

Assembly

MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - APRIL 5, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 3:45 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, Budget; Senator Floyd Lamb.

S. B. 589 - Liberalizes public employee retirement benefits for firemen and policemen; adjusts contribution rates and post-retirement reserves.

Senator Lamb remarked that this bill would not cost the State much money. \$7,000 would come out of State Highway fund and \$550,000 would come out of the Prison employee's fund. The increased rate is 4%. Senator Lamb referred to page 3, line 9 of bill.

Senator Lamb stated that there has only been two people under present retirement system to take this - they were in Las Vegas. He urged passage of bill. This bill would benefit 2,000 people. He stated that over half of state policemen and firemen would come under this retirement. They must be at least 50 years old and have 20 years of service.

Assemblyman Swackhamer felt that we are enlarging the scope of it and felt it would be a dangerous situation.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter stated that because of increased work force you are going to see people retiring at an earlier age.

Assemblyman Swackhamer remarked that this would be alright with him as long as this was funded. Senator Lamb remarked that this would not be a great impact.

Mr. Mello moved DO PASS
Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 51 - RELOCATION OF STATE LIBRARY

Senate Finance approved amounts in each year with the exception of 10,400, Carson City Taxes, each year. Senate Finance put this into a different category in Building and Grounds and stated that if the post office building was not acquired the funds appropriated could not be spent.

Mr. Lingenfelter moved we accept the budget office request for buildings and grounds money for post office building less the amount indicated for taxes.

Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 82 - Increases number of district judges in first, second and eighth judicial districts. (Second reprint).

Assemblyman Swackhamer had an amendment drafted and requested committee to consider. He stated that we wanted it to show 2,6 and 9.

Assemblyman F. Young suggested delaying one additional judge for Washoe and the fourth judge for Clark County.

Chairman Young stated that Judge Mendoza has stated that Clark County could only handle 3 district judges now and an additional one next year.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht moved 9 judges and an additional judge on July 1, 1972 for Clark County.

Assemblyman Capurro Seconded the motion

Assemblyman Swackhamer moved to Delete Section 3 on page 2 through Section 9 and amend.

Mr. Hilbrecht remarked that we did a study and this district was doing less than 50% in State and these districts should be combined. This study was done in 1969 or 1968 and the judge has been domiciled and has spent more time in Clark County. He requested that these be separate amendments.

Assemblyman Swackhamer remarked that since the study was made the population has increased and he felt there was some merit. It was moved and passed (Delete Section 3 through 9. Amend Section 10 Page 4 by deleting lines 20-35 and insert Section 3: "This act shall become effective upon passage and approval." Amend the title by deleting the last two lines and inserting, "ated thereby."

PAGE 30 - JUDGES SALARIES

Add \$97,234 in the first year for four judges salaries. Add \$121,625 for 5 judges salaries in 72-73. Increase travel by \$3,000 first year and \$3,750 in Second year.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht moved that we put additional appropriations on to correspond to S. B. 82.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter Seconded the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PAGE 31 - JUDGES SALARIES AND PENSIONS

Mr. Oliver read a recap from Bob Davenport regarding judges requesting that \$7,909 be put into salary and pension budget because of the action on group insurance and requirement required in the first year and \$4,798 in the second year.

Mr. Dolan remarked that Senate Finance action must have assumed that the judges were not going to elect to participate in retirement.

PAGE 29 - DISTRICT JUDGES TRAVEL

Mr. F. Young moved amend and DO PASS

Mr. Hilbrecht Seconded the motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A. B. 463 - Increases annual salaries and compensation of certain elected state officers effective on various dates.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht stated that if these people are both elected officials, that he felt we should treat them like other State officials. He didn't feel that we should "screw" their salaries down.

Assemblyman F. Young felt that the two officials should be combined.

Assemblyman Swackhamer suggested giving Sec. of State, Controller and State Treasurer \$25,000 and take private practice away from the Attorney General. Amend Section 6 and add the Treasurer and Controller line 45, 46 insert: Attorney General will not be permitted to engage in the private practice of law after January 1975.

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Assemblyman F. Young felt that we did not need to do anything for district judges before 1975.

Mr. Oliver read a letter from Bob Davenport to the Committee requesting salary increases for the Supreme Court employees to give such employees a 5% raise equivalent to the State classified employees raise contained in S. B. 72.

HOLD

A. B. 423 - Authorizes Board of Regents of University of Nevada to establish centers for economic education and makes appropriation.

Assemblyman Glasier suggested lowering some \$10,000 each year so there will be \$5,000 each year. Teachers feel that the University should be teaching economics to teachers - special programs. Dr. Dodd gets half of his salary from the University and half of his salary from foundation. Banks, gaming, etc., are starting to get involved in this. Mr. Schofield remarked that the only way we are going to get teachers involved is to make it a requirement; however, they feel that training on a lower level would get a higher degree of participation.

Assemblyman Swackhamer remarked that a modest funding would not be bad.

Assemblyman F. Young moved to amend bill to \$20,000 total and DO PASS

Mr. Lingenfelter Seconded the motion
PASSED

S. B. 561 - Makes general fund appropriation to legislators retire ment fund

Assemblyman F. Young moved DO PASS
Assemblyman Schofield Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 572 - Makes general fund appropriation to support juvenile probation subsidies in Clark County
Mr. Hilbrecht moved DO PASS
Assemblyman F. Young Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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S. B. 557 - Clarifies procedure governing preparation of fiscal notes for legislative bills

Assemblyman Capurro moved DO PASS

Assemblyman Hilbrecht remarked that there should be no exemption if we choose to go this way. Fiscal notes are not the gospel and many are erroneous.

Chairman Young stated that he didn't mind the way that it was right now.

Assemblyman Capurro withdrew his DO PASS motion

Assemblyman Lingenfelter moved INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT

Assemblyman Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 587 - Provides retroactive membership in public employees retirement system for employees of Marlette Lake water system; makes appropriati on for payment of employer, employee contributions to public employees retirement fund.

Mr. Dolan remarked that Mr. Barrett was familiar with this problem.

HOLD (for testimony from Mr. Barrett)

S. B. 152 - Makes general fund appropriation to public employees retirement fund for states obligation for public school teachers retirement prior to July 1, 1969.

Assemblyman F. Young moved DO PASS

Assemblyman Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A. B. 321 - Makes appropriation to legislative commission to review state's tax structure.

Assemblyman Swackhamer moved DO PASS

Assemblyman Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

S. B. 189 - Makes appropriation to governor to provide efficiency evaluation of state government.

Mr. Oliver remarked that Mr. Newton had come to him and asked whether this wasn't part of the duty of the fiscal analyst's office and as a result had A. B. 632 drawn. Mr. Dolan remarked that the budget office did not have the people to go out and do these studies.

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Assemblyman Swackhamer requested the Committee to HOLD

PAGE 260 - NEVADA GIRLS TRAINING CENTER

Assemblyman F. Young moved that we put \$150,000
in Nevada Girls Training Center in as a separate line item
for Home of Good Shepherd.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht Seconded the motion
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.