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

February 9, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 9:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Dreyer to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 1973, with the following addition:

"State Planning Board, page 88: Moved that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Passed unanimously."

Second by Mr. Prince. Passed unanimously.

Introduction of A.B. 59 by Mr. George Zappetini. Explanation as follows: Last year the Legislative Bureau audited the Division of Forestry and found that the law pertaining to certain funds and setting up of funds does not coincide with new accounting systems. One of their recommendations was to change the law so that it could be coordinated with the new accounting systems. Bills were drawn to take care of this, but as of yesterday the Bills drawn by the Bill Drafter still do not get to the point and create what was originally intended. The Bills as drawn are not correct and Ron Sparks explained the reasoning behind them and how they should be changed.

Presently the Bills as drawn and the monies associated with them go into separate funds and are used by the Forestry Division in various operating aspects of the Division. The Counsel Bureau has recommended that in lieu of putting these monies in a special trust fund (2 separate trust funds) monies be deposited directly to the Forestry Division Budget Account. In order to do that the following amendments must be made in the Bill:

SECTION 1:

Sub-section 1 should be eliminated entire.

Sub-section 2 should be reclassified as Sub-Section 1, and should read as follows: "Lines 9 and 10: "camp or crew, shall be placed in the division of forestry account".

Sub-section 3 should be reclassified as Sub-Section 2, with brackets around the following sentence: "(The honor camp fund shall be a continuing fund, and no moneys in such fund shall be transferred to the general fund in the state treasury. 4)."

Sub-Section 2 should read: "The state forester firewarden, as executive head of the division of forestry of the state department of conservation and natural resources, may:

(a) Expend the moneys received pursuant to Section 1 for:"

Remainder of Sub-Section 2 remains the same.

SECTION 2:

Line 6 should read: "camp fund to the division of forestry account".

Line 7 should read: "in the general fund in the state treasury".

Mr. Capurro moved do pass on A.B. 59 as amended. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 60 explained by Ron Sparks. Refers to the division of forestry account in the general fund which is the forestry pest control fund. Bill to be amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

Sub-Section 1 should be eliminated entirely.

Sub-Section 2 should be reclassified as Sub-Section 1, and should read as follows: (Line 9 and 10) "to NRS 527.200, shall be deposited in the division of forestry account".

Sub-Section 3 should be reclassified as Sub-Section 2, and should read as follows: (Lines 12 and 13) "shall be paid from the division of forestry account on claims presented by the state forester in the manner"

Sub-Section 4 should be reclassified as Sub-Section 3, and should read: "No moneys received pursuant to Section 1 shall be used for any purpose except to carry out the provisions of NRS 527.130 to 527.230, inclusive.

SECTION 3:

Lines 15, 16 and 17 should read: "1. The moneys in the forest pest control fund shall be transferred to the division of forestry account in the general fund in the state treasury."

Motion do pass as amended by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 137 explained by Ron Sparks. To increase the maximum expenditure for merit awards to state employees. This increase is felt necessary to encourage more employees to become more interested and involved in their state government. Explained that suggestions are submitted to a merit award board where the suggestion is reviewed by the Board and by the agency from which the employee submitted the suggestion. The present amount allocated for merit awards is \$2,000.

Motion do pass by Mr. Hafen. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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As an afterthought on A.B. 137 it was explained that all moneys appropriated are not necessarily awarded each year. That there is usually a reversion of this money to the general fund.

A.B. 176 explanation by General Floyd Edsall. It was decided in 1967 that all moneys generated by the armories would revert to the general fund for the purpose of returning to maintenance account. It appeared at the time to be a very good idea but we have found that it took away the unit welfare funds that each of the units had had in the past. Even though it was going back into maintenance it was not visible to the people at the unit level. It also took away their ability to take care of the welfare of that unit; at the local level, including unit activities, the daily need for miscellaneous supplies, nut, bolts, boards, etc. Feel that the Bill would get them more actively involved in the rental of the armories or management of the armories. That we will still get as much out of the program, but at the same time they will have an amount to use at the local level.

A.B. 146 explanation by Ron Sparks. This bill is intended to provide reimbursement for all members of state boards and similar bodies for meals. In actuality the present reimbursement method discriminates against those members that reside in the community where the boards would meet. This Bill would provide meal reimbursement to all members whether they reside in the community where the board meets or not.

Motion do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 176: Motion do pass by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 237 explanation by Ron Sparks. Settlement of claim by Fred and Diane Silva for claim filed against the State in December of 1966, as a result of an assault upon Mrs. Silva by an inmate of the Peavine Honor Camp. Commonly known as the Spillers case.

Motion do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A.B. 236 explained by Ron Sparks. A realignment of the retirement funds to get them into the proper fund. District Judges have a choice of the Public Employees Retirement System or their own District Judge's Pension Fund. Since a Judge has chosen to go into the Public Employees Retirement System the money presently being held in the District Judge's Pension Fund this Bill would allow the funds to be put into the proper fund.

Motion do pass by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Mello requested the Committee take action on the following budgets:

Merit Award Board, page 40: Moved that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Smith. Passed unanimously.

District Judge's Travel, page 115: Moved that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Capurro. Passed unanimously.

No action was taken at this time on District Judges Salaries, Judges and Widows Pensions, pages 113 and 114.

V & T Purchase, page 168: Moved that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Passed unanimously.

Economic Development, page 85: Motion that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Passed unanimously.

Equal Rights Commission, page 101: Moved that the budget be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Passed unanimously.

Museum, page 165: No action taken at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.