

Assembly

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 15, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:35 P. M.

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

Absent: Brookman (Excused)

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; George Frank, UPI.

Chairman Young asked for corrections of the minutes of the Feb. 10th meeting.

Mr. Mello moved that the minutes be approved.

Mr. Howard Seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED.

SB 157 - Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Legislative Fund.

Mr. Howard moved a DO PASS.

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BDR 38-975 - Limits annual average grants for eligible individuals under certain public assistance programs. Chairman Young read a letter from Mr. Miller supporting the bill.

Mr. Mello moved that the Committee introduce BDR 38-975.

Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BDR 32-483 - Provides formula for computing annually the amount of and allocating and distributing excise taxes paid on motor vehicle fuel used in watercraft for recreational purposes.

Mr. F. Young moved that the Committee introduce BDR 32-483.

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 260 - NEVADA GIRLS TRAINING CENTER

Mr. Dolan stated that during the hearing on the Nevada Girls Training Center on Feb. 11th, the agency had not mentioned the increase in utilities of \$4,100. Utilities for 1971-72 will be \$31,200 (rates are going up effective July 1.

Mr. Swackhamer requested a breakdown of the utilities from Mr. Dolan.

* A.B. 319

⁰ A.B. 320

PAGE 334 - GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Out-of-State Travel. Discussion on SB 144 regarding the use of applicants fees. Mr. Dolan stated that the State would lose \$47,000 in revenue the way the bill is written now. He felt that it would not be equitable to treat Gaming Control Board differently. Gaming Control has a confidential fund which covers such expenses as taking people out to lunch. Mr. Dolan recommended that we concur with the \$60,000 for travel rather than agree to the revolving fund concept which Mr. Hannifan favored. Mr. F. Young questioned Mr. Dolan as to how the state would lose money on this. Mr. Dolan replied that the way the bill is written, if there is anything over and above that amount, it will go to General Fund.

S.B. 151 - Legislation for land study and EDP. Refer to page A-21.

PAGE 15 - STATE TREASURER

Discussion on out-of-state travel (F. Young, Hilbrecht, Howard, Capurro, Swackhamer, Dolan). The Governor deleted the agency's appropriation request for out-of-state travel. Mr. Mirabelli had asked for \$650 to attend a national conference. Mr. F. Young felt that we should give consideration to Mr. Mirabelli's request as he felt that an elected official shouldn't have to go to another elected official and request money for out-of-state travel. Mr. Howard stated that the new fund for out-of-state travel is the Governor's proposal; he stated that if we opened this up, we would have to open up all of the out-of-state travel. Mr. Swackhamer concurred with Mr. F. Young. Mr. Dolan explained to the Committee that elected officials must go to the Governor's representative or Board of Examiners for other claims and that it is much the same for other categories. Mr. Swackhamer suggested that we try the new method for a few years.

Mr. Swackhamer moved to amend the budget and approve the agency's request for an additional Senior Accountant Clerk which would enable the agency to have a full time Senior Accountant Clerk. Mr. Mello Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor and amended.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 77-STATE BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Hafen Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 79 - STATE PRINTING OFFICE

HOLD per Mr. Hilbrecht's request regarding information from agency on unit cost.

PAGE 82 - NEVADA TAX COMMISSION

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 87 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Capurro moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. F. Young Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 89 - EMPLOYEES MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD

HOLD (pending legislation)

PAGE 91 - COMMISSIONER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 93 - EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION

HOLD (pending legislation)

PAGE 95 - INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

Discussion

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Mr. F. Young moved the following amendment: Delete the \$500 from Public Relations.
Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion.
Motion DEFEATED. Nays: Howard, Capurro, Hafen, Mello, Hilbrecht.

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED as moved by Mr. Mello.

PAGE 160 - LOST CITY MUSEUM

HOLD (pending legislation)

PAGE 260 - NEVADA GIRLS TRAINING CENTER

Mr. Hilbrecht moved the following amendment: An appropriation of \$31,200 for utilities be authorized for 1971-72.
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Mello moved the budget be approved as recommended by the Governor and amended.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 266 - NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER

Mr. Mello moved the following amendment: Authorize the agency's request for a Psychologist IV for \$14,120 in 1971-72 and \$14,683 in 1972-73.
Mr. F. Young Seconded the motion.
Motion DEFEATED. Nays: Hilbrecht, Swackhamer, Hafen, Capurro, Howard.

Mr. Hilbrecht moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Howard Seconded the motion.
PASSED. Nays: Mello

PAGE 269 - CHILDREN'S HOME DIVISION (CARSON CITY)

Mr. Lingenfelter moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. F. Young Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE - 271 - CHILDREN'S HOME CLARK COUNTY

HOLD

PAGE 274 - CLEAR CREEK YOUTH CENTER

HOLD

PAGE 275 - ALCOHOLISM DIVISION

Mr. Hilbrecht moved the following amendment: Authorization of the agency's request for a half time Senior Clerk Typist to make it a full time position (\$2,741 in 1971-72 and \$2,841 in 1972-73).

Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion.

PASSED

Mr. Hilbrecht moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor and amended.

Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 277 - ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Committee members questioned the increase in office rental costs. Mr. Lingenfelter stated that the State is only paying \$50 a month for rent and that Federal money is paying the balance. Mr. Dolan said that Federal funds pay 80% of rent and added that we are already committed to the lease. Mr. Dolan brought it to the Committee's attention that S.B98, presently in Governmental Affairs, states that all leases must be filed and cleared by the Governor, through the Budget Division, before leases are signed. Mr. Dolan told the Committee that he would supply them with information on all leases.

HOLD

PAGE 285 - PAROLE AND PROBATION

HOLD (pending legislation - A.B. 92)

PAGE 288 - PAROLE AND PROBATION NARCOTICS AND DRUGS DIV.

Mr. Hafen questioned this budget and thought that local law enforcement agencies handled the drug problem. Mr. Capurro stated that legislation had been created for this agency because the narcotic's agents in the area have become

so well known that they are ineffective, so they needed to create a State agency containing unknown agents. Mr. Howard stated that this State agency has done a good job in Humboldt County. Mr. Lingenfelter stated the State agency supplements the counties and went on to say that this is a growing problem. He felt that the narcotic's education appropriation was extremely important.

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 306 - COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Hilbrecht moved we approve the budget as recommended by the Governor and amended (Amendment: Increase the salary of the Reg. Bd. Coordinator to \$14,000 in both parts of the biennium, and in addition, increase In-State Travel to \$1500 for both parts of the biennium).

Mr. Schofield Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 308 - DIVISION OF INSURANCE

Mr. Lingenfelter moved that we approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 310 - FIRE MARSHALL

Mr. Howard moved that the position of Fire Safety Engineer be approved if Federal Funds are received to fund the position and that the budget be approved as recommended by the Governor and amended.

Mr. Mello Seconded the motion.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 312 - REAL ESTATE ADMINISTRATIVE

HOLD (pending additional information requested on investigators)

PAGE 318 - BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN DIVISION

These two agencies are not combined; they are only budgeted together.

Mr. F. Young moved to close, the budget as recommended by the Governor, conditional upon the legislation being passed which would authorize bank audits every 9 months instead of every 6 months. In addition he proposed the following amendment: The salary of the Las Vegas Deputy be increased to \$16,560 for both parts of the biennium. Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PAGE 320 - LABOR COMMISSION

Mr. F. Young moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 322 - PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

Mr. Capurro moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 325 - TAXICAB REGULATING FUND

Mr. Hilbrecht moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 326 - TAXICAB AUTHORITY

HOLD

PAGE 331 - RACING COMMISSION

Mr. Mello moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 332 - GAMING ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Capurro felt that many positions were not in line with the Gaming Control Board and felt that the positions of both agencies should be brought in line. Mr. Dolan stated that this conflict will try to be resolved when SB 144 goes through; but actually, salary adjustment is done at work program time.

Mr. F. Young moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.

Mr. Howard Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 334 - GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Committee discussion on approval of seven additional auditors. Mr. Lingenfelter questioned the need for seven additional auditors. Mr. Swackhamer also questioned this request. Mr. Oliver stated that the concept of independent audit was put in law several years ago. He stated that if the State is going to have any control, the independent audit is fundamental. The Economic Research unit was established within the commission which was supposed to have the same effect. At that time it was specified that professional accountants filled these positions. Mr. Oliver didn't agree with the concept that adding seven additional auditors would assist in control. In addition he stated that it would be very difficult to find an additional seven auditors who were well qualified.

Mr. Lingenfelter moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor.
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion.

Mr. Hilbrecht questioned not approving Mr. Hannifan's request for additional auditors.

Mr. Capurro moved the following amendment to the original motion: Approve 4 additional auditors under new positions.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.

Discussion.

Mr. Mello withdrew his motion.

HOLD

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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AFTERNOON - CLOSING BUDGETS

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