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Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:06 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Hafen, Capurro, Robinson, Smith. Mr. Prince and Mr. Howard arrived late due to a meeting of the Agriculture Committee.

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

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 23 made by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. Motion passed.

Introduction of Bud Campos for the Department of Parole & Probation.

Asking for roughly 30% increase in budget.

New Positions: Executive Secretary of the Parole Board: This position be directly under the Parole Board and not in anyway under the Dept. of Parole & Probation. This position is requested because the number of inmates has increased but more importantly because the parole board hearings have increased to six times per year routinely and at other times on an emergency basis and also because there are now two formal pardons board hearings. In conjunction with these hearings other procedures are involved and it is now taking approximately 65% of the Chief Parole Officer's time. In addition, the Administrative Secretary is spending 95% of her time on board matters, the Deputy Chief 20-30% of his time and the Pre-Parole Officer spends 20-30% of his time in matters not relating directly to pre-parole functions. There is also at this time a conflict between the duties because acting as Secretary of the Board the Chief now sits and advises the Board on parole matters.

Psychologists: These positions coincide with our request for Parole and Probation Officers because these psychologists will be performing functions which Parole & Probation Officers now perform. The difference is that they will be assigned high violence potential cases, sex offenders, types of cases that the average Parole & Probation Officer is not adequate enough to handle.

Clerical Staff: Increase in workload. Twenty-eight percent increase in convictions so far this year and the caseload increased 37% last year.

It was noted by Chairman Mello in reference to the new position of Executive Secretary that S.B. 228 creates a classified position whereas in the budget request it is listed as unclassified. Mr. Campos responded that it made no difference to him as to whether it is classified or unclassified only that this position be responsible directly to the Board.

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It was also noted that in addition to the in-state travel work program for FY 72-73 there is a supplemental on page A18 for \$10,000, the total work program to \$57,500.

Contract Services is used mainly for maintenance and service of IBM equipment. Funding is provided for purchase of the equipment but not for the maintenance and service.

Legal and Court Expenses: Due to a ruling by the Supreme Court on parole procedures and violations they determined that a man had the right to question witnesses in a parole violation hearing. This means that if a man is returned for parole violation, say from an Eastern State, he has the right to have the witnesses which testified against him previously, appear in Nevada so that he may question them.

Probation Rehab-Drugs: Will be Federally funded. Application will be made in May to the Crime Commission. Bill Castle presented the objectives and priorities of this program. Objectives: Reduce crime in all categories, to identify who are, or are in danger of, returning to antisocial behavior, to return the offender to accepted rehabilitation method, and to remove those persons who are unwilling or incapable of change. Priorities: addict, showing criminality before addiction; persons who reverted or are developing a lifestyle of felony criminal activities; sophisticated rather than nuisance offenders; wholesalers of controlled substances; addict; person in imminent danger of becoming addicted; barbiturate addict; person in imminent danger of becoming a barbiturate addict; and, psychological addiction. 60-75% recidivism rate for narcotics offenders.

Parole & Probation Return (S.B.105); Have been operating this program out of the contingency fund, is now included in the budget to accurately reflect the cost of returning violators.

Medical & Dental Expenses: A misnomer. Spent for narcotic testing and field test kits.

Mr. Campos stated that he did not feel a revolving fund of \$5,000 is necessary for the Work Release Program (AB-32). He thinks one-half of that amount is adequate.

Break taken at 9:00 for 10 minutes.

General Floyd Edsall for the Department of Military.

Three new positions, all of which are custodial. 1-3/4 of these positions will be Federally reimbursed. One position in the new complex in Las Vegas. One at the air guard in Reno and one, totally Federally funded, at the weekend training center at Stead.

Utility and Build.Maintenance Fund is being increased due to new facilities.

Forty percent of operating budget will be reimbursed from Federal

government, through Air and Army Service Fund. The Adjutant General's office must be maintained by pure State money.

Tuition-Waiver National Guard (S.B.134). Proposes to pay one-half tuition; attending either the University or a Community College; while remaining a member in good standing in the active guard. \$130 for University. Depends upon number of hours of class in Community College.

Capital Improvements: Provides for an expansion of the Guard headquarters, Armory and Emergency Operations Center. The A & E fees are lumped together for the Armory Expansion and Emergency Operations Center and the Army Aviation Support Facility. \$1,107,500 will be Federally funded and \$456,000 will be State funds.

Civil Defense and Disaster Agency, Colonel Robert Gregory. It is now requested that the half-time Communications Officer be funded on a full time basis. This position shows in the Highway Department budget and is funded 50% by the Office of Civil Defense and 50% by State Highway funds. It is now proposed that this person be placed in the Civil Defense budget and be funded on a full-time basis. Ron Sparks was requested to furnish the committee with a letter setting forth the exact amount necessary to add to the budget to cover this position on a full-time basis. Chairman Mello also requested a letter from Mr. Bastian of the Highway Department stating that the 50% position will be deleted from their budget.

RIM&C: Totally Federally funded program. Explanation as outlined on page 391.

Civil Defense & Disaster Agency Emergency Planning Program. Explanation as outlined on page 392.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.