

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING ON SENATE BILL 4
AND SENATE BILL 14

February 14, 1968

Meeting called to order by Senator Lamb at 1:45 p.m.

All members of the Senate Finance Committee were present with the exception of Senator Gibson.

Also present: Senator Christensen
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
R. E. Bruce, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Senator Lamb opened the meeting by stating his concession of the need of an engineer for Nevada State Parks, but opposed the way they planned to balance this cost by "skimming a little here and a little there." He felt there should be a definite amount of money apportioned for this instead of having it come out of capital construction.

Mr. Howard Barrett explained that in the past, because of sloppy construction, it was felt there was a definite need for an engineer, and that the Nevada State Park System felt strongly enough about the matter to use some of their capital construction funds and get a good job. It is up to the Committee if they want to give it a general fund appropriation.

Mr. Barrett stated that he would not be opposed to the money coming from capital construction funds. When asked what would keep other agencies from coming in and trying the same thing, Mr. Barrett stated that for one thing, they could not get on the agenda. This method, he stated, is used by the Planning Board all the time. The State Park System indicated they could make enough savings in other construction moneys.

Senator Lamb stated that he understood the State Park System would have to have legislative approval before they could get Federal Aid.

Mr. Barrett stated the Budget Division did not oppose the Bill nor recommend it, because the recommendation was written before the additional revenues came in. Now, had they reviewed it again after the receipts portion had been written, we would have recommended it rather than taking it out of capital construction.

Senator Pozzi asked if such an engineer would be in the classified service, to which Howard Barret replied, "Yes."

Senator Fransway: I think we should draft a bill to pass Senate Bill 4 for \$11,142, enabling the State Park System to hire an engineer.

Senator Lamb: Do you make a motion to that effect?

Senator Fransway: "Yes."

Senator Titlow: I second the motion.

Senate Bill No. 4 passed unanimously, with Senator Gibson's proxy given by Senator Lamb.

Senator Lamb then held the Committee for consideration of another Bill, Senate Bill No. 14, an Act making a supplemental appropriation from the State Highway Fund for the support of the Public Service Commission of Nevada during the fiscal years 1967-68 and 1968-69. Cost to State Highway Fund, \$23,572.

Mr. Barrett of the Budget Division explained that this expense was not in the Executive Budget. He explained that the millage tax on public utilities and the Highway fund to handle the functions that have to do with regulation of utilities, truckers, etc., are costs that are divided. Even giving the benefit of the doubt to the Highway Fund, they are out of balance. The Attorney General says that millage funds cannot be used for highway purposes. When the millage tax was passed years ago, it was to be used strictly for utilities, so we are asking for money from the Highway Fund. It is just a matter of replacing utility funds.

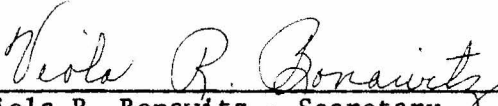
Senator Pozzi: I make a motion to pass Senate Bill 14.


Senator Brown: I second the motion.

Senate Bill 14 passed unanimously by the Senate Finance Committee, with Senator Lamb giving Senator Gibson's vote by proxy.

Senator Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Viola R. Bonawitz - Secretary


Floyd R. Lamb - Chairman