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MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - MARCH 22, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 4:00 P. M.

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

Absent: Lingenfelter, F. Young, Schofield (All Excused)

Guests: Mike Medema, Legislative Auditor; Eric Cronkhite, Admin, Div. of Parks

Mr. Cronkhite testified that ACR 38 is a bill to implement a State bond program that was voted on last November. Two million dollars is recommended in the budget for land acquisition for State Parks.

Mr. Cronkhite gave a presentation on proposed land acquisitions for the following park sites (refer to ACR 38):

Note: Dollar amounts are only approximations.

<u>SITE</u>		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Beaver Dam, Lincoln County	Public	3,280	\$ 25,000
	Private	160	
Belmont, Nye County	Private	440	100,000
Bristol Wells, Lincoln County	Private	240	5,000
Cathedral Gorge, Lincoln County	Private	27	
Cold Springs, Churchill County	Public	120	3,300
Colorado River, Clark County	Public	185	464
Echo Canyon, Lincoln County	Private	180	7,900
	Public	160	
Fort Churchill, Lyon County	Private	11	6,700
	Public	400	
Fort Schellbourne, White Pine County	Private	320	50,000

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<u>SITE</u>		<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Gleason Canyon, Lincoln County	Private	11,360	\$ 27,500
Grimes Point, Churchill County	Public	720	1,800
Kershaw Ryan, Lincoln County	Public	560	400
Sand Mountain, Churchill County		4,000	10,000
Red Rock Canyon, Clark County	Private	200	161,650
	Public	600	
Rawhide, Mineral County	Private	800	22,500
Potosi, Yellow Plug, Clark County	Public	320	820
Valley of Fire, Clark County		1,600	37,290
Washoe Lake, Washoe County	Private	2,087	1,075,000
Ward-Willow-Cave Lake, White Pine County	Public	195	14,888
	Private	285	
Eagle Valley, Lincoln County	Private	12	7,475
	Public	590	

Mr. Cronkhite testified that in addition, four more proposals for land acquisition are not included in ACR 38:

Lake Tahoe - requesting authorization to expand at Tahoe to pick up premium recreation site; funds will not be spent in immediate future - Federal agencies will provide.

Lake Lahontan and Rye Patch - Request resolution be prepared which would outline boundary for which funds have been allocated. State Parks will sign an agreement with Reclamation, but they need authorization by Legislature.

Two additional small claims in township of Berlin in Nye County which will cost \$3,000.

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Mr. Cronkhite testified that ACR 38, as introduced, contains many errors. He stated that it would be better to introduce a new resolution than attempting to amend ACR 38. Mr. Cronkhite presented the Committee Chairman with a new draft for a new resolution to replace ACR 38.

Total land acquisition in bill would be approximately 25,000 acres for State Park Sites.

In response to Chairman Young's question regarding administrative costs of additional land acquisitions, Mr. Cronkhite remarked that it would be hard to predict at this time.

PAGE 362 - CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PARKS (Mr. Cronkhite)

An appropriation of \$1,000,000 (State monies) requested for Capitol Improvements.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST</u>
Beaver Dam	Replace comfort stations	\$ 9,000
	Relocate existing comfort stations	2,000
	Total	\$11,000
Berlin - Ichthyosaur	Shelter & campsite	\$ 25,000
Cathedral Gorge	Repave access into parking and raise portions of road	\$ 50,000
Eagle Valley	Trailer pad	\$ 25,000
Echo Canyon	Trailer & Truck Pad	\$ 25,000
Fort Churchill	Develop visitor center; Regrade, shape & pave roads & sites	\$ 30,000
Kershaw Ryan	Development - lay out and build trail system and interpretative signs	\$ 2,000

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<u>SITE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST</u>
Lake Tahoe	Build roads, landscape, maintenance headquarters, underground utilities, boat launch, picnic ramada, comfort station (Sand Harbor)	\$ 750,000
Mormon Station	Develop picnic area, improve parking, well & water system, entrance & lawn area	\$ 28,000
Valley of Fire	Develop camp ground, heat & cooking system for visitors, administrative area, day use overlook, comfort station, roads, parking	\$ 527,000
Ward-Willow-Cave Lake	Repair ovens	\$ 27,000

In summary Mr. Cronkhite stated that two million dollars is needed in land acquisition for State Parks for approximately 25,000 acres of land. They have submitted more site proposals for parks than they have dollars. Most of the proposed site land for park acquisition is public land which is \$2.50 per acre.

Capital Improvement - \$1,000,000 of State money requested and \$500,000 of federal funds will be needed. S.B. 147 makes appropriations to Division of State Parks for capital improvements, engineering and other costs (refer to page A28 in Executive Budget).

Mr. Howard moved INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT of ACR 38
Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Swackhamer moved Committee introduction of new
resolution (draft) to replace ACR 38 and moved the
following amendment: Delete request for Rawhide.
land acquisition in Mineral County from resolution.
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 362 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Howard moved to approve the budget as recommended by
the Governor
Mr. Mello Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at
6:00 P.M.