

Assembly

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

March 30, 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 approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 28, 1973, made by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

Mr. Howard presented the revised schedule for unclassified salary recommendations to the Committee. This revised schedule was determined after the meeting with the Budget Office regarding compaction of salaries.

Move do pass classified salaries by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Move do pass unclassified salaries by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 799: Recommended by Subcommittee on Salaries and Fringe Benefits for a do pass. Mr. Sparks requested an amendment to the language of the bill. Amendment: insert the word "continuous" on lines 4 and 5 before the words "state service". Move do pass as amended by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Howard stated that it was the Subcommittee's recommendation that the Attorney General's budget for salaries be grouped together and that the Attorney General adjust them according to the work levels of the Deputy Attorney Generals. Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 498: Since the Career Incentive Budget has been approved, Mr. Capurro moved for Indefinite Postponement of this bill. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 328: Mr. Howard moved do pass as amended. Amendments contained in the Subcommittee's Report on Salaries & Fringe Benefits. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Salary Increases State Employees, page 555: Mr. Dreyer moved to close the budget according to the Governor's Recommendation deleting those portions entitled "Class Salary Survey, Class CPI, Unclassified Salary Adjustment. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

University of Nevada System Classified Salary Adjustment, page 224:
Move do pass Governor's Recommendation as amended by Mr. Capurro.
Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 539: Explanation presented by Mr. Wooster, Mr. Perry and Mr. Schofield.

The purpose of this bill is to pick up old timers who have retired prior to 1963. As a result, from figures taken from the actual payroll of the retirement board as of December 31, 1972, there were 608 people in this category. These 608 people were receiving benefits ranging from \$35.00 to an amount above \$322.00. (See attached for further breakdown.)

Any excess of the amount appropriated and not distributed to retirees is not to revert to the General Fund but to remain to help pick up some of the unfunded balances.

One change to be made on the bill is changing the date at the bottom of the first page from December 1 to December 31.

Mr. Capurro expressed his concern that this was another type of welfare to be paid for by all taxpayers. And, if this type of program is initiated it should be made available to all people, and do not single out one particular group.

Mr. Robinson asked whether any consideration had been given to the need factor of individuals. Mr. Perry stated that it would be a straight \$30 increase across-the-board. That there is no way to accurately determine need.

Mr. Richard Morgan and Mr. Bob Gagnier on the retirement system.

There are two main objectives that they would like to see adopted this session. (1) Vested retirement after 10 years of continuous service and (2) an increase in employee contributions for employees only, based on age at entrance into the system. See attachment #2.

Their groups are in agreement regarding the 7-7 contribution rate into the system.

Mr. Bob Kerns stated that there would be no discrimination because of an increased rate of contribution when an employee enters the system, because generally they have belonged to Social Security or some other form of retirement system previously.

A.B. 885: Represents a tort claim filed against the State, for which the State is totally liable. The Board of Examiners had previously offered to settle in an amount of \$1,000. Mrs. Hund said that she would settle for actual medical and drug expenses. This claim arose from her falling on the steps of the Highway Department because of the ice which had not been removed; nor

was their a handrail in place. As way of a comment the State could be liable to the amount of \$100,000.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

NEVADA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

as of December 31, 1972

RETIREES FROM 1948 THROUGH 1963

| <u>RANGE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF PERSONS</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| \$ 35 to \$ 70 | 26 |
| \$ 71 to \$106 | 70 |
| \$107 to \$142 | 107 |
| \$143 to \$178 | 99 |
| \$179 to \$214 | 91 |
| \$215 to \$250 | 57 |
| \$251 to \$286 | 48 |
| \$287 to \$322 | 52 |
| Above \$322 | 58 |
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| TOTAL | 608 |

Average Allowance December 31, 1972 - \$194.48

*Includes firemen
policemen
public officials
Teachers
university
etc.*

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING INDEX
1964 through 1971

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>INDEX</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE</u> | <u>CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE INCREASE</u> |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1964 | 108.1 | 1.31% | |
| 1965 | 109.9 | 1.67% | |
| 1966 | 113.1 | 2.91% | |
| 1967 | 116.3 | 2.83% | |
| 1968 | 121.2 | 4.21% | |
| 1969 | 127.7 | 5.36% | |
| 1970 | 135.3 | 5.95% | |
| 1971: | 141.1 | 4.29% | 28.53% |