

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - MARCH 15, 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: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin; Russ McDonald, Legislative Council; Roy Torvinen, Assemblyman; John Meder, Carson City Supervisor; H.E. Barrett, Dept. Admin.

BDR- 2068 (AJR 37) Directs State Planning Board to make application to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare for and secure transfer to State of Nevada of U.S. Post Office and Courthouse in Carson City.

Assemblyman Roy Torvinen and Russ McDonald were present before the Committee to request Committee introduction of resolution and bill designating State Planning Board as State authority to make application to Department of HEW for acquisition of old post office building on Carson Street in Carson City. This is necessary as original resolution had addressed the problem to the Office of General Services which is no longer responsible of disposition of surplus government property; therefore, a request must be addressed to the Federal Department of HEW and such notification of intent to acquire must be made to this department by March 24, 1971.

HEW has stated this would be a 100% grant. State would get plot of ground and building and must agree to use it for a period of years. Carson City feels that the State Library would be the best agency to utilize the building. The Governor has reviewed this proposal concerning this acquisition.

Mr. McDonald remarked that Mr. Hancock found this building to be sound in structure. Approximately \$521,800 will be needed in remodeling this federal building. \$257,000 will be needed to remodel the Supreme Court building. Mr. McDonald stated that money could be provided by bonding if \$1,000,000 bond issue was approved; there would be enough money available to remodel post office and Supreme Court building.

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Mr. McDonald recommended that bonds should not be sold until after July 1, 1971.

Mr. F. Young moved for Committee Introduction of BDR -2068 and DO PASS.

Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion
PASSED

Nays: Brookman

A.B. 634 - Makes general fund appropriation to Carson River Basin council of governments for development of a comprehensive regional plan.

Mr. John Meader presented Committee members with a summary report of the Carson River Basin Task Force Preliminary Report. He remarked that a major concern of Carson River residents was the pollution problem. Effluents from sewage treatment plants at Lake Tahoe are being piped into Carson river.

Carson River Basin Task Force is recommending an official agency be created to effectively deal with the problem in the Basin and the Region concerning plans for water, sewer and storm drainage. It is estimated that \$140,000 would be needed for the biennium for such agency. Local share would be \$45,000 - \$60,000 for the biennium and maximum State contribution would be \$15,000 a year. Five counties would be involved.

Mr. Lingenfelter moved a DO PASS on A.B. 634.

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Mr. Swackhamer moved that the title of Executive Secretary be changed to Executive Director.

Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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BDR 23-2041 - Authorizes public employees retirement board to review monies in its funds in time certificates of deposit. (AB. 755)

Mr. F. Young moved for Committee Introduction and a DO PASS
Mr. Howard Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Earl Oliver presented the Committee with a report on the State of Nevada's General Fund Appropriation requests as of March 13, 1971.

PAGE A-5 - SALES TAX

Discussion on sales tax revenue projections (Swackhamer, Barrett). Department of Administration projected a 5.5% increase in sales tax revenue for 70-71; to date only a 3.9% increase has been realized. A 6.5% increase is expected in 71-72 and 8.0% in 72-73.

Mr. Swackhamer's position was that the projected sales tax revenue will be less than Barrett projected in the first half of biennium; 6.5% figure is too high. He agreed with Mr. Barrett's projection for second half of biennium. He also remarked that the distributive school fund will not have projected reversions.

Mr. Barrett remarked that there is no assured way of knowing what increases will be. He stated that in 70-71 we would not obtain a 5½% increase. Revenue projections at this time would not have to be changed providing the legislature is conservative in revenue expenditures. If inflation continues to go up, this would mean more to sales tax. Mr. Barrett remarked that he did not want to change revenue projections for the next biennium at this time, and asked the Committee not to appropriate over total amount recommended.

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