Assembly

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 25, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin; Assemblyman White; General Edsall; R. Borden, Advocate National Guard.

BDR 27-1563* - An act relating to State automobiles, establishing limits for disposing of such automobiles, and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Mr. F. Young moved a DO PASS for Committee introduction. Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Young announced Committee member assignments to the following Subcommittees (first member listed being Chairman)

(1) University & Community College - Capurro, Hilbrecht

(2) Education - Lingenfelter, Schofield, F. Young

(3) Capital Construction - Swackhamer, Brookman

(4) Welfare & Health - Hafen, Mello

(5) Salaries Howard

A.B. 320 - 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. Howard moved a DO PASS.
Mr. F. Young Seconded the motion.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Floor assignment: Swackhamer

* A.B. 513

A.B. 438 - Guarantees certain minimum pay for National Guard duty in civil disturbances.

General Edsall was present to speak in favor of the bill.

Mrs. Lingenfelter moved DO PASS: Mrs. Brookman Seconded the motion. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Floor assignment: Mrs. Brookman

A.B. 439 - Grants uniform allowance to all commissioned and warrant officers of Nevada National Guard.

General Edsall was present to speak in favor of the bill. This bill would provide all new officers with an initial \$200 uniform allowance, and an additional \$100 every two years thereafter to help them maintain themselves.

Mr. Dolan stated that the budget would have to be amended if this passed; \$2400 would have to be added in each year of the biennium to the Department of Military's budget. In subsequent years after this biennium, the uniform allowance will be approximately \$21,000 each year. Note: the uniform allowance of NRS 412.184 was never funded.

Mrs. Brookman moved DO PASS and provide funding in the budget to cover the uniform allowance of all commissioned and warrant officers of Nevada National Guard.
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion.
Motion PASSED. Nays: Hafen, Capurro, Mello, Swackhamer

Floor assignment: Lingenfelter

A. B. 440 - Authorizes leave of absence without loss of pay for public employees who are members of Nevada National Guard.

General Edsall was present to speak in favor of the bill.

General Edsall stated that the purpose of bill is to allow employees who are in Nevada National Guard to be given leave not only for annual training but also for active service in state without loss of pay for a period not to exceed 15 days in one year.

Mr. F. Young moved DO PASS Mrs. Brookman Seconded the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Floor assignment: Howard

A.B. 235 - Requires health division to pay certain counties to provide certain laboratory services.

Mrs. White stated that the services of the Reno Laboratory have been inadequate. She stated that if the Laboratory was being moved from Reno, it should be moved to Las Vegas. If the laboratory is going to be centralized in Carson City as proposed, she stated that an allocation of funds should be available from the Health Division to support a district run laboratory in Clark County.

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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

The Joint meeting with Senate Finance was called to order by Senator Lamb at 8:40 A.M.

Present: Ways and Means: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Hafen, F. Young, Brookman, Mello, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hilbrecht, Lingenfelter. Senate Finance: Lamb, Brown, Gibson, Harris, Fransway, Titlow.

Absent: Pozzi

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Howard Barrett, Dept. Admin; Cy Ryan, UPI, Messrs: Marfisi,; Koontz; Colett; Elser; Warren; Burns; Stenieger and Zander (Elko Community College).

Representatives from Elko Community College were present to speak in favor of A.B. 427 which would authorize revenue bonds and a general fund appropriation for construction of additional facilities at Elko Community College.

Mr. Mar**£i**si stated the functions of ECC (academic function, manpower development, adult education, etc.). He stated that ECC has received over \$650,000 in grants and gifts of land since 1967. Mr. Mar**£i**si said that they do not have the facilities to support ongoing technical and vocational programs. Presently they are leasing a building for some of these programs and the lease will not be renewed. He discussed the integrated ongoing programs between the high school and ECC.

Dr. Collett stated that presently ECC has an enrollment of over 180 full time students. Discussion on the integrated curriculum of ECC with K-12. The proposed new construction site is in close proximity to the grammar school, high school as well as the hospital. Dr. Collett showed a presentation of transparancies which illustrated the new programs that would be implemented with the new construction: (1) Technical Automotive Program; (2) Vocational Agriculture; (3) Health Occupation, and (4) Technical Electronics.

Senator Brown stated that previously he was critical of program, but he stated that there is a definite need for additional facilities as this program is geared for young people. He requested a breakdown of curriculum, age bracket of students, etc., from Mr. Marfisi.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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Absent: Pozzi

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Howard Barrett, Dept. Admin; Cy Ryan, UPI, Judge Mendoza.

Judge Mendoza was present to discuss the need for additional district judges in the eighth judicial district (S.B. 44 and S.B. 82).

Judge Mendoza stated that in Washoe County they have 1 distrct judge for every 25,000 people; in Clark County, they have 1 district judge for every 45,000 people. Presently, judges in Clark County are doing 60% of all court cases in State. At the moment, they have a backlog of 1500 cases. In an attempt to meet their needs they hired 6 law clerks, one court administrator, one court investigator to handle divorce matters and a referee to handle matters in Juvenille Court. In California there is one judge for every 1200 cases and in Clark County there is one judge for every 2600 cases.

Judge Mendoza requested approval of additional 3-4 district judges in Clark County along with a \$96,000 budget increase for salary of additional judges.

Senator Fransway stated that he had knowledge that a judge from the 6th district comes down to Clark County to handle some of the cases. Judge Mendoza stated this was true, but judges must be scheduled and when they need assistance they can't get it. He also stated that when a judge spends a large portion of his time out of his district, he is hurt at election time.

They will also need 4 additional court rooms, 2 jury rooms and two additional chambers.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.