

## MINUTES

## Assembly

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

March 7, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:05 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Schofield, Messrs. Dreyer, Robinson, Hafen, Prince, Smith and Howard. Mr. Capurro had an excused absence.

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

John Reiser, A.B. 270: This Bill provides for a continuation of the benefits to the silicotic victims who have exhausted the \$14,250 benefit payable. This would be a supplemental benefit. It will change the law from July 1, 1973 on, so that any one permanently and totally disabled after July 1, 1973, would receive permanent and total disability pension. This would require about a 10% increase in rates for the employer group that will be funding the totally and permanently disabled. Will require an appropriation from the General Fund for those totally and permanently disabled before July 1, 1973. There are approximately 59 silicotics now receiving benefits.

A.B. 310: For widows and childrens benefits. Last change in benefits was in 1969. The only reason it was not raised at the last session was because no one brought it up. The Governor has recommended this provision in his State-of-the-State message and the bill is a result of that recommendation. It will cost approximately \$200,000 for the biennium. There are 585 widows and children, but only 350 of these are Nevada residents. Only Nevada residents may participate in the benefits. This is a general welfare type of appropriation for residents of the State of Nevada only. Widows are now receiving \$167.50 per month. This would provide an increase of 10% in benefits for widows and children, and permanently disabled who did not receive the 10% increase in 1971.

A.B. 260, Dr. Dickson: Would provide for a facility in the Las Vegas area for the severely emotionally disturbed children in Clark County. There are approximately 2,000 known emotionally disturbed children in Clark County and 500 of these are severely disturbed. The facility will consist of a children's clinic and residential units. At the inception of the program there will be about 16 in-patients, 45 in day care facilities and 500 out-patients receiving treatment. This facility is listed as Project 73-2 under Capital Improvements at a cost of \$990,000.

S.B. 193, Dr. Dickson: Would provide a facility for the treatment of those mentally ill persons who: (1) are not guilty by reason of mental illness; (2) unable to stand trial because of mental illness; (3) prisoners who develop some form of mental illness while in prison; and

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(4) selected sex offenders. It would also include those persons who are mentally ill and are considered dangerous but who have not committed any crime; these people are presently housed at the Nevada State Prison. This facility would house 32 patients, although there are 45 in the State Prison at this time, that are too difficult to handle in a non-security type facility. This facility would not be functional until the second half of FY 74-75 and then only with a minimal staff.

A.B. 382: Enabling legislation to pay travel and per diem to members of the Advisory Committee. Committee consists of seven people, four from Las Vegas and three from Reno. These expenses have been paid in the past and this legislation would provide authority to continue to pay these expenses. Fiscal impact approximately \$1,000.

A.B. 417, John Crossley: Would eliminate the forest protection fund and allow deposits directly into the forestry account in the general fund. Elimination of unnecessary paperwork.

S.B. 207, Ron Sparks: Enabling legislation for the supplemental appropriation requests by (1) Division of Aging Services (\$29,000) to administer programs due to lack of Federal funds; (2) Office of the Extradition Clerk (\$29,670) for extradition expenses incurred; (3) Dept. of Parole & Probation (\$10,000), increased cost of motor pool expenses; (4) Investigation & Narcotics Division (\$15,101) for motor pool expense increase.

A.B. 494: Motion do pass as amended by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

A.B. 294: Motion to pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED. This Bill to be held. A.B. 494 and A.B. 294 to go to General File on the same day.

A.B. 193: To keep up with increased costs, increase of \$5.00 per student completion of driver education classes. Cost first year of the biennium \$23,000, second year \$24,750.

A.B. 201, Jack Sheehan: Would provide tax relief to citizens 62 years of age or older at the time of filing a claim, with an income not in excess of \$5,000 per year. Relief would be available to homeowners and owners of mobile homes. Limits the amount of relief any individual can receive to \$350.00. State would pick up that portion of the taxes which exceeds 7% of the individuals income. Administrative costs would be \$60,000. Projected cost \$713,000.

A.B. 501, Jack Sheehan: Appropriation from General Fund in the amount \$50,000 for a study evaluating state revenue structure. The last study made was in 1960.

A.B. 497, Daryl Monahan: Appropriation for \$175,000 to fund the National Governor's Conference at Lake Tahoe. Will cost approximately \$350,000 for the Conference. Portion to be picked up by outside businesses.

A.B. 497: Move do pass by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Smith.  
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 193: Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Howard.  
MOTION PASSED.

Automobile Driver Education Fund, page 126: Move do pass  
Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Smith.  
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 148: Move do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard.  
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 417: Move do pass by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Dreyer.  
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 382: Move do pass by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield.  
MOTION PASSED.

Med Lab Certification, page 258. Move do pass Governor's  
Recommendation by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 238: Move for indefinite postponement by Mr. Dreyer. Second  
by Mr. Howard. Nays: Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 207: Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Robinson.  
MOTION PASSED.

Urban Planning, page 9: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by  
Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Budget Division, page 30: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation  
by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Records Management Services, page 60: Move do pass Governor's  
Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Purchasing Administration, page 67: Move do pass Governor's  
Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Surplus Property, page 71: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation  
by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Accounting Division, page 80: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation  
by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Nevada Heritage Association, page 169: Move do pass Governor's  
Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Robinson. Nays:  
Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Virginia City Historic District Commission, page 173: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.