

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
1968 SPECIAL SESSION - FEBRUARY 22, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glaser in the Ways and Means Room at 4:30 PM.

Present: Glaser, Mello, Bowler, Ashworth, Webb, Young, Tyson,
Howard, Jacobsen

Absent: None

Mr. Glaser read a letter from Howard Barrett, dated February 9, 1968, a copy of which is attached to and a part of the Minutes.

Mr. Howard moved that the unexpended portion of the appropriation for membership dues be used to cover costs for Nevada's delegates to attend meetings of the Council.

Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Glaser read a letter dated February 22 which he had written to Mr. Barrett in answer to his proposal, a copy attached and part of the Minutes.

Mr. Glaser discussed with the committee a Memo dated February 12, 1968, from Mr. Barrett concerning excess insurance cost, a copy attached and part of the Minutes. ... Discussion on the amount of fidelity bonds. Mr. Glaser then drafted a letter to Mr. Barrett, a copy attached and part of the Minutes.

A. B. 20: Provides for detention and treatment of insane criminals at Nevada state prison

The Judiciary Committee had this bill and is having an amendment drafted changing 5. Sec.9, Page 4, to exclude only a Senior Psychiatrist rather than the present wording of physician. This would remove the \$20,000 limit on the salary of Senior Psychiatrist only.

Mr. Ashworth said they presently have 2 psychiatrists at \$20,000 but are authorized 8. He referred to Dr. McAllister's statement that they could get by with 5. So, it was Mr. Ashworth's suggestion that we give them 5 at \$25,000, subtract the \$40,000 we are now paying for the 2 and set up a fund for psychiatric care with which they can contract for services, thus taking it out of the classified system.

Mr. Barrett said you can't contract to circumvent the system. This will not cover the need for full time state employed psychiatrists. .. Mr. Webb said this would be setting a dangerous precedent. He said that the school in Caliente had contracted and the cost was exorbitant. Mr. Glaser said transportation costs, probably from California, would be high. Mr. Mello said that one of the psychiatrists they now employ is for the mentally retarded.

Mr. Barrett said that without the amendment on this bill it would include 4 physicians from the Health Department and 1 at the state hospital.

Discussion on cutting the number authorized from 8 to 5. ... Mr. Barrett said that the number authorized is not a matter of statute. There is no problem because with limited funds, they could not fill all these positions.

Discussion on putting a top on the salary. ... Mr. Barrett said, in effect, there is a top on it now. The grade of a Senior Psychiatrist ranges from \$18,922 to \$23,046. So, if the amendment removes the \$20,000 limit, there is still a top figure of \$23,046. If he is Board certificated, however, the grade could go to \$25,000.

Mr. Ashworth moved that A. B. 20 with amendment be reported out with a Do-Pass.

Mr. Webb seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

A. B. 19: Amends financial and commitment provisions relating to mental illness

Mr. Earl Oliver distributed copies of a summary of accounts receivable from the state hospital. He went over the analysis with the committee and said the trend seems to show that the intent of last session of having the hospital operate on funds from bills collected is working. So, this \$250,000 that has been coming into the general fund from this has to be channeled back to the hospital for their operation. There is no way out of the precommitment expenses; however, this bill does put it back to the county hereafter.

Mr. Barrett said that the fund referred to on page 2, which directs the payment for emergency hospitalization, would come out of the hospital budget because they have to make Petition to the hospital.

Mr. Frank Daykin of the Legal Division discussed the above questions with the committee, to see if the wording does do what is intended. He said that the only charge left to the state is under Section 36 of the original act which provides state payment of proceedings of a person already committed trying to be released. The limit of \$300 is reasonable for that type of case. If it is a light case, involving little time, the fee is adjusted down.. He agreed with Mr. Barrett that the money would come out of the hospital funds.

Mr. Jacobsen moved that A. B. 19 be reported out with a DO PASS.
Mr. Howard seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.



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BUDGET DIVISION PERSONNEL DIVISION PURCHASING DIVISION DATA PROCESSING DIVISION BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

February 12, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assembly Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Howard Barrett, Budget Administrator

SUBJECT: Excess Insurance Cost - Position Transfer to General Administration

The 1967 Session made several separate appropriations to the University which have created some problems because of lack of flexibility.

First, the amount budgeted for 1967-68 in General Administration for property, fidelity and liability insurance for both campuses was less than the amount billed. It has become necessary to charge the Educational program on each campus their pro-rata share of the excess cost. (\$18,000 total, \$3,960 Nevada Southern University, \$14,040 Reno). The same excess cost of \$18,000 for 1968-69 will be handled in the same manner.

Secondly, in 1968-69 it is proposed that the person assigned to institutional studies and budgeted in the Educational program be assigned to General Administration since he now reports to the President. Also, two Clerical positions will be assigned to the Business Manager, Nevada Southern, and paid from funds budgeted in the Educational program. These positions will become necessary due to increased accounting responsibilities at Las Vegas.

The University Administration and this office are of the opinion that it is legally possible for them to administratively implement the above changes. However, we wish to apprise the Legislature of the problems and invite their comment if there are objections to the above proposals.

HEB/LGP/b

NORMAN D. GLASER
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February 22, 1968

Mr. Howard E. Barrett
Director of Administration
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Howard:

Relative to your Memo of February 12, 1968, bringing to the attention of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee the administrative decision to reallocate some budgeted funds relative to the University, we have ~~no comment~~ or any objections to these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman".

Norman Glaser, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

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P.S. We have no objection to the proposal, but would like to have you review the insurance program and whether you have gone out for competitive bids.

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February 22, 1968

Mr. Howard E. Barrett
Director of Administration
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Howard:

Thank you for drawing my attention to your letter of February 9, 1968, which I had inadvertently misplaced.

I have brought the proposal to the attention of the Ways and Means Committee and we are unanimous in our expression that the unexpended portion of the appropriation for membership dues should be used to cover the necessary expenses in order to allow Nevada delegates to attend meetings of the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman".

Norman Glaser, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

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February 9, 1968

Assemblyman Norman Glaser, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
Legislative Chambers
Carson City, Nevada

Gentlemen:

The last session of the Legislature appropriated \$16,636 to the Department of Conservation, Administration, to pay Nevada's membership dues in the Western States Water Council. Funds were not provided for Nevada's delegates to attend meetings of the Council.

The entire appropriation has not been needed for dues and Conservation has requested that they be allowed to use the balance to send Nevada's representatives to Council meetings and for related costs.

This proposal would appear to meet the intent of the Legislature in providing support for the Council. However, before recommending approval of the request, I would appreciate your comments if you do not feel that this properly reflects legislative intent.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Barrett
Director of Administration

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