

Assembly

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

March 8, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks, Bill Bible, and Howard Barrett.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 1973, made by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Prince. Motion passed.

Motion to amend A.B. 494 to include \$6,000 to be appropriated for the allowable expenses of the Committee made by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Howard Barrett, Marlette Lake, page 55: Operation of water system this is used by the State for the Carson City complex. Water is also sold to Virginia City, Carson City, and Lakeview Development Corporation. Bids have been made in the past for purchase by Carson City of the water system. To date no bid has been deemed acceptable by the Department of Administration. In any event, any sale would be for the water system only and not for the land. Presently, Virginia City is \$5,000 in arrears in payment of water. This represents approximately 6 months of water service.

There are no appreciable increases in the budget; just general operating expenses. The Water Master is relieved for sick leave, vacations, etc. by someone from Buildings & Grounds.

There was a brief discussion about the roofs needed for the two reservoirs located on the northeast side of Lake View Hill. Mr. Barrett gave a brief explanation of the request which was predicated by instructions from the Health Department. He declined further comment because of the hearing tomorrow on Capital Improvements.

A.B. 502, Ron Sparks. This would appropriated \$50,000 to be used as matching money to local non-profit organizations. Funds would be administered through the Division of Aging Services. Guidelines established through State plan under the Division of Aging Services. Mr. Prince pointed out that in Ely the Kiwanis are working with the local Golden Age group for the moving of a building to be used as a meeting place for the Golden Age group. This group has made application for matching money.

A.B. 503, Ron Sparks and Vern Calhoun. This would provide for a fund of \$25,000, for the biennium, to be used as reward money for information which leads to conviction. Rewards would be made anonymously and would have to be approved by a three-man Board. As presently outlined the Board would consist of Division Chief, Director of Dept. of Law Enforcement Assistance and a person from the Dept. of Administration.

Suggested guidelines were presented to the Committee. Discussion followed as to whether the guidelines were as clear-cut as possible.

A.B. 500, Ron Sparks: Would provide that the ceiling be raised on the State's portion of the State employee group insurance. The raise for the first fiscal year of \$21.49 would be retroactive to January 1, 1973. The second year of the biennium it would increase to \$23.64 per covered employee. The State has been furnished a guarantee by the carrier that the insurance rate would not increase more than 10% for the year 74-75. It was also noted that the figures covering the insurance ceiling increase in the budget are not correct and the Budget Division will furnish the Committee with the corrected figures.

A.B. 498, Ron Sparks. Would provide for a career incentive plan and for the necessary funding. It was pointed out by Mr. Sparks that the way the Bill is presently written it only covers those employees paid by the General Fund or out of the Highway Fund. Mr. Sparks stated that he would propose the necessary changes and afterwards bring the Bill back in front of the Committee for further discussion.

S.B. 175, Ron Sparks: (See page A21). Would provide reimbursement to the (1) State Claims Fund, (2) Statutory Contingency Fund, and (3) the Board of Examiner's Emergency Fund to bring the amount of these funds back to the statutory amount. All of these funds are administered by the Board of Examiners.

S.B. 105, Ron Sparks: Refers to changes in the statutory contingency fund by transferring financial responsibility to the State Public Defender and the Dept. of Parole & Probation. Subsection 1 refers to fees for Writs of Habeas Corpus, providing that such fees shall be paid by the State Public Defender; after exhaustion of funds by the State Public Defender, funds to be appropriated from the statutory contingency fund. Section 2, subsection 4 refers to the return of probation violators and related expenses to be paid by the Dept. of Parole & Probation and upon exhaustion of these funds to be paid by the statutory contingency fund. Section 3, subsection 3 relates to post-conviction relief; first recourse to public defender, second recourse to statutory contingency fund. Section 4 relates to the extradition costs, first recourse to the extradition office, second to the statutory contingency fund. Section 5 relates to the return of parole violators, first recourse Dept. of Parole & Probation, second to statutory contingency fund.

A.B. 188: Move do pass by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard.
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 186: Move to postpone action by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 270: Move do pass by Mr. Prince. Second by Mr. Robinson.
MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 310: Move do pass by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer.
MOTION PASSED.

Silicosis Program, page 263: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 257: Decision to hold for further discussion.

A.B. 502: Move do pass by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 503: Decision to hold until firm guidelines have been established and are furnished to the Committee.

A.B. 500: Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

A.B. 498: Decision to hold for amendments to be furnished by Ron Sparks.

S.B. 175: Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 105: Move do pass by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Inter-Governmental Personnel, page 37: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED.

Library, page 155: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Physically Handicapped Library Services, page 158: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Library Construction, page 159: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

State Institutions Library Services, page 160: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Library Cooperation, page 161: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Library Service Improvement Program, page 163: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Law Library, page 164: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. Nays: Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Lost City Museum, page 174: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Department of Military, page 384: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Tuition-Waiver-National Guard, page 387: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Civil Defense & Disaster Agency, page 388: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation without new position of Communications Officer by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION FAILED. Move do pass Governor's Recommendation but amended to include full-time communications officer by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. Nays: Mr. Capurro & Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

RIM & C, page 390: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Civil Defense & Disaster Agency Emergency Planning Program, page 392: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Commerce Department Director, page 397: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Prince. MOTION DIED LACK OF A SECOND.

P.S.C. Regulatory Fund, page 416: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Dairy Commission, page 422: Move do pass by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

Gaming Control Board, page 428: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation, including Agency's request for In-State Travel for the biennium by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Athletic Commission, page 431: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Regional Plumbing Boards, page 437: Move do pass as amended eliminating General Fund appropriation and the position of Plumbing Inspector by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Smith. MOTION PASSED.

Committee on Federal Land Laws, page 443: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Forest Fire Suppression, page 459: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Plant Industry Fund, page 482: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Veterinary Medical Services, page 492: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 until 8:30 AM, March 9, 1973.