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MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 11, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Hafen, Brookman,
Mello, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hilbrecht, Lingenfelter

Absent: F. Young

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; Cy Ryan, UPI;
John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Mack Fry, Assemblyman;
Bob Rose, Washoe DA; Zel Lowman, Assemblyman;
Del Frost, Admin. Voc. Rehab. Div.; Charles Fry,
Ohio Speaker Pro Tem.; Howard McKissick, Assemblyman;
Mr. Cunningham, Washoe County Comm.

A.B. 143 - Provides for oil portrait of former Governor
Laxalt.

Mr. Howard moved DO PASS.
Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 181 - Requires state to provide chemist to analyze
narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Mr. Bob Rose was present to speak in favor of bill. He stated that this was the most important bill for law enforcement. When a suspect is arrested on narcotics charges, the law enforcement officer must bring a sample of the narcotic down to the chemist in the State Highway Department. In many instances this chemist is unavailable as he is off working on other assignments. This results in a delay as sometimes police officers make three trips down to State Highway Department in order to see the chemist. Every narcotic sample must be analyzed. In the interim, the suspect is incarcerated. He emphasized that these matters must be processed quickly. We need at least one chemist in Washoe County to analyze narcotics. It would cost approximately \$8-10,000 to set up a laboratory for the chemist; Washoe County should provide the space. Presently, one chemist is employed in Clark County by the State Narcotics Division. Washoe County has 10-12 drug cases a day.

Mr. Dolan stated that a chemist, Bud Rue, was moved over to Sutro Street in Reno. He is now in the Health Department Building and Washoe County has set up a lab for him. This provision was made last week. Mr. Dolan stated that they propose to keep Bud Rue and are also asking for one new

chemist to be in Clark County (provision has been made in Narcotics and Drug's Division Budget - refer to page 288 in Executive Budget). Mr. Oliver concurred with Mr. Dolan.

Mr. Howard moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE.
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A.B. 92 - Authorizes work release program for state prisoners.

Mr. Lowman was present to speak in favor of the bill. He stated that the bill is an attempt to rehabilitate prisoners and that funds would be needed in the first year of the biennium. Mr. Frost stated that he hoped the Committee would have an opportunity to review the letter he sent to Mr. Lowman. He felt that the State should try to take one step ahead with a felon instead of locking them up. 98% of all people in Nevada state prisons will be back on the streets; therefore, he felt that we should prepare prisoners for release. Mr. Frost stated that there is a great need for community treatment centers to rehabilitate prisoners. Mr. Frost discussed the success of the Santa Clara treatment center in California. He also discussed the traumatic experiences that prisoners are faced with in prison. Mr. Frost also pointed out the savings that would be realized under this bill.

Mr. Hilbrecht asked what the purpose of the revolving fund was for. Mr. Frost replied that it provided money to the prisoners to buy tools, clothes, etc. Money is loaned to the prisoners and if the prisoners don't repay the loan they lose their parole. Section 6 discussed.

Mr. Lowman discussed the success of the work furlow approach being used in Calif. He stated that if the State of Nevada adopted a system similar to this that we could possibly have up to 30 prisoners involved in such a program. Mr. Mello stated that unemployment is high in Nevada and unemployed people might resent prisoners getting jobs. However, he felt that this was a good program. Mr. Lowman stated that it would take at least a year to plan this program. This program would be a means to control prison population and it could save the State money in building new prison facilities. No vote was called for on this bill.

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A.B. 76 - Makes appropriation to legislative counsel bureau to allow Nevada's participation in National Conference of State Legislative Leaders. Mr. McKissick, Mr. Charles Fry, and Mr. Jacobsen were present to speak in favor of the bill. NSCLL provides a means whereby Legislative Leaders get together and exchange ideas and try to solve similar problems. Only 4 states do not belong to this council. Dues are \$1,000 per year. Eight members of our Legislature would attend the meeting. Mrs. Jan McGifferin, League of Women Voters, spoke on behalf of her organization and stated that the League of Women Voters hoped that the Committee would consider a DO PASS on this bill.

Mr. Swackhamer stated that he felt if Nevada joined the NSCLL the dues would go up. He stated that we don't get results from things such as this, and 90% of the time we don't receive a report from their meetings. Mr. Swackhamer stated that he would vote no on this bill.

Mr. Hilbrecht stated that he shared Mr. Swackhamer's opinion until he visited the Eagleton Conference in Florida. He was extremely impressed with this conference, and he stated that through this conference, Florida presently has a model Legislature.

Mr. Lingenfelter moved a DO PASS.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
INDEFINITELY POSPONED - Motion defeated.

Yes: Hafen, Schofield, Lingenfelter, Howard, Hilbrecht

No: Mello, Swackhamer

A.B. 46 - Relieves counties of medical expense for nonresidents injured within county.

Mr. Cunningham stated that 15 counties in the State could not take care of accidents involving nonresidents. In many cases these people do not have insurance. Mr. Lingenfelter stated he would obtain some information. No vote called for on this bill.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 A. M.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:25 P.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Hafen, F. Young, Brookman, Mello, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hilbrecht, Lingenfelter.

Absent: None

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; A. McLeod, Budget Div.; J. Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Roger Trounday, Dir., Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation; J. Miller, Supt. Girl's Training Ctr.; J. Gardner, Supt. Boy's Training Ctr.; John Aberstanni, Supt. Children's Home; Joe Prichard, Alcoholism Div.; Alex Forbes, Girl's Ctr; Frank Groves, Dir. Fish and Game; Fred Wright, Chief Admin. Svs. Fish and Game; Jean Ross, Budget, A. Campos, Parole and Probation, W. Walker, Parole and Probation; Ron Sparks, Budget; John Perry, Admin. Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

PAGE 260 - NEVADA GIRLS TRAINING CENTER

Training Center at Caliente is running at capacity of 100 girls.

New Positions - Agency originally requested 21 new positions which was contingent upon request for new cottages. Governor did not agree with request for construction of new cottages which negated need for additional staffing. Governor recommending two Youth Parole Counselors and one Senior Clerk Typist.

Special Services - Appropriation in last biennium was for Director of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Contractual Services - The appropriation covers the services of a dentist and a medical doctor.

Discussion on parole and home treatment (Hilbrecht, Miller, Dolan). Mr. Dolan stated that cottage construction was a priority #2. Cottages cost \$250,000, plus cost of additional staffing. Each girl at Training Center costs the State \$7,000 a year. Instead of spending the additional money to increase the facility, the Governor is looking at the home treatment and parole counselor approach in solving this problem. The number of girls returning to this institution after they have been released is extremely low.

PAGE 264 - GIRLS TRAINING CENTER - COUNSELING

Federal funds are appropriated to contract services of a counselor from Lincoln Public School District.

PAGE 265 - NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER

Refer to page A-24 (Supplemental appropriation request for additional personnel, clothing and outside agency care. Refer to Page A-27 for recommended capital improvement programs. General discussion on training center. Average length of stay is about 5 months per boy. Agency has space for 140 boys, but center presently has 155 boys. Budget was prepared by agency to handle 160 boys. Center has a return rate of 33%.

Outside Agency Care - Outside Agency Care appropriation is used to put more difficult boys in a more secure setting in California (Note: Part of supplemental was for outside agency care).

Reserve For Growth - Appropriation request for \$62,324 in first part of biennium and \$64,956 in second part of biennium. This will provide for additional staffing if supplemental goes through.

General discussion on community treatment centers. (Hilbrecht). Mr. Hilbrecht referred to A.B. 203. He stated that they felt that community treatment centers were superior to institutions and also thought they would be a means of saving money.

PAGE 269 - CHILDREN'S HOME DIVISION

Agency accepts Governor's recommendation of budget. The children's home is at capacity. Average age is 14. Seventy children are presently at home.

Truck - Appropriation of \$2,400 is requested to replace a second hand 1960 truck.

PAGE 271 - CHILDREN'S HOME CLARK COUNTY (BOULDER CITY)

Presently the home is operating at capacity with 20 children. The home has a waiting list. In second part of the biennium Governor is recommending that 5 additional cottages be built to house 50 additional children (10 children per cottage). Additional personnel has been recommended by the governor to supervise the new cottages in the second half of the biennium.

PAGE 275 - ALCOHOLISM DIVISION

New Positions - Mr. Prichard stated that the agency is requesting reconsideration by the Committee for approval of two new positions : Education Coordinator and Principal Clerk Steno. The Governor did not recommend any new positions. Agency requested that request for half time Senior Clerk Typist be approved which would enable them to have a full time secretary.

PAGE 366 - FISH AND GAME

This is a self supporting agency. They get revenue from gifts, license fees, taxes, reserve fund interest money, grants, etc. Agency operates on banked income.

Discussion on Fish Hatchery at Lake Mead.

New Positions: Additional personnel requested for the fish hatchery at Lake Mead in second half of biennium. One Fish and Game Agent IV is requested in the Kingston Dam, Tonopah area. This person will work in the capacity of a land planner to be sure that wild life is preserved.

Discussion of BDR 32-483 (Howard). Fish and Game would receive 30% (\$73,200) of \$244,000.

Legal and Court Expense - In the past agency has hired an attorney for various needs. From now on, the new Attorney General will be handling their needs.

Contractual Services - Agency contracts with University of Nevada to perform research work; however, this is matched by federal money. Photo processing is also done by contract, etc.

Federal Agencies - Still Water Agreement.

EDP - Agency is very satisfied with electronic data processing. EDP has been successfully used with permits.

Clothing Uniform Expense - Appropriation provides one work uniform shirt and a patch for each man. Also, this appropriation provides for some full dress uniforms.

Arizona Stamp - Arizona Stamp costs a fee of \$2.00. This stamp enables a person with a Nevada license to fish in Lake Mead and Mohave. Mr. Dolan explained that this is considered flow through money. This money is held in trust and it really isn't an expenditure. In the next biennium this money will not be shown in the budget.

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PAGE 285 - PAROLE AND PROBATION (Mr. Campos)

Mr. Campos stated that they kept 516 people out of state prisons and saved the State over one million dollars (\$2,000 per inmate).

New Positions - One Adult Parole and Probation officer requested in both parts of next biennium, and one additional Adult Parole and Probation officer requested in second part of biennium.

In-State-Travel - This is a substantial part of their budget due to the fact that a large portion of their work requires a vehicle.

Federal Funds (LEAA) - Discussed. AB 77 deals with work release treatment program.

Halfway House - Appropriation request for rehabilitation treatment centers was deleted by Governor.

Mr. Hafen asked why their budget was increasing faster than their workload. Mr. Campos replied that this was primarily due to the increase in in-state-travel and increases in salaries.

PAGE 288 - PAROLE AND PROBATION NARCOTICS AND DRUGS DIVISION

New Positions - Agency request for Chemist II position was approved by the Governor. Position of Special Educator in Las Vegas has been approved by the Governor. This person is a specialist in training law enforcement officers in narcotics and works as a program coordinator and resource person.

Narcotics Education - Appropriation of \$80,000 in first part of biennium and \$83,000 in second part of biennium recommended by Governor for a preventive drug abuse program. Program involves developing methods and techniques and training teachers.

Communications Expense - Appropriation covers postage and telephone expenses.

Mr. Perry stated that 1/4 of all crimes in Nevada are convictions for narcotics.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

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Report for name plates

4:30?

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Mr. Hoffman