

MINUTES

Assembly

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

March 23, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 7:10 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

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

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of March 21, 1973, made by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

A.B. 620: Chairman Mello read the contents of a letter from Mr. Hancock relative to the cost of the installation of this voting system in the Legislature. Mr. Hancock stated that the cost would be \$35,000 not \$56,000 as noted in A.B. 620. Chairman Mello also stated that he had timed several votes that were taken and each call of the roll took approximately one minute to complete.

Mr. Schofield brought up the fact that over the years it would amount to several days worth of time spent in calling the roll.

Mr. Smith stated that he knew that during last session approximately sixty hours were spent in calling the roll.

Discussion followed as to whether or not each individual vote was recorded on a master board. It was decided to hold this bill until Bill Hancock and Zel Lowman had testified before the Committee.

A.B. 260: Chairman Mello explained that the amendments to this bill were of a technical nature because of changing from "The Nevada State Hospital" to "The Mental Health Institute".

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 193: Move do pass as amended by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Assemblyman Zel Lowman testified on A.B. 620: He stated that the original design of this system was designed into the building when it was constructed. Due to a lack of funds it was never completely installed; the wiring is in he believes. As far as the mechanical functioning of the system is concerned he was in doubt about it.

S.B. 247: Explained by Ron Sparks. Appropriation request broken down as follows:

1. \$16,000 to Dept. of Law Enforcement Assistance for the purchase of specialized equipment, i.e. cameras, projectors, ten radios and other sophisticated surveillance equipment.
2. \$23,273 to the Health Division for dental health for dental equipment for the clinics in Reno and Las Vegas.
3. \$61,200 to the Health Division for the Environmental Health program; purchase of water quality measuring devices and air pollution measuring devices; this would also include the purchase of the van.
4. \$70,000 to Mental Hygiene & Mental Retardation Division for the purchase of new laundry equipment for the Mental Health Institute.
5. \$8,000 to Attorney General for furnishings for a reception and conference room. See attached listing.
6. \$168,500 to the Division of Forestry:
 - a. \$90,000 for the new forestry nursery to be located in Washoe Valley. This results from a phase out of the present nursery at UNR.
 - b. \$76,000 for the aircraft to be used mainly for fire suppression and at other times by the Division and the Department of Conservation.
 - c. \$2,500 to increase the State Forester Firewarden revolving fund account to \$5,000.
7. \$68,300 for the purchase of two trucks to be used in the weights and measures division. These are used to test scales.
8. \$143,450 to replace obsolete equipment at the maximum, medium and women's prison facilities.
9. \$200,000 to the Board of Regents for UNR and UNLV for repairs, landscaping, parking and remodeling.
10. \$44,265 to Buildings & Grounds for:
 - a. \$14,253 for purchase of equipment for maintenance, vacuums, waxers, etc.
 - b. \$27,372 for temporary employees and their supplies necessary because of the 57th Session.
 - c. \$3,000 for repair to the boiler at the Nevada State Museum.

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

S.B. 324: This is one of the one-shot items for a study regarding the combining of the various laboratories throughout the State. What is hoped is that we will be able to determine if it would be feasible to combine all laboratories into one main laboratory for all divisions and departments.

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

S.B. 325: Would restore the Interim Finance Contingency Fund back to the \$1,000,000 level. List of expenditures on page A 21.

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

S.B. 381: This requires that certain moneys received from fees paid to the State Park System for use of its facilities be placed in the General Fund.

Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 67: Mr. Howard stated that the rural fire department are certainly in favor of this bill. It brings them into a new area of training. Place volunteer fire fighters into line with the professional fire fighters. There is no other recourse besides this program for training. Can't see anything but benefits from it.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED. Amendments: Total appropriation of \$69,230. This includes the deletion of \$3,000 per year for the Fire Training Academy. (See attached Letter of Intent).

S.B.155: In 1971 the Legislature passed enabling legislation for the Employment Security Department to receive funds from the Reed Act to make acquisition and improvements of certain property. The Federal government has extended these Federal funds and this bill enables them to have more time to expend moneys for the requested changes and additions to the buildings.

Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Senator Spike Wilson gave a pitch to the Committee regarding the rumor he had heard that \$100,000 was going to be deleted from the DRI budget. He feels that there are so many important projects in the works that it would be disastrous to cut funding.

Desert Research Institute, page 220: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Bill Hancock spoke to the Committee regarding A.B. 620: He displayed the type of voting boards that would be used. He also

reiterated his remarks regarding the cost of the voting system, i.e. \$35,000. Discussion followed relative to the method of recording the votes of individual legislators.

Mr. Robinson moved for an Indefinite Postponement of A.B. 620.
Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 346: Move for Indefinite Postponement by Mr. Capurro.
Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 97: Provides gate money to prisoners upon their release.
Is budgeted at \$100.

Move do pass, concurring with amendment from Health & Welfare Committee setting the amount at \$100.00, by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 542: Explanation by Mr. Howard. Relates to license plates for vehicles 40 years of age or older. Suggested amending the cost to \$12.50.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION FAILED. Move for Indefinite Postponement by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Nays: Mr. Howard and Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 438: Explained by Assemblyman Tom Hickey. Would allocate \$20,000 for a study on the feasibility of developing Kyle Ranch as an historical landmark.

It was decided to hold this bill for further explanation by Eric Cronkhite.

A.B. 617: For repair of existing boilers in the Blasdel and Nye buildings. Environmental Health determined that these two boilers do not meet the air pollution standards.

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

A.B. 499: Provides for the services to the blind division to establish new vending stands for the blind. This would also include the stocking of such vending stands. There is a conflict between this bill and S.B. 69. Hold, Ron Sparks to report back to the Committee.

A.B. 708: Move for Indefinite Postponement by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 693: Move for Indefinite Postponement by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.J.R. 26: Move do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Schofield. Mr. Robinson abstained. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 32: Several questions were raised on the merits of this Bill, in particular by Mr. Robinson. Although, Chairman Mello expressed the concern that Nevada is not an industrial state and therefore the availability of jobs might not be as easily obtained here as in other states.

Move do pass as amended by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. Nays: Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Amendments:

Page 3, lines 37: \$2500 instead of \$5000.
Page 5, line 19: \$37,844 instead of \$12,000.
Page 5, line 21: \$2500 instead of \$5000.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.



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ASSEMBLY

Dean Robert Whittemore
General University Extension
Stead Campus
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada

Dear Dean Whittemore:

The purpose of this letter is to convey Legislative money committee intent for the appropriation to the fire service training program contained in A.B. 67, 1973.

The annual appropriation in this bill is \$69,230. This amount is based on the revised budget submitted to the money committees less the \$3,000 per year to develop the Fire Training Academy. The Committees see the value of this program in field training in the local communities rather than the development of a facility on the campus.

Sincerely,

DONALD R. MELLO, Chairman
Assembly Ways & Means Committee

FLOYD R. LAMB, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

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