

JOINT MEETING OF  
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 7, 1968

A joint meeting of the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Education Committee and members of the Department of Education was held in Room 50, State Capitol Building, February 7, 1968 at 10:15 a.m.

All members of the Senate Finance Committee were present.  
All members of the Senate Education Committee were present.

Also present: Burnell Larson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Lincoln Liston, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Education  
Donald Perry, Representative of the Nevada State Education Association  
James Butler, Department of Education  
Mrs. Wedow, Department of Education  
Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
John Dolan, Deputy Budget Director  
R. E. Bruce, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Senator Pozzi left the room at 11:20 a.m. and returned at 11:35 a.m.  
Senator Slattery left the room at 11:40 and returned at 11:43 a.m.  
Senator Harris left the room at 11:23 a.m.  
Senator Dodge arrived at 11:40 a.m.

Senator Hug called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. He then explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 5. He called on Howard Barrett as the first speaker.

Mr. Barrett stated that the Bill before them, Senate Bill No. 5, was, in reality, two separate Bills. The first part sets up emergency funding, and the second revises the language whereby the Department of Education and the Budget Division were in conflict on their interpretation. He stated clarification of the language was necessary so that problems did not arise in the emergency funding after the legislators had all gone home. He stated that because of interpretation of the law, the Department of Education had different figures than the Budget Division.

An explanation followed regarding hardship counties, i.e., White Pine, Storey, Lincoln and Lyon Counties. Mr. Howard Barrett and Mr. John Dolan of the Budget Division explained how the budgets had been carefully gone over and with help in adjusting their budgets, only Lyon County was left with need for emergency funding. See attached forms.

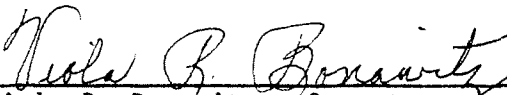
Discussion followed on how counties facing future emergencies, such as Mineral, Lincoln and White Pine, might face these emergencies. Mr. Lincoln Liston suggested that School Districts should be allowed to deploy their own funds and the Department of Education should be free to aid in this deployment. He stated it would appear that some regulatory guidelines should be set up to aid in the predetermination of the lines the analysis of a particular School District would take, so that it would be known whether a request was legitimate.

Mr. Larson stated that a School District might make an estimate of its needs and in six months time, due to unforeseen changes, these estimates might not be valid and an emergency might exist. Hence, a School District should be able, at any time, to call for emergency funding.

Senator Hug adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Senator Lamb made a request that the Senate Finance Committee meet in Room 50 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Viola R. Bonawitz - Secretary

  
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Floyd R. Lamb - Chairman