

NEVADA LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 19, 1968

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Floyd R. Lamb on February 19, 1968 at 11:00 a.m. to consider Assembly Bill No. 3.

All members of the Senate Finance Committee were present.

Also present: Senator Dodge
Senator Monroe
Senator Christensen
Senator Bunker
Senator Farr
Esther Nicholson, League of Women Voters
Members of the Boulder Dam Council of
Boy Scouts

Senator Fransway began by stating that considering the length and breadth of the University of Nevada's program, he opposed the Bill and went on to read a letter from Robert Vorrell, Dean of University Extension Division. See attached. He continued that he had books listing myriads of courses throughout the State available to those who are willing to put up \$18.00. He stated it appeared that Assembly Bill No. 3 only offered a duplication. He said this type of education was necessary eventually, but that in light of the financial condition of the State of Nevada, it is something that cannot be afforded at this time. He went on to say he felt it was a pleasure to work under a Governor who really believes in a separation of powers in the legislative branch.

Senator Pozzi stated at this point he would like to answer something Senator Fransway had said. That is, that he sounded as though a course could be taken for \$18.00, whereas the charge of \$18.00 only covered a credit hour, and the course would run into \$150.00 or \$200.00. He said he hadn't checked the list of courses yet, but he suspected that most of them were academic and had no relation to Vocational-Technical education. He said the Legislature is looking at Vocational-Technical and not University in the Elko test, and that he saw no reason why the study could not be conducted.

Senator Lamb interrupted at this point, saying that he wished to read a letter from Governor Laxalt which would possibly clarify some of the points that had just been made. See attached letter.

Senator Pozzi then continued, saying that Assembly Bill No. 3 was leveled at a different group than those attending University. He stated that if students married in high school, they could usually not continue their education and that later, they could not afford University extension courses. Don Powell, of the Boy Scouts, at this point mentioned that students married in high school did go on to school. Senator Pozzi went on to say that if these youngsters could at this point go to a Community College, they might then be trained for employment.

Senator Brown stated he believed the last discussion brought up the fact that only about 20 of those enrolled at Elko Community College were of college age. He said he talked to Senator Monroe at length about this. When speaking of the pilot program, it should be conducted to see what can be done about young people and not adults.

Senator Lamb asked if at this point they were ready to take action on this program.

Senator Dodge indicated he had a few more points to make regarding the matter. He said the word "college" infers a broader type of program than is being suggested. He pointed out that at the last session of the Legislature, they appropriated \$700,000 for Vocational-Technical Education in Nevada and the recipients of this aid were in Reno and Las Vegas and constitute about 1,000 people. This aid to Elko would be administered by Mr. Buntin, who administered the \$700,000. Another \$50,000 would have to be appropriated for instruction areas. In order to avail themselves of the full \$50,000, they would have to put up matching funds. Utilities, etc., would be a local cost. There is another appropriation of \$29,000 for equipment. He said that he supported this on the Committee. If, in fact, he said, there was going to be \$50,000 invested there, he didn't want it to be prejudiced by the fact that there was not enough available equipment to set up the courses they wanted to set up. \$29,000 would be used for equipment only.

Senator Gibson stated that in looking at the Bill, he did not see the control of funds by Mr. Buntin, nor where matching funds are required.

Discussion followed on whether the terms of the Bill and the language therein were sufficiently specific.

Senator Gibson read his amendment, and suggested they knock out the \$29,000. He stated his amendment would insure that there was financial support in the local community, and that they would not set a precedent of full state support. It would curtail future requests.

Senator Dodge stated that George Buntin could go into the Bill further.

Senator Lamb asked whether they didn't figure it could work 50-50, state and local support, to which Senator Gibson said, "Yes."

Senator Monroe said it would be very questionable whether any college could operate without state support, but felt it was important that they go for the study. He stated that he could give his word he would not be in here a year from now asking for funds for the college. He was only asking for the one year.

Further discussion continued until 11:50 a.m., when Senator Lamb recessed the meeting until after lunch.

The meeting on Assembly Bill No. 3 was called to order again at 1:15 p.m.

Senator Gibson stated that the big difference was whether they were just authorizing a study or setting a precedent.

Discussion followed, with Senator Lamb asking if anyone had any ideas for further amendments. Upon receiving no answer, he called for a motion.

Senator Fransway made the motion that Assembly Bill No. 3 not be passed.

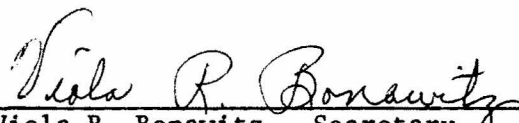
Senator Slattery seconded the motion.

The voting showed Senators Fransway, Slattery, Gibson, Brown and Titlow supporting the motion, with Senators Pozzi and Lamb voting to pass.


Assembly Bill No. 3 defeated.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Floyd R. Lamb.

Respectfully submitted,



Viola R. Bonawitz - Secretary



Floyd R. Lamb - Chairman