

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 3, 1971

Vice Chairman Howard called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

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

Absent: None.

Guests: Howard Barrett, Dept. Admin; John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Mel Jacobsen, Comm. Veterans Affairs; Pat Brady, State Printing; Tom Carter, Deputy State Printer; Ross Morres, Indian Affairs; Joe Hammernick, Supt. Building and Grounds; Roy Ihfe, Motor Pool; Earl Oliver, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; George Frank, UPI; Jeannean Youmans, AP.

Vice Chairman Howard asked for corrections of the minutes of the Feb. 2nd meeting.

Mr. Capurro moved that the minutes be approved.  
Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded motion.  
Motion passed.

PAGE 91 - COMMISSIONER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS (Mel Jacobsen)

Offices are in Reno and Las Vegas. The number of Veterans in State is increasing.

New Positions - Requesting appropriation of \$27,401 for additional positions. VA had a volunteer who died last summer. The Las Vegas office lost a Los Angeles representative that they had 2 days a week. There are many dependents not receiving benefits due to lack of manpower; also, veterans and dependents can lose benefits if applications are not filed within a specified time period. Due to shortage of personnel, the staff lost 125 hours of annual leave last year. Requesting appropriation of \$17,016 for two Veterans Employment Representatives; \$4,823 for one Clerk Stenographer, and \$2,862 for a half time Senior Clerk Stenographer.

Out-of-State Travel - Agency requested that out-of-state travel be reinstated.

Printing-Duplicating-Copying - Increase in this area is because claims must be documented; VA rents a machine and has it in Las Vegas office.

Office Furniture Equipment - Requesting appropriation of \$2,600. This will be needed if new positions requested by Agency are approved.

Other Contract Services - Mr. F. Young asked Mr. Jacobsen to explain why there was an increase in this area. The Agency is requesting \$600 in 1971-1972 and 1972-1973; Governor recommends \$780 in 1971-1972 and 1972-1973. Mr. Dolan explained that they moved everything down from Contract Services to Other Contract Services.

PAGE 79 - STATE PRINTING OFFICE (Tom Carter and Pat Brady)

New Positions - Agency based appropriation request of \$39,286 on annual legislature sessions and for special sessions.

Communications Expense - Mr. Capurro asked for an explanation on the communications expense difference in 1971-1972 and 1972-1973. Mr. Carter stated that it varied because of the Legislature.

General Discussion on salaries. Mr. Dolan stated that the Legislature doesn't set salaries by statute. The Legislature has given the Printing Office authority to negotiate with the union. Salaries are funded 100% by non GF funds. Most positions are all union employees.

General Discussion on printing costs. Mr. F. Young asked Mr. Carter the printing cost for the last Legislature session. Mr. Carter replied that it was \$263,000. He also stated that we print as many bills as California. To cut printing costs, he recommended that we cut down the mailing lists and make recipients pay for them. Mr. Hilbrecht stated that we have noticed an increase in printing bills and asked Mr. Carter if this was due to a unit increase or due to a request by agencies desiring more printing. Mr. Carter replied that our printing rates have not increased. Mr. Hilbrecht asked if printing unit costs had gone up over the last five years. Up until two days ago, the printing office had been pricing from the Franklin Printing Catalog which indicates what they should be able to produce in terms of dollars. Two days ago the State Printing Office officially switched to a new system of pricing by using unit cost. During the past 6 months they had been unofficially using it and stated that on this system some machines went up 5¢ per unit and others went up 20¢ - 25¢ per unit.

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PAGE 95 - INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION (Ross Morres)

This is all GF funds; however, they can accept donations and grants.

Contractual Services - Agency requesting appropriation of \$3,000 in 1971-1972 and \$5,000 in 1972-1973. Governor did not recommend in budget. Mr. Morres explained that this was for annual conferences.

Printing-Duplicating-Copying - Agency requesting appropriation of \$1,840 in 1971-1972 and \$2,069 in 1972-1973. Governor recommends \$1,150 in 1971-1972 and \$1,550 in 1972-1973. Mr. Morres stated that this money would be used for printing programs, etc., for conferences.

New Positions - Clerk typist position was cut by Governor. Clerk typist is needed to assist task force composed of 7 commissioners. Because of present workload, they are presently asking for outside help.

Out-of-State Travel - Request for appropriation of \$6,500 was cut by Governor. Mr. Morres stated that this was requested to attend National Council of Indian Opportunity Conference, National Conference of American Indians and other conferences.

In-State Travel - Governor recommends \$5,000. Mr. Morres stated that this was adequate to support their needs.

Public Relations - Request for \$500 appropriation which will be used to put out a brochure, "Know Your Nevada Indians," for tourist attraction.

PAGE 51 - BUILDING AND GROUNDS (Joe Hammernick)

Agency provides upkeep of buildings and grounds and enters into lease negotiations.

Regular Appropriation - Governor recommends appropriation of \$6,770 in 1971-1972 and 1972-1973. In addition, Buildings and Grounds has a supplemental asking for \$55,863.

New Positions - Agency requesting appropriation for establishment of 2 custodial positions for \$10,962 in 1971-1972 and \$11,364 in 1972-1973. In addition, they are requesting a Groundsman in Carson City to assist present Groundsman. Agency is also requesting a clerk typist.

Salary Reserve Non GF - Agency requesting appropriation of \$39,745 in 1971-1972 and \$40,296 in 1972-1973 if salary raise is approved by Governor.

Out-of-State Travel - Agency requesting \$100 for travel to Sacramento.

Taxes and Assessments - Governor recommending appropriation of \$7,000. Increase is due to sewer tax paid to Carson City.

Food - Food costs incurred are for inmate's lunches. Governor recommending \$10,000 in 1971-1972 and \$10,500 in 1972-1973.

PAGE 55 - GENERAL SERVICES WORKING CAPITAL FUND

This is composed of Central Mail Service and Central Telephone Service. Agency is 100% funded by service charges for services rendered.

PAGE 57 - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS STATEWIDE LEASES

Budget provides for authorization for agencies that have outside leases that are negotiated by Buildings and Grounds. Buildings and Grounds collects rent from agency utilizing space and in turn pay the landlord.

PAGE 58 - MOTOR POOL

Budget is funded by service charges rendered by users.

New Positions - Agency requesting 1½ part time students to return cars to motor pool. Governor cut the agency's request for Garage Serviceman as he thought it would add to the administrative costs.

Automobiles - Mr. Barrett stated that they will come out with a statute or bill asking that no more than \$4,000 be spent for State cars and no more than \$7,500 be spent for Governor's car.

PAGE 61 - MARLETTE LAKE

Budget provides for sale of water to Carson City, Virginia City, Capitol complexes and Lakeview. Budget is funded from sale of water. Agency is not making money, but they are just meeting their costs. Last Legislature gave them \$10,000 appropriation to get an appraisal on Marlette Lake. They were authorized to sell it at appraised price. To date they have not had an offer. Water is sold at 14.6¢ per 1,000 gallons. General Discussion on Marlette Lake.

PAGE 64 - ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Division is funded from service charges to users within the Department of Administration.

New Position - Requesting an accounting clerk to handle increased volume of agencies served. Governor recommends.

PAGE 65 - INSURANCE PREMIUM

Up until 1967 agencies had their own insurance premiums. Now they have a blanket policy for insurance. Agency payments are paid into a revolving insurance premium fund which pays the premiums when due. Nevada Independent Insurance Association places insurance with various companies that give the best rates. This is a trade association and they have a Committee that reviews bids. Vehicle insurance and liability was set by a State law.

Special Excess Liability - General Discussion (Hilbrecht, F. Young). Special excess liability is a waiver of sovereign immunity. Policy insures state in multiple claims arising out of a single occurrence over \$100,000. The cost of this premium is \$40,000 a year. Mr. Hilbrecht asked Mr. Barrett if State could be self insured on Special Excess Liability. Mr. Barrett stated that we would need about \$500,000 to start with and he will inquire about this possibility.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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