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

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:03 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Robinson, Howard, Smith, Hafen and Capurro. Mr. Prince had an excused absence.

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb and Ron Sparks.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 9, 1973, was made by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Smith. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Fred Gale presented the budget for the Archives Division of the Secretary of State's Office, pages 27 and 28. General explanation was given as outlined in the budget. The question was raised as to whether adequate security was being used in the admittance of people to the State Archives. Mr. Gale explained that with only two positions in the Division it is quite difficult to maintain maximum security.

After Mr. Gale had left, Mr. Capurro raised the question of bonding for the Assistant Archivist. According to Ron Sparks he is covered under the blanket policy for the State, but not in the specific area pertaining to State Archives.

Mr. Swackhamer explained to the Committee the "Report and Survey of Reorganization Recommendations" prepared by the Governor's Committee on Economy and Efficiency. Members of the Governor's Committee are: William D. Swackhamer, Chairman, Hal R. Smith, George Miller, Howard Barrett, Members.

The result of the proposed reorganization would be improved coordination of similar programs and activities throughout the State. In addition, it would also reduce the number of people reporting directly to the Governor. At the present time there is approximately 154 agencies, boards or commissions reporting to the Governor. Under the reorganization the reporting number would be approximately 45 or 50.

In summation, if the proposed form of reorganization is implemented, the State will have a form and structure of government that will let the Chief Executive, if he wants to, to run an efficient and economical State Government.

The Legislature will be presented with eight major reorganizational bills.

Mr. Stan Jones presented the budget for the Labor Commission, pages 434, 435 and 436. General explanation was given as outlined in the budget. Question was raised by Mr. Capurro as to the Commission's use of a Deputy Attorney General. It was pointed out by Mr. Jones that a Deputy is used for the purpose of Attorney General Opinions. The Commission does have contract services with private attorneys for the other labor/industrial relations complaints. The Commission has found that it is a great deal cheaper to go to the private sector because the Commission can contract for only those cases that are being referred to him. The contract used is approved by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Dreyer questioned the increase in the print duplicating copy request. Explanation was that every two years the Nevada State Labor Commission must print a compilation of the labor and industrial relations laws of the State of Nevada. Since the Governor did not recommend this increase the compilation will not be printed.

Break taken at 9:02 for 10 minutes.

Introduction of the following on behalf of the Gaming Control Board:
Jack Stratton, Director
Phil Hannifin, Chairman
Shannon Bybee, Director
Ed Bowers, Executive Secretary Board & Commission

Explanation of the budget as outlined on pages 427, 428, 429 and 430. This budget, for the first time, represents the budgets for both the Board and the Commission.

All new positions are requested because of the increased work load due mainly to the large corporations that are showing interest in the gaming industry. This necessitates investigations into backgrounds of stockholders, where previously investigations were on an individual basis.

Increase in Legal & Court Expense is for the addition of another Deputy Attorney General. This is felt necessary to alleviate court action by insuring everyone due process.

It was pointed out that expenses incurred during the investigation of an applicant are paid for by that applicant.

Bond Interest & Redemption, pages 553 and 554. Explanation given by Ron Sparks. The question was raised that if by not issuing the \$3,000,000 bond issue for the Park Commission whether this would bar them from issuing bonds in the future if they felt it were necessary. It was suggested that this question be held over until tomorrow to be presented to the Department of Conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.