

Assembly

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APRIL 6, 1971

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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT ASSEMBLYMAN BRYAN AND ASSEMBLYMAN BRANCH WHO WERE ATTENDING A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

ALSO PRESENT: WILLIAM HANCOCK, STATE PLANNING BOARD
JOHN SHEENAN, TAX COMMISSION
JAMES LEIN, TAX COMMISSION
MR. JACOBSEN, NEVADA VETERANS' COMMISSION
MR. ECK, LABOR-MANAGEMENT BOARD
GORDEN PRATT, WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LE BRUGSTROM, NACPA
DAVE HENRY, CLARK COUNTY MANAGER
BILL ADAMS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CITY OF LAS VEGAS
DONALD ANDERSON, RETIREMENT BOARD

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith, who had to leave on other business so Vice-chairman Getto conducted the meeting.

SB 575 - Allows Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs certain fees and creates veterans' relief fund.

Mr. Jacobsen explained to the committee that at present there is no way the commission can collect fees for administering veteran's estates, when a veteran dies without a will and there is no one else to do the job. He also explained to the committee that at present when a veteran is released from the hospital and does not have money to return to his home there is no way the commission can provide money so he had been providing this money to help the veterans himself. He stated that it did not amount to a great deal of money, however during the year it did add up to quite an amount. The relief fund would take care of such situations.

Chairman Getto asked where the fee would come from and who would determine what the amount of it would be.

Mr. Jacobsen answered that the fee would come from the estate of the veteran and the court would set the fee.

Assemblyman Dini questioned Mr. Jacobsen as to whether or not he was bonded.

Mr. Jacobsen answered that he was personally bonded and the office had a general bond.

SB 302 - Changes authority of state planning board relating to sale of certain lands.

Mr. Hancock explained to the committee that the first part of the bill would allow the planning board to exchange or sell certain land south of Carson City. Under the present law the planning board has had to auction the land, the board has held two auctions neither of which has been successful.

The second part of the bill would transfer title to 11½ acres to Carson City for use as a park.

Mr. Hancock explained that he favored the bill and felt that the value of the land transferred to Carson City would be well used as a park area.

SB 586 Permits local government budget augmentation if resources available.

Mr. Sheenan explained to the committee that this bill was necessary if AB 529 was to have any meaning. He stated that it was only a change in terms and would have no serious ramifications.

Assemblyman Dini asked if the cities could bury money under this bill.

Mr. Lein explained that it could happen but would make little difference as the money had to be unappropriated anyway.

Mr. Bergstrom explained that he favored the bill and it would not loosen any procedures now in practice.

Mr. Henry stated that under the bill there would be an additional guarantee in that this bill required 20 days of publication.

Mr. Pratt told the committee that this bill would be of great help to school districts.

SB 212 - Permits closed meetings of local government employers with their management representatives.

Mr. Eck told the committee that the Labor-Management Board had no position on this bill.

Mr. Adams told the committee that this bill would give the same advantage to management that the employees now enjoy.

SB 559 - Changes method for calculating retirement benefits of former legislators continuing in service under public employees' retirement system.

Mr. Anderson explained that this bill was special legislation drawn for two former legislators. It would allow them to buy time in the public employees' retirement system equal to the time they served in the legislature.

Assemblyman Dini questioned Mr. Anderson about AB 123.

Mr. Anderson replied that he liked the bill, however he was against repayment on a time payment basis.

Mr. Anderson suggested that SB 158 might be a better bill because it did not provide for repayment on a time payment basis.

Assemblyman Hawkins pointed out that the time payment plan only applied when the amount of repayment was over \$1,500.00.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

- SB 212 - Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman Frazzini voted no.
- SB 282 - Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- SB 302 - Assemblyman Dini moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- SB 559 - Assemblyman Dini moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
Assemblyman Hawkins voted no.
Assemblyman Frazzini did not vote.
- SB 566 - Enacts new Las Vegas city charter.
Chairman Smith explained to the committee that an amendment had to be made to change the words "city manager" to "director of finance."
Assemblyman Lauri moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- SB 575 - Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Frazzini seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- AB 631 - Proposes various amendments to General Improvement District Law.
Chairman Smith announced that the amendments were back and were satisfactory.
Assemblyman Ronzone moved DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- SB 586 - Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Ronzone seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
- Ab 123 - Assemblyman Dini moved DO PASS.
Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

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Assemblyman Dini asked that the chairman hold the bill until SB 559 reaches the committee.

AB 454 - Exempts certain land developments from subdivision restraints.

The chairman announced that the sponsor of the bill had requested that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Assemblyman Dini moved an indefinite postponement.

Assemblyman Lauri seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SB 35 - Eliminates acreage exclusion from definition of "subdivision."

Assemblyman Lauri moved an indefinite postponement.

Assemblyman Getto seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

SCR 24 - Authorizes acquisition of land in Lahontan Reservoir area by Nevada state park system.

Assemblyman Getto moved DO PASS.

Assemblyman Dini seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

The chairman announced that he had taken AB 548 off the board because he did not feel that the amendments were satisfactory. He stated that he had ordered new amendments which would reflect the intent of the committee.



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MIKE O'CALLAGHAN, Governor

JOHN J. SHEEHAN, Secretary

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We have much more on the subject but this describes it briefly. -

Honorable Hal Smith, Chairman
Assembly Governmental Affairs Committee
Nevada Legislative Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Senate Bill 586

AB 528

Dear Chairman Smith:

Several members of your committee have requested further information on SB 586, Budget Augmentation. Prior to the 1969 Legislative Session, this Agency and the Local Government Advisory Committee prepared an omnibus Local Government legislative package which, due to several outside circumstances, was severely pared; Budget Augmentation was one of the casualties. However, since that time the Tax Commission and the Advisory Committee have refined the Budget Augmentation procedure and have reviewed the proposed language with the budget officers of the several entities during a series of Local Government Workshops.

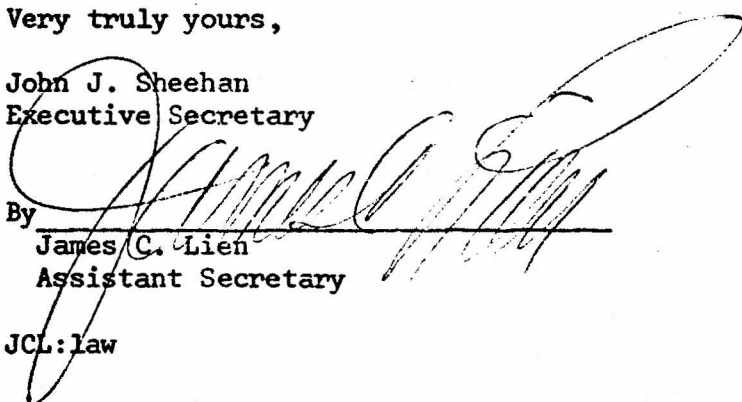
Budget Augmentation is for the purpose of allowing an entity to appropriate surplus revenues; receipts which exceeded the amount anticipated in an original budget. Normally, the need to increase services accompanies the receipt of additional revenues; therefore the necessity of increasing appropriations. Budget Augmentation may be effected locally; while it requires the same initiating procedure as short term financing (resolution of intent, publication and public hearing) the resolution need not be reviewed by the Tax Commission or approved by the State Board of Finance before being effective. Again, this is because the entity is appropriating its own surplus monies.

During fiscal 1969-70, the Nevada Tax Commission processed 33 emergency loan requests, 15, or 45% of which were budget augmentation requests. To date, during fiscal 1970-71 the Agency has processed 20 emergency loan requests, 8, or 40% of which have been Budget Augmentation requests.

We are available for further testimony as required.

Very truly yours,

John J. Sheehan
Executive Secretary

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Assistant Secretary

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