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

April 2, 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, Robinson, Capurro, Hafen, Howard, Prince and Smith.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 29, 1973, made by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

A.B. 198 and S.B. 383: Both of these bills relate to per diem and travel expenses for state employees and officers. Considerable discussion followed on whether a definite amount can be established for lodging. The point was brought up that room rates vary considerably across the United States and no definite amount could be set.

At this point Chairman Mello brought to the attention of the Committee a conversation that took place between Mr. John Krug of the Advisory Council for Career Education and the secretary of this Committee. Chairman Mello also advised the Committee of a letter sent to him by Mr. Krug requesting a meeting with him.

The Committee, after considerable discussion regarding the attitude of Mr. Krug and the effectiveness of this Council passed the following action. Mr. Dreyer moved to reopen the budget. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Howard moved to abolish the entire budget. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Hafen requested information regarding Federal funds if this budget is to be abolished.

Discussion then returned to SB 383. Mr. Howard moved do pass as amended. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED. Amendments: Page 1, line 23: substitute 14¢ for 12¢; line 25: substitute 8¢ for 7-1/2¢; page 2, line 11: substitute the word "shall" for the word "may" in both instances; delete line 18 through 36.

Motion made by Mr. Howard to bring AB 198 from the Chief Clerk's Desk back to the Committee. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 252: This is almost the exact same bill as A.B. 328 which was passed out of this Committee on March 30. S.B. 252 has been passed out of the Senate and should be in the Assembly today. It had been our intention to change the Assembly bill to put in the 6% and the unclassified salary amounts. The money difference is very slight between the two bills; \$1,000 the first year and \$500 the second year. Subsection 6 will have to be changed because it is in conflict with a bill that has been signed by the Governor, A.B. 377.

Since the Senate bill is already here it would be more expedient to act on the Senate bill.

Mr. Howard made a motion to rescind the action previously taken on A.B. 328. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

S.B. 469: This is a bill that was put in by the fiscal analyst office. It provides for a biennial report to be submitted by December 31 of each even numbered year. This biennial report was suggested by the Swackhammer Report.

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

Governor's Commission on Status of Women, page 6: Mr. Capurro moved to indefinitely postpone this budget. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Manpower Planning Council, page 11: Move to close according to Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Administration Personnel, page 33: Considerable discussion on the substantial increase in the total amount of the budget. Mr. Capurro questioned the necessity of raising the agency assessment from .75 to .85 of 1% on gross salaries. It was also pointed out that since the employment situation in State government is on a rather steady path the reasoning behind the increase is not justified. Mr. Dolan pointed out that although the personnel in the State do not have a great turnover there are increasing numbers of employment applications that must be processed.

Before action is taken by the Committee on this budget, Mr. Capurro requested that the Committee be furnished information regarding the impact of the new salary increases on the total personnel assessment at the current rate of .75 of 1% and also on .80 of 1%.

Child Welfare, page 302: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Rehabilitation, page 319: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Development Disabilities, page 326: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Alcoholism & Drug Rehabilitation, page 328: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Probation Subsidies, page 354: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Robinson. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

Department of Public Safety, page 363: Move to indefinitely postpone this budget by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Park Historic Preservation Program, page 468: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation reducing the total appropriation by \$1,500 for each year of the biennium for the Review Commission expense by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Dreyer. MOTION PASSED.

State Park Planning & Development, page 470: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Schofield. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Land & Water Conservation Program, page 471: Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Ron Sparks handed out to the Committee a new budget page setting forth new figures for the Highway Department Administration budget.

Move do pass Governor's Recommendation by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Schofield. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.