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Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 7:35 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Hafen, Robinson, Prince, Smith and Howard. Mr. Capurro was excused for arriving late.

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

Also Present: George Miller, Roger Trounday, Howard Barret, Dave Tomlinson.

Mr. Miller's main concern this morning was the proposed legislation, A.B. 709. Although this Bill has not yet been received by the Committee, Mr. Miller is not in favor of it. He feels that his department should have the latitude of moving back and forth between the various budgets for his division. As an alternative to this he suggests that one main budget cover his division.

Mr. Barret gave his comments on this proposed legislation also. He stated that the Welfare division have four budgets in order to maximize the Federal moneys for administration. Also, the appropriation act to say that the moneys could be consolidated or moved around for welfare budgets only. The Bill will create many administrative problems. It would cause a constant stream of meetings with the Legislation Commission for funding.

Mr. Trounday stated that this would affect most of the divisions in the department. And that it would impose extreme restrictions on some of the divisions. They would like to have the flexibility to utilize to the maximum Federal funds.

Mr. Dreyer stated that the reason for this Bill is to control the budget of the Department. At the present time there is no legislative control as evidenced by the unauthorized hiring practices of the Department.

Mr. Barrett stated that this was all good and well, but at this time they (the Department and the Budget Office) has no way of knowing about Federal funds and programs that may be coming into the State in the future.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Bill proposed to restrict this increasing number of employees in the different bureaus of the State. There is no great delay in going before the Legislative Commission before the hiring of people or going on a new program.

Mr. Miller summarized by saying (1) that they move back into one budget; (2) that they have the flexibility of moving between the budgets; and (3) one or the other of (1) or (2).

Chairman Mello stated that the purpose of this meeting was not to discuss A.B. 709 but rather to hear the information relative to the meetings held during the last week relative to the impact on the Division's budget by Federal cutbacks.

Mr. Miller stated that he had said all that he wanted to express to the Committee today. The Federals gave them no clear-cut, precise answers during their meetings.

Mr. Barrett passed out to the Committee the breakdown sheet on Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (see budget page 298). This is a revised sheet and although it does not change the total amount of general fund moneys, it reflects a different way it is to be spent. It also reflects an increase in old age assistance for new OAA people coming on the roles.

A break was taken at 7:50 for 10 minutes.

Mr. Jack Anderson requested to speak before the Committee on the revised Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment sheet which was just handed out.

Chairman Mello asked him to hold his remarks to 10 minutes.

Mr. Anderson stated that since they had just received this sheet at 5:00 last night they had not had ample opportunity to study same. Chairman Mello reminded him that the Committee had just received it this morning.

Mr. Anderson went on to explain this budget sheet as compared to the figures which his group had compiled. In essence he stated that although the breakdown of moneys differed the total moneys involved only came to around an \$11.00 difference between this sheet and the previous sheet compiled by the Division and the Budget Office.

Messrs. Capurro and Dreyer presented the Subcommittee report on the University System. (See attached.)

System Administration and Press, page 181-184: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

University of Nevada, Reno, page 185-194: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation with letter of intent relative to the Education, Ed.D. program by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Statewide Programs, UNR, page 195-196: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas, page 197-206: Move do pass Governor's Recommendations with the amendments (1) to fund at \$75,000 for each year of the biennium the Architecture-B.S. program, and (2) a letter of intent relative to the Education-Ed.D. program by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Statewide Programs, UNLV, page 207: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Community College Administration, page 208: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Elko Community College, page 209-210: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Clark County Community College, page 211-212: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Western Nevada Community College, page 213-214: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Cooperative Extension Service, page 218: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Agricultural Experiment Station, page 219: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Desert Research Institute, page 220-221: The Subcommittee's report recommended a reduction of \$100,000 in this budget. After considerable discussion and failure of Mr. Capurro's motion for a do pass as amended it was decided by the Committee to hold this budget open until a report can be made as to the effect of the proposed \$100,000 cut in funding.

System Computing Center, page 222: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

National Direct Student Loans, page 223: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

University of Nevada System, Classified Salary Adjustment, page 224: Decision to hold this budget open.

Discussion followed relative to an increase of \$200,000 to the School of Medical Sciences. Motion to reopen the budget for the University of Nevada Reno by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Move to close budget augmenting the Medical School Program by \$200,000 by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Nays: Messrs. Howard and Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Mello brought out the fact that travel for the Subcommittee was provided out of their own pockets. Mr. Howard moved that the Subcommittee on the University System be reimbursed their per diem and travel expenses. After a negative reaction by Mr. Capurro and Mr. Dreyer Mr. Howard withdrew his motion.

Five minute break taken at 9:50.

Assemblyman Broadbent introduced Messrs. Bill Wright and Jack Boyd of Elko County.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Boyd spoke relative to ACR 16 and SCR 12. This relates to the one-shot appropriation on page A23 on the Humboldt River. Their objection to ACR 16 is the apparent total approval of the Humboldt River Project before the completion of the study. SCR 12 is more agreeable to them, their objections are contained in lines 19-22.

A.B. 308: Move do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince.
MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Mello indicated to the Committee that the Ways & Means Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 7:00 AM in joint session with the Taxation Committee on A.B. 201. This will be followed by a joint session with the Senate Finance Committee at 8:30.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: University of Nevada Sub-Committee on Ways and Means

SUBJECT: Sub-Committee recommendations on the University of Nevada Budget

It is the sub-committee's intent to recognize some of the major needs and priorities of the University of Nevada systems, while still exercising fiscal responsibility with the money at hand. We certainly wish to support the Orvis School of Nursing in recognizing the plight of the School against the federal cutbacks. We realize that there are only certain monies available, but this program serves the needs of the community by placing people to work upon graduation. It is necessary, in your sub-committee's opinion, that the University be responsive to the need of change when they see a program that no longer meets the needs of the community that they change that program to others that do meet these needs. *for the University of Nevada*

Based upon our discussions and studies and tours of the University of Nevada at Reno and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, your sub-committee on Ways and Means reports the following recommendations:

ONE-SHOT APPROPRIATIONS: We recommend the Governor's one-shot appropriations of \$100,000 each, page A-19, for building and maintenance and rehabilitation projects at U.N.R. and U.N.L.V. Your committee visited both campuses and certainly felt that these one-shot appropriations will help some of the back-log maintenance problems which have built up.

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220	Desert Research Institute - Because of pressing priorities in the University of Nevada Systems, your sub-committee requests \$100,000 per year of the biennium be reduced from the Desert Research Institutes budget. This money will help fund more important problems.	
222	System Computing Center	Governor's Recommendation
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180 University of Nevada System Total - We have found before a substantial amount of funds which have been impounded by the Federal Government and probably will not be funded during the next biennium. These funds are Bank Head Jones funds and they are an appropriation to land-grant schools. We feel that it is imperative to the University of Nevada systems that the State augument part of these funds by direct appropriation by \$100,000 for each year of the biennium. In the event that the Federal funds are forthwith coming that amount to be reduced proportionately. *ACD*

Our second priority is the funding of the architectural fund at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, as we feel it is necessary for them to branch out into more professional schools which has been demonstrated to the sub-committee that the definite job needs in the Las Vegas area for the school of architecture make this necessary. We recommend that this program be funded by \$150,000 for the Biennium, which would allow the start-up costs and funding for the first two years.

Our third priority would be at the University of Nevada at Reno, an increasing of funding of the medical school by \$200,000 for the biennium. It has been demonstrated to the sub-committee that the private funds used to start this school have been well-spent. It is time that the State started ' sharing in the expensive funding of this program. I might point out that this is substantially lass than requested by the medical school.

Respectfully submitted,

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