

MINUTES

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 57th SESSION

January 29, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Mello at 8:05 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Mello, Dreyer, Prince, Robinson, Howard, Smith, Hafen, Capurro and Schofield.

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks, Bill Bible, Bill Hancock and Professor Sandorf for the State Planning Board.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 1973, was made by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Smith. Passed unanimously.

Addition to the Subcommittee on Salaries and Fringe Benefits of Mr. Dreyer was made by Chairman Mello.

Mr. Hancock of the State Planning Board was introduced. An explanation was given of his Department's budget (see page 88). With added emphasis on the reasoning behind the request for new positions. Professor Sandorf was introduced and spoke on behalf of the Board's personnel regarding their technical qualifications.

Chairman Mello requested Mr. Hancock to supply the committee with details regarding the reclassification of the Senior Clerk Typist position.

Ron Sparks clarified the Governor's recommendation regarding the new positions requested.

Discussion followed on the Urban Planning Division being removed from the State Planning Board and being placed in the Governor's office.

Mr. Hancock and Professor Sandorf were thanked for their attendance and excused at 8:25.

Chairman Mello handed out to the Committee the report on the meeting in Phoenix contained in the Senate Daily Journal for January 24, 1973, page 9. This is especially intended for the Health & Welfare Subcommittee.

Mr. Gary Sheerin, State Public Defender was introduced. An explanation of the budget was given as detailed on page 104. Mr. Sheerin was thanked for his attendance and excused.

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Chairman Mello requested that the Committee take action on the following budgets, except those portions dealing with unclassified salaries, retirement or group insurance:

State Treasurer (pages 15 and 16). Mr. Capurro moved that the budget be closed as of the Governor's Recommendation. Second by Mr. Prince. Passed unanimously.

Secretary of State (pages 25 and 26). Mr. Capurro moved that the budget be adopted with the following changes: \$2,500 per fiscal year for out-of-state travel and \$9,000 per fiscal year for in-state travel. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Passed unanimously.

Lt. Governor (pages 13 and 14). Discussion of the requested new position of Senior Clerk Typist and of retaining the 38% clerk position in Carson City. Mr. Howard moved that the budget be closed with the following amendment. That the contractual services allocation be increased by \$1,500, bringing it to a total of \$2,500. Second by Mr. Schofield. Nays: Mr. Hafen and Mr. Prince. Passed.

Introduction of Mr. Hugh Smith representing the Education Communication Commission. Explanation was given on the budget, page 149 and the one-shot appropriation on page A24.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ernest L. Newton, Executive Secretary of the Nevada Taxpayers Association. A prepared statement was given and copies distributed to the Committee.

Chairman Mello suggested that a 30 minute period be set for rebuttal by Mr. Smith, with 15 minutes of this time being allotted to Mr. Newton.

Recess was taken at 9:35 for 10 minutes.

Mr. Jim Calhoun, Director of the State Museum and Mr. Tom Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State Museum presented their budget. It was noted that an additional request for \$2,500 was made for in-state travel, bringing in-state travel to a total of \$5,280. Mr. Wilson felt that this amount is justified due to an increase of membership on the Board from Clark County. An additional request of \$2,000 for communications was made due to increased telephone useage for procurement of V & T Railroad equipment. Communications total: \$3,900. See pages 165 and 166.

Mr. Robert Goodman of the Department of Economic Development presented his budget and an explanation of same. See page 85.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.