

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 16, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Guests: G. Pieretti, Budget Div.; J. Dolan, Dept. Admin.;
Carl Hocker, Nev. State Prison; Al Budgers, Nev. State Prison;
Jean Ross, Budget Div.; Don Pfaff, Colo. River Comm.;
Jim Long, Colo. River Comm.; Lee Burge, Dept. Agriculture;
Harry Galloway, Plant Industry; John O'Hara, Animal Industry;
Joe Miner, Pred. Animal and Rodent Control; John Humphrey,
Sheep Inspection Fund; V. Sorenson, V.P., Nev. Woolgrowers;
J. Dahl, Nevada Woolgrowers; Ted Shurtliff, Pres. Nev. Farm
Bureau; Doyle Robison, Nev. Sheep Comm.

Chairman Young asked for approval of the minutes of the
Feb. 11th meeting.

Mr. Howard moved approval of the minutes.

Mrs. Brookman Seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED.

PAGE 280 - PRISON ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dolan distributed copies of a revised supplemental request
for the prison. On page A-21 a supplemental appropriation
was requested for the amount of \$100,000. The amount needed
was underestimated. In the revised supplemental, the
agency is requesting an appropriation of \$173,478. The
need for additional money results from a shortage in receipts
from federally funded programs. Mr. Dolan recommended that
the Committee approve the revised supplemental. Warden
Hocker discussed the revised supplemental:

Medical-Dental Expense - Warden Hocker stated that they have
had many unforeseen emergencies which resulted in sending
inmates to Washoe Medical Center. (Law states that they need
24 hour medical care). Warden Hocker also stated that there
has been an increase in this area because they send difficult
cases to California where care is more expensive.

Dental Supplies - Prison will realize a savings by having
establishment of a dental laboratory in which they make their
own prosthesis.

Book repair and salvage unit - Warden Hocker stated that this
would be a self supporting unit.

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BUDGET -

New Positions - Warden Hocker requested two Vocational Ed. Instructors.

Existing Positions - Committee members questioned Warden Hocker about the psychiatrist line item. Warden Hocker stated that he was authorized only \$26,128 in first part of biennium and \$25,928 in second half of biennium and that he could not obtain a psychiatrist for this amount. Therefore, he has filled the position with a clinical psychologist. The clinical psychologist is paid about \$15,000 and they pay approximately \$10,000 a year for the services of a visiting psychiatrist (psychiatrists earn about \$34.00 an hour).

Mrs. Brookman questioned Warden Hocker if there was a fund for a chaplain. Warden Hocker explained that there has been a disagreement among denominations, and there has been a recommendation to turn this problem over to a council to resolve. He stated that they are in need of a religious program; however, many clergymen stop by the prison and volunteer their services.

Group Counseling - Mrs. Brookman questioned Warden Hocker about group counseling. She inquired if there was a need for additional funding in this area. Warden Hocker stated that there was not an additional need at this time, but once this program was accepted more by the inmates, there might be a need for more money in this area. This appropriation compensates employees in their off hours for counseling inmates.

Inmate Stipends Travel - Mr. Lingenfelter stated that he had received several calls in regard to giving a prisoner \$100 when he is released, and asked Warden Hocker his feelings on this. Warden Hocker stated that he felt that if an inmate is going to another prison or if he has a lot of money, he should not be entitled to the stipend. He stated that in other cases there are many variables and there should probably be a fund established to handle each individual case; thus, individual requests would be handled separately.

Mr. Schofield questioned Warden Hocker about the work release program. Warden Hocker stated that he felt that more work had to be done in this area. He stated that arrangements must be made as to where the prisoner would live when on the work release program. He indicated that the selective process had been fairly well set up. He thought that it would be hard to estimate at this time exactly how many prisoners would be involved in this program.

Mr. Hilbrecht questioned Warden Hocker about the use of LEAA funds for rehabilitation programs. Warden Hocker stated he would meet with these people in the near future and would advise the Committee if any money would be available.

PAGE 372 - COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

Mr. Pfaff stated that there was no change in budget and they accept budget as recommended by the Governor.

Printing, Duplicating- Mrs. Brookman questioned Mr. Pfaff about the increase in this area. Mr. Pfaff explained that previously printing and duplicating expenses were included in communications expenses and now this is broken down into a separate category.

PAGE 374 - SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Pfaff stated that all expenditures are from surcharges or are from the sale of water.

Discussion on Fort Mohave (Pfaff, Hilbrecht). Mr. Hilbrecht requested Mr. Pfaff to give the Committee a financial breakdown on Fort Mohave. Mr. Hilbrecht questioned Mr. Pfaff about the 30,000 feet allocation to Cal Edison. Mr. Pfaff stated that the 30,000 feet is relinquished by the power company after 35 years unless the State desires to renew option.

PAGE 377 - APIARY INSPECTION FUND

Mr. Burge stated that they accept budget as recommended by Governor. He explained to Committee members that they operate two divisions with 5 separate budgets. Two budgets use General Fund appropriations and the others are self supporting.

PAGE 378 - PLANT INDUSTRY FUND

Mr. Dolan stated that there was a change in the regular appropriation in 1972-73. The regular appropriation in 72-73 should be \$429,881. License and Fees in 72-73 should be changed to \$25,300 (\$9,000 decrease).

New Positions- Agency requested that Committee approve position of agriculturalist.

Request by agency to put noxious weed program back into effect. The Governor deleted this request from budget.

Chairman Young asked Mr. Burge if they had considered consolidating all activities under plant industry fund. Mr. Burge stated that they can spend the money in all of their programs. Apiary, plant industry and agriculture funds are all separate funds for bookkeeping purposes. He stated that the plant industry has 17 programs.

PAGE 382 - AGRICULTURE REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Fund is derived from fees collected for the registration of antifreezes, poisons, commercial fertilizers, etc. The fund in turn supports the operation of a laboratory to carry on inspections. The agency stated that revenue runs about \$28,000 a year and that their expenditures run about \$28,000 to \$29,000 a year. The agency stated that funds must be increased to keep the operation solvent. They are recommending that registration fees for economic poisons be increased by \$5 which will give them an additional \$2,000 a year; that registration fees for fertilizers be increased which will provide an additional \$1,000 a year, and that registration fees for antifreeze be increased which will give them an additional \$300 a year. A \$35,000 surplus existed a few years ago and \$20,000 was used to equip their laboratory. The balance of the surplus was used up in making ends meet.

Agency's purpose is just to test the above products to be sure that they meet their specifications. Ten percent of products fail to meet specifications. Agency does not have the authority to take something off the market.

PAGE 384 - VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES

This is a General Fund appropriation. The agency does some work in cooperation with Public Health and the University. The budget is just about the same as it was in the last biennium. There is a slight increase in lab supplies and equipment repair.

There are four veterinarians on the staff. Some of these positions are in the livestock inspection fund.

PAGE 386 - LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FUND

Mr. Dolan stated that \$20,000 was inserted into the General Fund appropriation after the budget was prepared. The \$20,000 appropriation was added to cover expenses for special livestock investigator plus his salary (which is approximately \$9,000). Mr. Burge stated that there has been an increase in the number of missing cattle.

Mr. Burge stated that their budget has a fund for emergencies but that it had been depleted due to an outbreak of cattle scale disease.

PAGE 389 - SHEEP INSPECTION FUND

This agency operates on a direct tax on sheep. The main function of the commission is to make annual inspections of Nevada sheep and to see that they are free from disease so products will be accepted in other states. Mr. Humphrey stated that this budget is the same as it was since 1950. The only change is in mileage for motor vehicles. The commission's travel has been based on 10¢ a mile (budget was based on this). Mr. Humphrey stated that they can get along with 10¢ a mile. Mr. Humphrey stated that commissioner's and inspectors are not on retirement. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and receive only \$500 a year. Inspectors are paid \$1500 a year and usually do inspections at shearing time. In addition, Mr. Humphrey stated that he furnished an office free at no expense to the industry.

PAGE 390 - PREDATORY ANIMAL AND RODENT CONTROL

Mr. Miner stated that \$20,000 was appropriated from Fish and Game. This agency deals with wild animals that are not managed by the Fish and Game Department. They assist individuals who suffer from a loss from a specific animal.

Mr. Hilbrecht suggested that some land set aside to preserve some of the predatory animals so that one species is not killed off (i.e. the cougars).

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Mr. Sorenson stated that the sheep industry is decreasing and the cattle industry is increasing. He stated that during a 3-4 month period, sheep men take a 12-15% loss from predators.

Mr. Capurro asked Mr. Miner about the possibility of making the control of predatory animals a sportsman activity and have a season or hunting area where problems occurred. In other words turn the liability into an asset. Mr. Miner stated that all predatory control work is done on a basis of need.

Mr. Howard questioned Mr. Miner as to the restrictions on trappers and wondered if they help control predatory animals. Mr. Miner stated that his agency gets the hides from the trappers and sells them at public auction. Money from the sale of these hides does not show up as a separate item.

PAGE 392 - WOOLGROWERS PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL COMM.

Sheep Tax - Sheep tax is 20¢ per head. Money from the sale of pelts also goes into this fund.

Mr. Hilbrecht asked Mr. Miner what the census was of predatory animals. Mr. Miner replied that they were presently working under contract with Fish and Game in an attempt to figure out the census of predatory animals.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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AGENDA - FEBRUARY 16th, 1971 - TUESDAYAFTERNOON - BUDGET HEARINGS

<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PAGE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
2:00	Nevada State Prison	280	Carl Hocker
2:30	Colorado River Comm.	372	Tom Rice
3:00	Dept. Agriculture	377	Lee Burge
4:00	Predatory Animal & Rodent Control Comm.	390	Joe Miner
4:00	Woolgrowers Predatory Animal Control	392	Joe Miner