

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 56TH ASSEMBLY SESSION

Minutes of Meeting - March 4, 1971

PRESENT: Chairman, D. Poggione, R. Capurro, H. McKissick, T. Hafen
D. Branch, R. Bryan and D. Mello.

GUESTS: Lee H. Burnham, Acting Deputy Director, Dept. of Employment
Security; G.A. Fletcher, Administrator, Unemployment
Compensation Service Division and Louis Paley, Executive
Secretary, AFL-CIO.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dan Poggione at 8:55 a.m.
in Room 320, to consider S.B. 218.

S.B. 218 Provides extended unemployment compensation benefits.

Mr. Fletcher, Administrator of the Unemployment Compensation Division,
told of the necessity of approval of this bill immediately so that
requirements of the Federal Law could be met in regard to beginning
the first 13 weeks extension by March 21st. The costs would be
approximately \$365,000,00 for the balance of the year with the
Federal Government paying 50%.

Dependents, who were being paid on the original claim would continue
to receive benefits amounting to half of the original amount paid.
They would have to meet the same requirements as that on the orig-
inal claim.

Mr. Fletcher also stated that the last figures showed 1,947 people
eligible for these added benefits but he estimated that 500 more per
month are being added. The last 13 week period showed a 5.4% rate
of unemployment which is 1.4 higher than the average of the last two
years. The fact that newcomers to the State could not qualify under
our laws for this 13 week extension, since their original claim had
not been filed in Nevada, was also brought out.

The money to be spent on this extension of unemployment benefits
would come out of the trust fund, which at present stands at \$37,000,000.
Mr. Paley stated that it was the employers' money that would be spent
that is in this trust fund and the employers have agreed to go for
the extended benefit. The unions also support this legislation.

Motion was made by Dave Branch, seconded by D. Mello, for an emergency
"Do pass". Motion carried unanimously, except for R. Bryan, who
abstained from voting since he had not read the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.