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MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 8, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Mello

Guests: Dr. Tom White, Dir. Commerce; Preston Tidvall, Banking Division; Dick Bost, Fire Marshall; Stan Jones, Labor Comm.; Jean Ross, Budget Analyst; Ron Ogilvie, Budget Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin.; Noel Clark, Public Service Comm.; Bos Moss, Public Service Comm.; Evo Granata, Public Service Comm.; William Proksh, Public Service Comm.; George Frank, UPI.

PAGE 306 - COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

New Positions - The positions of Admin Secretary I and Regulatory Board Coordinator. Mr.-Dolan stated that the Governor is now recommending an appropriation of \$14,000 in each half of the biennium for the position of Regulatory Board Coordinator.

<u>In-State Travel</u> - Mr. Dolan stated that the Governor is recommending a change in in-state travel appropriation to \$1500 for each half of the biennium.

Regular Appropriation - Change in regular appropriation to \$69,925 in first part of biennium and \$71,639 in second part of biennium.

PAGE 308 - DIVISION OF INSURANCE

No change

PAGE 310 - FIRE MARSHALL

New position - New position of fire safety engineer is contingent upon receipt of federal funds. Federal funds required are as follows: 1971-71 - \$10,530; 1972-73 - \$10,939.

PAGE 312 - REAL ESTATE ADMINISTRATIVE

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New positions - Governor recommends only one new position for a Deputy. Governor eliminated investigators requested by agency. Investigation costs will be covered by \$5000 appropriation request under Special Investigations (see Special Investigations)

Contractual Services - Appropriation for contractual services removed from agency's request because agency eliminated their attorney and depend upon Attorney General's office for legal services. Mr. Dolan stated that this will be charged to Attorney General's office.

PAGE 316 - BANKING (See Savings and Loan Division)

PAGE 318 - BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN DIVISION

Division of Banking and Division of Savings and Loan are operated under one budget (this has the Governor's approval). The divisions are separate administratively, however.

Regular Appropriation - Change in regular appropriation. Mr. Dolan stated that the Governor recommends \$177,814 in 1971-72 and \$179,243 in 1972-73.

Existing Positions - Las Vegas Deputy: Mr. Dolan stated that the Governor has changed his recommendation to \$16,560 in both parts of the biennium.

PAGE 320 - LABOR COMMISSION

Mr. Jones stated that there was no significant changes and that they would go along with the Governor's recommendation.

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At 3:25 P.M., Chairman Young announced that the Committee would recess until the Public Service Commission arrived.

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:55.

PAGE 322 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

New Positions - Appropriation of \$12,865 in 1971-72 and \$13,375 recommended by Governor for a Administrative Assistant to the PSC. Governor recommending appropriation of \$12,280 in 1971-72 and \$12,765 in 1972-73 for position of Public Utility Economist. Mr. Clark stated that this person would project growth, give testimony in hearings that involve rate cases, etc. Depreciation engineer requested by agency and recommended by Governor. Senior Auditor recommended by Governor to regulate surveillance on public carriers.

Inspector for aviation needed by agency in Las Vegas for surveillance of all air carriers. Principal Accountant position is recommended by Governor in second part of biennium.

Existing Positions: Agency requests that position of Las Vegas Office Branch Manager be changed to a classified position at comparable salary.

Contractual Services - Contractual services have increased. Last year a telephone study was done for \$3500. Agency believes such studies should be a continuing thing. Mr. Clark stated that they can't use their technical people to perform these studies. Agency desires to hire specialists to perform various special studies.

Discussion on sources of funds. Agency has a statutory limitation on revolving fund of \$100,000. Currently legislation is under way to raise revolving fund to \$200,000.

<u>Data Processing</u> - Agency uses DP for internal bookkeeping, but this is charged to another agency. Presently studies are underway to determine the feasibility of using DP.

Dues and Registrations - Mr. Clark stated that appropriation is requested to cover costs of national association, periodicals, attendance to a regulatory school in Denver, etc.

PAGE 325 - TAXICAB REGULATING FUND

Excluding Clark County, a fee of \$75 is charged for licensing taxis; legislation is under way to lower fee to \$35.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Roy Moung

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AGENDA - BUDGET HEARINGS - FEBRUARY 8, 1971 - MONDAY

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TIME	AGENCY	PAGE	REPRESENTATIVE
2:30	Commerce Dept.	306	Tom White
3:00	Labor Commission	320	Stan Jones