

Joint Meeting

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

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Joint meeting with Senate Finance Committee in their Committee Room at 10:15.

Predatory Animal Control: Senator Monroe opened the discussion stated that the problem of predator control is at a very serious rate as far as the livestock industry is concerned. This includes not only sheep, but has now moved into the area of cattle, deer, and other game animals. Now that there have been regulations passed against the use of poison there is a necessity of having an increased number of trappers.

Senator Gibson related to the Committees that from what he had seen on a recent television program which was filmed in the northwest, that the coyotes were seen to have killed one lamb every other day. He said that they are now seeing coyotes in the Henderson area.

Chairman Mello questioned the fact as to whether or not the Senate Committee took into consideration that the Federal funding was not going to be cut in this area. This amounts to \$160,000 of Federal funds each year.

Senator Lamb said that his Committee was well aware that the Federal funding was not going to be cut. He also stated that this is not his bill, but that his Committee felt very strongly about the matter.

Mr. Capurro stated that the time has now arrived that the coyotes are getting their meat cheaper than the people and he moved to go along with the Senate recommendation on the budget. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

CPI: Senator Gibson explained the Senate Finance Committee's position on this matter. In essence his remarks were that by allowing this CPI it opened the road to where there would be no control on the unclassified salaries. He also stated that there are very few instances in the private sector where an executive receives a raise every time the cpi goes up.

Mr. Howard stated that he felt this was one way to control the compaction problem. That by granting the CPI to the unclassified the legislature would not be in the position two years from now of having to grant increases from 10% to 15% to remove the compaction problem.

Senator Brown suggested that both committees go with a straight 6% raise and go with the CPI.

Mr. Howard stated that this was still not solving the problem of compaction.

Mr. Howard moved to go with the Senate. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Mr. Capurro explained the reasoning behind the support of A.B. 709. This bill would enable the legislature to retain some control in the area of hiring between sessions. It seems that during the past few years the agencies do hire personnel without giving the legislature any advice of this. The purpose is not to put restrictions on temporary held but mainly in the field of permanent positions.

Senator Lamb stated that his committee had killed this bill but were interested in the philosophy behind it. He stated that interim hiring had become a problem and that some handle should be put on it.

Senator Pozzi moved that the bill be reconsidered. Second by Senator Raggio. Motion passed.

Mr. Barrett stated that this could create a problem of having to call in the Legislative Commission every time an agency wanted to put new personnel on.

Mr. Capurro stated that the Commission met at least once a month between sessions anyway and he couldn't see where it would present a problem at all.

Senator Pozzi made the motion of a do pass on A.B. 709. Second by Senator Raggio. Motion passed.

S.B. 352 and A.B. 580: Chairman Mello stated that the committee passed the bill giving Washoe County one Judge beginning January 1, 1974 and denied the bill granting an increase to Judge's Widows. The Committee felt very strongly about granting a raise in the pension for the widows in view of the fact that they had indefinitely postponed the bill granting an increase of \$30 per month to teachers who retired prior to 1963.

Senator Lamb said that his Committee would discuss this bill further when it was in the Senate and further discussion would ensue at that time.

Belmont Courthouse: Senator Young explained that the Finance Committee felt that if a move were made to roof the courthouse building more money should be appropriated to restore the entire courthouse. Without complete restoration the State would face the problem of liability if anyone were injured on the premises.

Mr. Hafen stated that at least by placing a roof on the building it would keep it from deteriorating.

Mr. Capurro stated that no-fault could be extended to cover the Courthouse.

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Chairman Mello pointed out that the Courthouse land would be given to the State if an appropriation was made to place a roof over the building.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate go along with this request. Second by Senator Young. Motion passed.

Senator Lamb and Chairman Mello to decide on a date for further joint meetings regarding the Senior Citizens Tax Relief bill and the additional Judge for Washoe County.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.