the operating expense in the budget-page 207.

Mr. Mello moved we approve the budget as doubled, go with Senate.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Mr. Jacobsen voted no.

Motion carried.

#### Capitol Complex - Site Development

Mr. Terrell explained that the Ways and Means Committee had reduced this figure to \$36,000 because the original request of \$75,000 and the Governor's recommendation of \$50,000 had been based upon landscaping. The Planning Board decided \$36,000 would be adequate because if the new buildings are built, there would be no need to landscape that portion. The Legislative Building is listed as priority #2.

Senator Pozzi moved they go with the Assembly. (\$36,000)

Senator Bailey seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

#### Prison Farm-Dairy Barn & Milk Proc. Plant

The Senate Finance Committee decided not to build this.

Mr. Jacobsen reported on the trip they had taken this Noon to the prison farm. He said they felt this would have to wait a couple years while they straighten out the situation on the existent farm. They would have to come up with a better operating procedure. He mentioned possible concern even from the Health Department.

Mr. Young said he wouldn't like to wait 2 years. Possibly this could be cleared up sooner. He suggested having Warden Hocker in for a discussion on the subject.

Both committees agreed on this item out of the present capital improvements program.

#### Carson - Children's Home Land Acquisition

The Senate had not gone along with this item (\$76,000).

Mr. Ashworth said that this was the time to buy this land before the price went up. This is the largest piece of land left to tie the whole complex together. By buying it now we would be saving money.

Senator Pozzi said this property was on the East side, not the South. Discussion on the number of acres, 3 or more.

Decision to hold.

#### Remodeling Supreme Court Building

The original figure on this was \$86,000; however, this has been lowered to \$20,000 because of the plan to move them into the Capital building when the Legislative Building has been completed. This \$20,000 would take care of the immediate work needed to hold them over.

Mr. Ashworth said that his information was that they need \$12,000.

Senator Lamb said they had a meeting with Mr. Hancock who assured them that this \$20,000 figure would get them by until such time as they could move the justices over into this building.

Mr. Ashworth moved we go with the Senate in approving the \$20,000 for this item.  
Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Remodeling and renovation of the Mansion

This item would be \$78,750.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that we go with the Senate on this figure.  
Mr. Mello seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Department of Motor Vehicles - building in Las Vegas

This could be built for \$159,100. It is a case of whether there is money available in the highway fund. (This for Highway Patrol Office in Las Vegas) Question of land acquisition.

Senator Bailey asked that this item be held.

Supreme Court Justices - salary - Page 70

Senator Brown moved that Senate Finance rescind their previous action on this.  
Senator Gibson seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Glaser said that Ways and Means had left the Pardon Board as the Governor recommended giving ex-officio justices a salary of \$2,000. Then we went with the Senate which had struck this budget out. Now they have rescinded their action.

Mr. Bowler moved that we go with the Senate in reinstating this budget - page 70.  
Mr. Mello seconded the motion.  
Mr. Howard voted no.  
Motion carried.

In effect, this means that we are paying these justices \$22,000 per year (this salary plus their salary as budgeted in Supreme Court budget)

Public Service Commission Page 298

Senate: This original budget deleted the unclassified position of Branch Manager. We reinstated this position and deleted the Utility Engineer which was a new position. There is no change in the money budgeted. The position of Secretary now reads Branch Manager and the position of Utility Engineer now reads Secretary. This in effect does give an increase in salary to the Secretary.

Mr. Jacobsen moved we go with the Senate in their change of the positions in the budget.  
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Gaming Page 319

Senate Finance approved 2 CPA positions at \$14,000 salary with no auditors added. This goes along with Senate Bill No. 349 (setting up recommendations on a uniform reporting system). This will go in the Gaming Commission and not the Control Board.

Mr. Howard moved that we go with the Senate in approving these 2 CPA positions pending passage of SB 349.  
Mr. Mello seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Glaser read the letter from Bob Robertson relative to the reimbursement of the \$71,000 on the Battle Mountain flood to the federal office.

The Senate had decided to take no action on this - let it come out of another federal program.

Assembly concurred.

University of Nevada Page 83

Mr. Terrell read the letter dated March 10, 1967 from Howard Barrett pertaining to the breakdown of the Governor's recommended University of Nevada budget. Senate had agreed to this breakdown and appropriations:

1. Reno Campus Instruction
2. Nevada Technical Institute and Buildings and Grounds at Stead
3. Las Vegas Campus - Instruction and Technical Institute - Las Vegas
4. General Administration
5. Statewide Services and Desert Research Institute

The last two - Agriculture Experiment Station and Agriculture Extension Service - are just authorizations since they are all federal funds.

Discussion on grouping into one category the Desert Research Institute and Statewide Services. These are not defined on only one campus - they are statewide.

Senate agreed upon an additional 1½ million dollars in appropriations to University budget. This would be broken down into \$250,000 for each campus for books. The amounts budgeted would be added in making a total of \$515,204 for books for Las Vegas; \$547,225 for books for Reno. The remaining would be divided into \$600,000 for Reno (Instruction) and \$400,000 for Southern Nevada University.

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

The Senate committee left the original \$8.54 premium paid by the state for everyone, whereas the Assembly had reduced the amount to \$3 for those receiving a salary of \$12,000 or more.

Senator Pozzi said you are talking about more people in that category (above \$12,000) than under it, so you would be killing the group insurance program. The premium bid was based upon 90 to 100% participation. Without that the premium would raise higher eliminating more people from the program as is presently the case and the program would die. He commented on the number of people from the University that this salary level would knock out. He pointed out that these people were hired on the predication of their salary plus this fringe benefit. This would amount to \$102 annually.

Mr. Young said that the information Mr. Barrett supplied contradicted this argument. Mr. Howard said that in working this amendment out with Mr. Barrett he had said by setting the level at \$12,000 it would keep enough people in the program for coverage as desired by the insurance company.

Decision to hold.

Pay raise bill

Senator Gibson commented on the problems on this - when you boost the classified salaries, the unclassified also are boosted. Thus, it is difficult to set up a limit.

Therefore this bill would set the unclassified and carries the condition that no classified salary may approach closer than 5% to the salary of the unclassified.

Senator Gibson said it was the decision of the committee that somewhere we have to control the top salary. In industry when you get to the top salary you stay put or move. He said they went over this with Jim Wittenburg to see how many people this would affect. They found out it would be very minimal.

Senator Gibson said that if we establish this now, we will have something definite. We did this 2 years ago with other budgets in reference to those salaries above \$20,000 and it is written in that each year we would review them. This is essential for control of salary schedules in the future. The other way we have no control on the unclassified positions; the classifieds keep pushing them up.

Mr. Terrell commented on the group insurance discussion. He pointed out that in the Senate's action there would be no additional appropriation to the University for the payment of the full group insurance premium. This money would come out of their budget as is. He said that by placing the level at \$12,000 you are in reality only talking about \$5,000 or so.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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4:00 PMWAYS AND MEANS ROOMConsider Bills

SB 317 Judicial Administrator

AB 182 Increases Number of District Judges

SB 27 Highway Safety Act -----Senator Bailey

AB 483 Gaming - Electronic Counting Devices