

## MINUTES

## Assembly

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

February 26, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Hafen, Capurro, Prince, Smith, Howard and Robinson.

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

Also present re appropriation for predatory animal control:

Assemblyman Robert V. Broadbent  
R. G. Miller  
Tina Nappi  
David Brought

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 22, 1973, made by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Prince. Motion passed.

Dr. Broadbent presented to the Committee his reasoning behind not appropriating the moneys requested for the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control in the amount of \$20,000. He pointed out that although we have had control over predatory animals for a number of years, in particular the coyote has not diminished in number but has become more and more populous. He presented the point of view that perhaps the control of predatory animals should be financed and manned by the livestock people in this State with controls placed on them by the State. Dr. Broadbent read to the Committee an article appearing in the Nevada State Journal this morning which supports his point of view.

Richard G. Miller also presented his opinion which concurred with Dr. Broadbent's. Mr. Miller's presentation boiled down to this statement. "There is little value for us continue to put in even the \$20,000 for predator control except as a measure of deference to a long term and traditional industry of sheep-growing.

David Brought spoke on the economics of predator control. The following statistics were setforth for the fiscal years 1970 and 1972 comparing the total amount of money spent on predator control as to the amount of livestock lost. FY 1970 - \$295,036 to \$35,000; FY 1972 - \$331,736 to \$50,000. Several pamphlets were left for the Committee.

Tina Nappi presented the opinion that the State should have some revenue return from the hunting or pure enjoyment of wildlife in the State.

A.B. 148 - General Edsall. Presently, if our Guard members are called to State active duty, other than flooding or forest fires where they are paid out of other funds, some of the Guard members suffer a rather large loss of funds as compared to the money they would normally make on their jobs. We are, therefore, proposing that the State pay to each member of the Guard while they are on duty for the State, in cases of a civil disturbance, an amount to equal \$25.00 per day including their regular pay. This would only cover those people who would make less than \$25.00 per day while on duty. This bill would not be effective if the members were called to duty outside of the State.

A.B. 188 - General Edsall. This would be a uniform allowance for commissioned officers or warrant officer who have completed two years of active duty. \$100 at this time and \$100 on completion of each two years of service. Approximate cost first year of the biennium, \$20,500 and \$4,900 the second year.

A.B. 255 - General Esall. Would provide distinctive license plates for Guard members. In this particular bill there will be no other charge to the State except that for the original die, approximately \$350.00. The same price would be paid as if they purchased an ordinary license plates, same fees, etc. Not only would this be a step toward higher morale but in cases of emergencies it would enable Guard members to reach their destinations easier and would help in identification.

Page 431, Athletic Commission, James Deskin. General explanation as outlined noting that an appropriation has been requested for \$10,000 for an amateur boxing program. Also, an additional request for \$2,000 over the requested \$2,800 for the FY 73-74 for out-of-state travel. It was pointed out by Chairman Mello that the requested appropriation for \$2,800 in FY 74-75 could be used in FY 73-74 to meet the travel expenditures for the trip to Seattle to attend the World Boxing Counsel and North American Boxing Federation meeting.

A.B. 255 - Explanation as given by General Edsall. Motion do pass by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Howard. Nays: Mr. Capurro and Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 45 - Revises present legislation to allow per diem and travel expenses to be paid to legislators for each committee or sub-committee that they serve on. This would also include the \$25.00 per day salary.

Move do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 107 - Asks that the ceiling be raised on the purchase price limit on state automobiles. Due mainly to inflation. Bids are coming very close to the present ceiling.

Motion do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 182 - This Bill elicited a lot of discussion as to whether all boards should be paid the same amount. It is felt, however, that you can't expect some people to serve on these boards without being paid some type of salary. It was felt, however, that the requested \$50 was a little too high. Mr. Capurro moved do pass as amended. Amendment setting the salary at \$25.00 per day. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED. Nays: Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hafen.

A.B. 198 - Increases mileage and per diem allowances for State officers or employees. A survey made by HWR pointed out that employees traveling out-of-state paid an average of \$6.00 over the present \$15 allowable for lodging. The figures for mileage are derived from a Federal Government study by the Department of Transportation regarding the cost of operating a vehicle. The study was completed in 1972 and it indicated that a total cost of operating a personal vehicle is 13.6¢. Have therefore recommended 14¢ for use of a personal vehicle at the State's convenience and 8¢ for use of a personal vehicle for the employee's convenience.

Motion do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 263 - Appropriates \$10,000 for special election. Move for indefinite postponement by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED. Nays: Mr. Schofield.

Sheep Inspection Fund, page 496: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Woolgrowers Predatory Animal Control Comm., page 497: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Colorado River Commission, page 480: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Forest Pest Control, page 460: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

California Nevada Compact Commission, page 454: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED.

Tahoe Regional Planning, page 445: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation and to include letter of legislative intent by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Labor Commission, page 434: Motion do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 until 8:00 Tuesday.