

MINUTES - JOINT MEETING SENATE FINANCE - WAYS AND MEANS
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - APRIL 9, 1971

Chairman Lamb called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Ways and Means: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Lingenfelter, Schofield, Hafen, Mello, Brookman, Hilbrecht, F. Young; Senate Finance: Senators Lamb, Titlow, Fransway, Harris, Brown, Gibson, Pozzi

Absent: Swackhamer (excused)

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Crossley, Chief Legislative Auditor; Mike Medema and Bob Dimmick, Legislative Auditors; John Dolan, Budget; Howard Barrett, Dir. Admin; Cy Ryan, UPI

DISCUSSION ON UNCLASSIFIED SALARIES

Refer to handout on Unclassified positions, Dept. Admin. April 8, 1971.

Howard Barrett remarked that these positions had not received due consideration. They are not getting \$50.00 a month increase as of July and did not get the 5% increase retroactive to January 1, 1971. He also stated that these positions did not receive the same increases as the classified. In addition he asked that the unclassified positions be provided with the same cost-of-living increase as the classified will receive on January 1, 1972.

Assemblyman Howard moved to approve the highest (fourth) column (refer to handout) and approve it down the line. He stated the General Fund could be increased \$318,000 and the Highway fund \$19,000.

Assemblyman Capurro Seconded the motion

MOTION PASSED

Nay: Assemblyman Mello

Mr. Barrett remarked that S. B. 146 had sufficient funds; therefore, no further appropriations will be required.

Senator Brown felt that certain positions had not been given enough consideration. He moved that the Deputy Insurance Commissioner in Las Vegas be increased in salary to \$15,000 and that his Chief Assistant receive \$13,500.

Senator Titlow Seconded the motion.

PASSED

Nay: Senator Pozzi

Assemblyman Capurro moved to concur with Senate Finance in raising the Deputy Insurance Commissioner in Las Vegas to \$15,000 and his Chief Deputy to \$13,500.

Assemblyman Schofield Seconded the motion

PASSED

Nay: Mello

Senator Harris was not in favor of reopening up the unclassified salaries.

Senator Gibson remarked that we would not have to raise all of the unclassified salaries and suggested going down the unclassified salary list and examining each salary. Senate Finance examined the unclassified salary schedule and moved various adjustments.

Senator Brown moved to approve the unclassified salary schedule as amended.

Senator Harris Seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED

Nay: Senator Titlow

Senator Gibson moved that Senate Finance not concur with Ways and Means (approving the highest column on handout on unclassified positions).

Senator Brown Seconded the motion

MOTION CARRIED

Nay: Senator Titlow

Senator Lamb remarked that Senate Finance action was a compromise.

Assemblyman Howard said that we are either going to get this straightened out or abolish the 95% factor. He favored taking the Governor's recommendation at the highest pay bracket; he stated that if we did not do this that we would run into the problem of impaction. Also, it will be more costly two years from now if the recommendations were not taken.

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Chairman Lamb remarked that the thing that triggered this was that we gave a 5% increase to some of the employees and not to the others.

Assemblyman Hilbrecht moved that Ways and Means concur with Senate Finance recommendations.
Assemblyman Brookman Seconded the motion
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Nays: F. Young, Mello, Lingenfelter, Howard, Capurro
Out of room: Hafen - not voting

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING

Chairman Lamb stated that the Governor felt that it was extremely important to hire a planner to go through the State Government and make agency studies, Five votes of Committee members was necessary to reopen the budget.

Senator Brown moved to reopen the budget.
Senator Gibson Seconded the motion.
MOTION DID NOT CARRY

Nays: Pozzi, Titlow, Fransway

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.