

## NEVADA LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

## SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 16, 1968

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in Room 50, State Capitol Building.

All members of the Committee were present.

Also present: Senator Fisher  
Senator Hug  
Senator Monroe  
Assemblyman Glaser  
Mrs. Wedow, Department of Education  
Mr. Burnell Larson, Superintendent of the  
State Department of Instruction  
Senator Christensen

Chairman Floyd R. Lamb introduced Mr. Burnell Larson as the first speaker on the meeting to consider Assembly Bill No. 3.

Mr. Larson spoke of the work done by the Community College Committee. He stated they visited the college at Elko, talked to the people in Elko and viewed the programs in action that had been instituted. At the third of the four meetings held, the Committee decided they did not have sufficient knowledge of finance, curriculum, facilities and equipment, and it was decided that Elko College should be considered in the light of a pilot project. It was felt, in view of the fact the people had raised \$45,000 in order to keep it afloat, a like amount should be requested of the legislature so the project could continue for at least one year. In identifying this as a pilot project, since this was a new kind of organization, one of the primary essentials was the cluster approach to vocational-technical education. This study, in effect, establishes the area for those students who are not going on to college; in other words, the 13th and 14th year levels. We have been under indictment for a long time for not furnishing the training that will allow students who do not go on to college to get jobs. In other words, we have not provided terminal training. Too much academic training has gotten in our way. So, it was with the cluster approach in mind, that the request was made.

One big inducement for these students is transferable college credits. Another consideration is that we will have to face up to the problem of technical training. Results of this lack of training show up in areas like Watts, in incarceration in reformatories, and also in welfare cases. The budget, as developed, called for \$80,000. We realized this was too

much money. We have withdrawn the request for \$17,500 because Federal funds can be used.

Senator Lamb commented that this Bill was going to have a little trouble so he would welcome any suggestions that anyone had to cut this amount of money requested.

Mr. Larson said he realized it was quite a bit of money, and the withdrawal of the request for \$17,500 was his part of cutting this.

Senator Brown said he was certainly not opposed to community colleges. It is a matter of finances. You have emphasized the need that exists and I keep referring to the vocational school in Clark County. This was an effort on the part of the local school district plus, of course, the money granted this state. My suggestion is that it would be more feasible financially to Elko College to look into the fact of transferring funds from the academic to the vocational level. This would be a step in the direction of gearing people of the various counties to handle the vocational part themselves.

Mr. Larson stated that he agreed. He said that in the past, the Legislature had made sources of money available, but only in small amounts.

Mr. Brown stated that out of 540 students, only 12 were of college age. He feels that responsibility of the members present lies with those under 21 years of age.

Senator Monroe, at this point, said he would like to say a few brief words. He wanted the Committee to understand that the word "college" on the end of community college lures kids into college, and with transfer credits, would eventually bring in kids slanted toward college. He said that as far as adult education is concerned, there certainly has to be a place for it. He also emphasized that in addition to the \$45,000 raised by the residents of Elko, they have also put up \$21,000 in fees to attend the school. He also stated they were up against insufficient equipment to carry on any kind of vocational program. He said that the Committee and other members present knew he would not vote for something the state could not afford, but he felt that the people of Elko were entitled to the one year's test, and then, if they were convinced that it could not be supported, they would skip it.

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Larson if, in his role as an educator, he did not feel that youth had priority. Mr. Larson replied that, of course, youth comes first, but that a great many youths up to and including age 23 were at loose ends. He said he felt they should make a special effort to accommodate those over 17.

Senator Lamb, at this point, stated that the whole thing simmers down to money.

Senator Gibson asked when the study would be finished, to which Mr. Larson replied there was a December 1st deadline.

Mr. Glaser, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, was the next speaker. He said he felt the study would set up guidelines, or some master plan. The cost of education, he emphasized, was going up, but missing a great many students. He stated it was interesting to notice that in this progress report, they have indicated projections in the year ahead in the State of Nevada to be 21,000 in the categories of over 65 and 18 to 21 years. The projection for 1975 is 39,500, almost double. The desire nowadays for education, he stated, has increased substantially, so the state is going to need more money. The study called for in Assembly Bill No. 3 will provide some sort of master plan as to what should be done. He stated Assembly Bill No. 3 makes no commitments beyond one year and it calls for the cluster approach.

Other points he made were that the population of Elko County has been so substantially the same in years, that they don't have the strength to force this sort of thing for the years ahead. He also said he would like to call attention to the great need in metropolitan areas, especially Clark County. He reiterated the percentages of students who enter the University have a high dropout ratio, especially in Nevada Southern, which indicates that a lower level of training is needed there. He said if these kids could be directed into the cluster approach, and kept out of reformatories, then they have accomplished something.

Senator Pozzi asked if there was a 600-student enrollment, how many were under 23 agewise, to which Mr. Glaser replied possibly 30 or 40, but added that it should be borne in mind this school was just getting off the ground.

Senator Monroe commented that at the present time there are no transfer credits given, and that is why the authorization is needed.

Senator Brown stated that at the joint meeting of the Assembly and Senate Finance meetings on this matter, the number 12 out of some 500 students stood out clearly. Mr. Glaser replied to this that he did not have the exact figure, but would try to get it for him. However, with the new enrollment, there were more at this time.

Senator Lamb adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m., but requested the Finance Committee remain for another meeting.

Meeting called to order at 11:12 a.m. for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 10.

All members of the Senate Finance Committee present.

Also present: Senator Hug  
Senator Christensen

Discussion was held concerning Senate Bill No. 10, which calls for \$17,529 to be appropriated for the purpose of criminal extradition.

Senator Pozzi explained that all criminals are dropped in the middle of Carson City and then if they "go sour", the businessmen of Carson City are usually the ones to suffer. He felt they should be sent away from here.

Senator Christensen said the Bill would take care of that, and stated that he wanted the Bill to pass but the amendment killed. He stated the reserve should be administered by the Board of Examiners.

Senator Hug stated he sat in on that meeting too. That about 50 men a year were released. It was estimated how far they would have to send them and it would come to about \$300 apiece. The suggestion was made, in one instance, that the county pay half and the state pay half.

Senator Lamb said he felt the county should pay the bill. Senator Brown said he made the motion they pass the Bill without the amendment.

Senator Gibson said the Bill was pulling the responsibility out of the county and giving it to the state. If the Bill was not passed, the counties would still have to pay the cost of extradition.

Senator Christensen said the Bill needs to be passed because the state has obligated themselves to pay for the extradition.

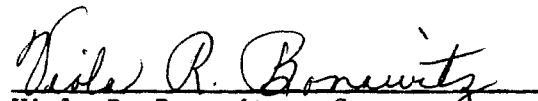
Motion made by Senator Brown for the Bill to be passed without the amendment.

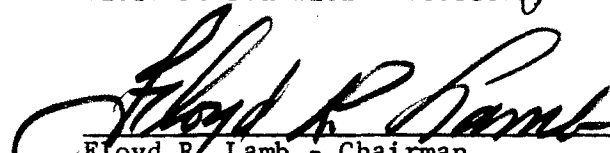
Seconded by Senator Titlow.

Senate Bill No. 10 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Viola R. Bonawitz - Secretary

  
Floyd R. Lamb - Chairman