

MINUTES

Assembly

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

April 5, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 7:10 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Messrs. Capurro, Howard, Smith, Prince and Hafen. Mr. Schofield had an excused absence. Mr. Robinson arrived late after attending meeting of Health & Welfare Committee. Mr. Dreyer absent.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 4 made by Mr. Capurro. Second by Mr. Howard. Motion passed.

The Joint Committee Budget Action was distributed to the Committee. Discussion followed relative to the Committee's stand on each point of dispute.

Joint Meeting

At 8:10 AM the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee commenced their joint hearing on the areas of dispute in the Executive Budget.

MANSION MAINTENANCE, page 3: Senator Lamb explained that although there is a bill for a one shot appropriation for the mansion the additional requested amount of \$10,000 would be used for general maintenance of a substantial nature.

Mr. Capurro moved that the Assembly Ways & Means Committee accept the recommendation of the Senate Finance Committee. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, page 5: The Senate Committee felt that this program could be continued at its present level. They feel that there are organizations and agencies that do work at the same level as the Council.

The Assembly Committee did not agree on the basis that this Council has been more effective since its inception than was originally thought. One point was brought out that this Council has given guidance to the Governor as was illustrated in the Governor's State-of-the-State message concerning narcotics use among the youth.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, page 13: The Ways & Means Committee position was that there was a definite need for secretarial help in Carson City for the Lt. Governor, because actually most correspondence is directed to the State capitol.

The Senate Committee felt that one full time secretary would be adequate and that if need be a half time secretary could be used in Las Vegas and in Carson City.

The Senate Committee reasoned that for budget clarification it would be easier to put the amount of \$9,200 in the budget to cover the Lt. Governor's salary and per diem for the next session of the Legislature.

Chairman Mello of the Assembly Committee pointed out that the authorization for this is contained in the Statutes the same as for Senators and Assemblymen. He could see no reason for putting it in the budget also.

Mr. Howard moved that the money for the salary and per diem be placed in the budget according to the Senate recommendations. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON \$1,500 FOR SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL IN CARSON CITY.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND, page 20: After considerable discussion regarding the mix-up of funding, Mr. Barrett pointed out the funds necessary for the legal counsel for the University was not placed in either the Attorney General's budget or the University's budget.

Senator Gibson moved that the Senate Committee accept the recommendations of the Assembly Committee. Second by Senator Pozzi. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

SECRETARY OF STATE, page 25: Both Committees agreed that an increase in travel was necessary.

Senator Gibson moved to accept the Assembly recommendation. Second by Senator Pozzi. Nays: Senator Brown. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

ARCHIVES - SECRETARY OF STATE, page 27: The Assembly committee pointed out that there was only one-half of the needed travel moneys for the proposed trip to St. Louis.

Senator Monroe moved to accept the Assembly recommendation. Second by Senator Pozzi. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

PERSONNEL DIVISION, page 33: Mr. Capurro pointed out that the Assembly Committee agrees that a cut should be made but not an indiscriminate one. He stated that a cut should be made on the percentage assessment basis. The Assembly Committee has agreed on establishing the rate of agency assessment at .0080% instead of the proposed .0085%. This would allow the agencies to know exactly what their assessment would be.

The Senate concurred that a cut was necessary and that it could be left up to the Budget Office to set the assessment rate. Considerable discussion followed on what the percentage rate would be on a cut of \$50,000.

Mr. Howard moved that the Assembly Committee accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee of a \$50,000 cut. Second by Mr. Capurro.
MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

MERIT AWARD BOARD, page 40: Mr. Prince moved that the Assembly Committee accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

STATE PLANNING BOARD, page 38: Senator Lamb said that from testimony received that the Board would need a project architect and the supporting staff. The capitol improvements budget has tripled and it is not possible for them to continue without these positions.

Chairman Mello questioned the fact that funds come out of the project costs and if this request is granted it would be permanent staff.

Mr. Barret said that Chairman Mello was correct, that the Board is authorized to take up to 10% of project costs out of each project appropriation for an inspection on the project construction.

Senator Gibson said that we are looking at a four year program now and we haven't done that before and it makes sense to put these people on the staff.

Mr. Capurro stated that the University already has a staff architect and some of these four year projects are at the University.

Senator Gibson said it would be cheaper to have these people on the staff.

Senator Lamb reading from the minutes of his committee regarding the testimony of the Board said that it would cost the State \$200,000 per month and that these people would help in planning and development.

Mr. Hafen said he couldn't accept that, and questioned retaining the 10% cost out of the projection construction cost. Mr. Hafen suggested that we move along and hold on this budget.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION, page 101: Senator Lamb said that his Committee felt that the additional travel and legal and court expenses just were not needed.

Mr. Capurro moved that the Assembly Committee accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

PUBLIC DEFENDER, page 104: Mr. Raggio stated that from the testimony received from Mr. Sheerin in Committee it was decided that the Public Defender could function with the recommended cut.

Mr. Hafen moved that the Assembly Committee accept the recommendation

of the Senate Committee. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

SUPREME COURT, page 107: Chairman Mello pointed out that both committees were in agreement, but that the Senate Committee had not yet approved the salary adjustment which is placed in the Supreme Court budget every session.

Senator Gibson moved that the Senate Committee accept the recommendation of the Assembly Committee. Second by Senator Pozzi. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, page 119: Mr. Capurro explained the reasoning behind the requested increase according to the Subcommittee's report. He said that since Bernice Moulton had done such a good job with the black community in Las Vegas that it would be worthwhile to continue with the program even though there are no supporting Federal funds. The Education Assessment & Evaluation program has proven to be a good one and although it is recommended for funding the Assembly has not funded it at the full amount requested.

Senator Brown moved that the Senate Committee accept the recommendation of the Assembly Committee. Motion died, lack of a second.

Senator Lamb suggested that we move along.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

EDUCATION COMMISSION, STATES, page 152: Mr. Capurro moved that the Assembly Committee accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CAREER EDUCATION, page 153: After the Senate Committee was assured that the recommendations of the Assembly Committee would not jeopardize the federal funding for Vocational Education it will decided to take the Assembly recommendation.

Senator Gibson moved to accept the recommendations of the Assembly Committee. Second by Senator Pozzi. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

LIBRARY, page 155: Mr. Howard moved to accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee. Second by Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED - SENATE RECOMMENDATION.

NEV. BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, page 177: Senator Brown moved that the amount of \$22,500 be accepted. Second by Senator Gibson. Nays: Senators Monroe and Raggio. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Capurro moved that the Assembly accept the recommendation of the Senate Committee. Motion failed, lack of a second.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

U OF N SYSTEM ADMIN. & PRESS, page 181: Senator Lamb stated that his Committee felt that there was just too much fat in the budget and they made the recommended cuts accordingly. Also, that they did not believe the University would be losing the Federal Planning Grants.

Mr. Capurro stated that he felt this was an arbitrary cut and wanted to know why and where specifically the funding was to be cut.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

UNR - EXISTING PROGRAMS, page 185: Mr. Capurro explained the position of the Subcommittee's recommendations to the Committee. This increased funding would bring into position the teacher-student ratio to the 3.7 level.

Senator Brown said that he felt there was adequate funding allowed when the Medical School was initiated.

Senator Raggio stated that if additional funds were needed they could be obtained out of the University's Discretionary Fund, whatever that is.

Mr. Robinson moved that the Assembly committee accept the recommendations of the Senate Committee. Motion failed, lack of a second.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

UNLV - NEW PROGRAMS, page 203: Mr. Capurro stated that the Subcommittee talked to many people at the campus in Las Vegas and that they felt of all new proposed programs the Architecture School was the most important. This program should be well received in the community and that graduates would be extremely in demand. Did not recommend total funding according to the requested amount.

Senator Gibson stated that he wondered just how many architects the State of Nevada could assimilate.

Mr. Capurro stated that the various architecture schools around the country have absolutely no problem in placing anybody at any time.

Mr. Robinson said the State could assimilate considerably more than attorneys.

Senator Gibson said he could see absolutely no basis for the start of a school of architecture.

Mr. Howard moved that the Committee accept the Senate Committee's recommendation. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION FAILED.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

UNIVERSITY - RESERVE FOR UNR AND UNLV, new budget: Mr. Capurro explained that the Subcommittee for this Committee felt that because of the uncertainty of the Bankhead-Jones Funds it was necessary to create a reserve account to replace those funds that are lost. If no loss of funds occurs the reserve account would not be used.

Senator Gibson reasoned that if this reserve account is created it is setting a priority on the replacement of lost Federal funds. It is the Senate Committee's contention that by raising the amount of Interim Finance money it would take care of those funds that are lost.

NO AGREEMENT - HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

U OF N CLASSIFIED SALARY ADJ., page 224: Senator Pozzi moved that the Senate Committee agree with the Assembly Committee on its recommendation for the Shift Differential. Second by Senator Gibson. MOTION PASSED - ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION.

The next joint meeting will be held at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 10, 1973 in the Senate Finance Committee Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.