

Assembly

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

March 15, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:10 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of March 9, 1973, made by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

Introduction of Mr. Fred Scarpello, Chairman of the Employees Management Relations Board, see page 95. Although the Governor has not recommended an Executive Director for the Board, it is the Board's opinion that an Executive Director is necessary because of the limited amount of time the three volunteer members can devote to the Board. Mr. Scarpello expressed the feeling that this would definitely improve the function of the Board.

Ron Sparks explained the Contract Services. This category allows funding for support staff for the Board in the way of legal services. It is felt by the Administration that this would suffice for not having an Executive Director.

A.B. 360: Mr. Howard explained this Bill to the Committee. The State Board of Agriculture is presently receiving no salary. They have, through the Department of Agriculture, requested \$50.00 per day. It is recommended that this compensation be set at \$25.00 per day to conform with other State Boards. There are five members on the Board and they meet approximately four times per year unless something unusual comes up.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Capurro.
MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

A.B. 67: Following appeared on behalf of this bill: Ray Coon, Bernard Cease, Bill Farr, Robert Young, Don Amodei, Robert Whittimore, Andy Hansen, George Switzer, Paul McDermott, Charles Daniels, Don Carstin, John Griffin, Ted Berrum, Less Groth and Assembly Dini.

This Bill would make an appropriation from the General fund to conduct a state fire service training program. This was funded by Vocational Education funds. Actual expenditure was \$74,250. Fire Science courses at the Community College and the Fire Service courses offered through the University System do not conflict, they compliment each other. These programs are divided as evenly as possible between southern and northern Nevada. There 115 fire departments presently taking part in the courses offered; 78 volunteer, 18 part-paid, 8 full paid, 6 industrial and 5 military. Some Federal funds can be obtained for the expansion or improve-

vement of the program but not to maintain the present level of the courses offered.

Mr. Capurro brought out the point that training for firemen is used as a basis of insurance rates for communities, even the availability of insurance coverage.

A.B. 67: No vote was taken; it was decided to hold this bill until the Subcommittee report on the University System is presented to the Committee on Wednesday, March 21. At that time rediscussion of the Bill will take place.

A.B. 341: Explanation by Assemblyman Joe Dini. This bill would provide a fund of \$50,000 under the control of the State Engineer to provide channel clearance funds for all navigable rivers in the State of Nevada. If funds were requested by local government entities, these funds would have to be on a 50-50 matching basis.

Move do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. Nays: Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 346: Explanation by Assemblyman Joe Dini. This act relates to self-defense. In that, if a person has to go to Court to defend himself in a case of self-defense the State would reimburse that person if it is found to be lawful resistance. A similar act is on the books in the State of Nebraska.

A.B. 531: Assembly Speaker Ashworth explained this Bill. This bill would allow for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the development of a statewide airport study. If this study is not completed there will be no federal matching funds available for airport construction in the future. Study will cost \$125,000; the State's portion is \$40,000, will try to utilize in-kind matching funds for the other half of the State's share.

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

A.B. 555: Explained by Danny Demers and General Edsall. This act would provide for the addition of two categories under the emergency fund. It will also increase the ceiling of the fund from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

S.B. 362: Move do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 513: This bill would provide for the payment of travel expenses and subsistence for members of the Renal Disease Advisory Committee. The members have been serving without compensation and have not been allowed subsistence or travel expenses. The Committee has four meetings a year; two in Reno and two in Las Vegas. Estimated cost would be \$2,400.

Move do pass by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Schofield to handle on the Floor.

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Renal Disease Advisory Committee, page 261: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 346. Move do pass by Mr. Smith. Motion died, lack of a second. Mr. Dolan to contact Nebraska to find out the amount of cost involved.

A.B. 555: Move do pass by Mr. Schofield. Motion died for lack of a second. Move indefinite postponement by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Capurro. Nays: Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 251: Move do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED. To be handled on the Floor by Mr. Capurro.

S.B. 137: Provides for an increase in the State Forester Fire-warden Revolving Fund from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED. To be handled on the Floor by Mr. Smith.

A.B. 451: This would provide for a separate account for the receipt and disbursement of revenue-sharing funds. See attachment #1 for amendments as presented.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED. Bill to be handled on the Floor by Mr. Robinson.

A.B. 78: Explanation by John Crossley: Provides for Buildings & Grounds to charge for all costs of remodeling and special services. This Bill would also establish a separate account for each State building costs. See attachment #2 for further explanation.

Amendment to delete the word "special" on line 4 and line 6 to read "extra" services. Move do pass as amended by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED. Bill to be handled by Mr. Hafen on the Floor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

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AN ACT Creating a revenue-sharing trust fund: and providing²³⁶
other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 226 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
new section which shall read as follows:

1. There is hereby created in the state treasury a revenue-sharing
trust fund.

2. All money received by the State of Nevada pursuant to that certain
Act of Congress entitled "State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972,"
being Public Law 92-512, 86 Stat. 919, any future act of Congress passed
in regards to Revenue-sharing, and all interest earned on the investment
of such sums shall be deposited in the fund created pursuant to subsection
1.

3. Moneys deposited in revenue-sharing trust fund shall be expended
only for those purposes as determined by the Legislature.

4. All moneys in the revenue-sharing trust fund shall be paid out
on claims approved as other claims against the state are paid.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

Attachment #1

STATE OF NEVADA
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIVISION

REMODELING SERVICES

Considerable remodeling was performed by the Buildings and Grounds Division during the fiscal year under audit. Some remodeling has been quite extensive and therefore necessarily costly. The superintendent adopted a policy in 1966 of requiring state agencies to reimburse the Buildings and Grounds Division for the actual material cost of such remodeling.

A detailed accounting of remodeling services has been kept only since March 16, 1971. From that point up to June 30, 1971, Buildings and Grounds completed remodeling jobs totaling \$9,962.47.

NRS 331.090 provides that the Division shall accept rent money for occupied space. We believe that the Division also should be authorized, by statute, to accept money for remodeling, furniture construction, etc. The Division should charge for both labor and material for special services performed.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Department of Administration seek to amend NRS 331.090 to allow Buildings and Grounds to charge for special services performed.

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