

Assembly

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

April 9, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 7:15 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

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

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 5, 1973, was made by Mr. Dreyer. Second by Mr. Capurro. Motion passed.

Introduction of Mr. Joe Anderson and Ms. Ray Clemison on the Cooperative Library Services, A.B. 257.

Chairman Mello reminded Mr. Anderson and Ms. Clemison that the purpose of the meeting this meeting was for the introduction of the proposed new budgeted; a way to work through the library to make this program workable.

Chairman Mello asked Mr. Anderson if he was aware that the Senate Finance Committee has given the Library another \$20,000 per year in their budget.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was not aware of this but had heard that the Committee was considering additional funding in the operating category.

Ms. Clemison distributed a letter to the Committee which showed a reduced fiscal note for A.B. 257. Mr. Anderson said that the contents of the letter presented to the Committee shows a reduced fiscal note. With the \$104,000 in Governor's Recommendation for Library Development with the moneys reserved from the funding of the operation of the State Library in view of the termination of Federal funds that the difference in each year, plus a minimum of \$30,000, would permit them to integrate the Center in the State Library and carry the service program basically intact. With a careful review of internal operations and the given requested positions and recognizing the factor of volume of processing in the Center they feel that for the next biennium the request could be reduced according to the contents of the letter submitted.

The State Library and Library Cooperative budgets will be merged into one main budget.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was asked by the Senate Finance how much money would be needed in the operating category to carry on the present level of activity. His answer to that Committee was anywhere from \$13,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Anderson said, in answer to Chairman Mello's question, that the Library could not function with what the Governor recommended.

Mr. Smith moved to reopen the budget on page 161. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Howard moved to close the budget, as revised, according to the Governor's Recommendation appropriating the amount of \$30,000 per year from the General Fund to be used if Federal funds are not available. Second by Mr. Hafen. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Dreyer moved that a letter of intent be sent to Mr. Anderson regarding the expenditure of the General Fund appropriation of \$30,000. Second by Mr. Howard. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Howard moved do pass on A.B. 257. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

Sister Carol, Ruby Duncan and Dr. Richard Siegel appeared on behalf of an increase in ADC payments.

Dr. Siegel said that the issue at hand is the amount of the grant to the ADC program and that the recommendation by the Governor of \$42 is below the national average (mid-1972) of \$52.00. The range of ADC payments in the neighboring states is \$51 to \$62 per month. The highest range is \$82 in New York and \$75 in Hawaii.

Dr. Siegel stated that through analysis of the Welfare Division budget there has been discovered a \$2,149,000 "fat" area. He would like to see this amount shifted to the ADC grants which would raise the grant level from \$42 to \$51 or \$52.

Sister Carol said that she found it interesting that after the above figure of "fat" became known that the Welfare Department came up with a revised budget which completely absorbed this "fat" area. She said that according to the Bureau of Statistics poverty level is \$90.00, decency level is \$150.00 per month.

Ruby Duncan stated that her groups was not pushing this point for themselves, but for their children.

Before closing this discussion Chairman Mello brought out the point of the memo and letter sent to the Legislative Functions committee. Ruby Duncan stated that she knew nothing about the memo or the letter, just that she had heard rumors to the fact.

Break taken at 8:00 for 5 minutes.

State Parks Capital Improvements, page 570:

Park Improvement:

After consideration and discussion of each individual program as outlined, Mr. Capurro moved that the budget be closed per the Governor's Recommendation. Second by Mr. Robinson. MOTION PASSED.

Historic Preservation:

Berlin Townsite -	\$18,000
Bristol Ovens -	5,000
Ft. Churchill -	5,000
Belmont Courthouse	25,000
	<u>\$53,000</u>

Marina Development:

Mr. Dreyer moved that this program be closed according to the Governor's Recommendation. Second by Mr. Prince. MOTION PASSED.

State Park Property Acquisition:

	<u>Requests Deleted</u>	<u>Requests Adjusted</u>
Arrow Canyon - Clark County	\$ 25,000	Echo Canyon - \$30,400
Belmont, Nye County	287,552	
Bitter Ridge/Whitney Pockets	45,400	
Buffingtons Pockets	16,000	
Sand Mountain - Churchill County	10,000	

Mr. Hafen requested a breakdown on areas and acreage involved in the Spring Mountain acquisition in Clark County.

Mr. Howard moved to accept the Governor's Recommendation as amended. Second by Mr. Prince. Nays: Mr. Capurro. MOTION PASSED.

Assemblywoman Jean Ford explained A.B. 726: In the Division of State Parks the position of District Supervisor has been requested. At the present time, if this position is filled as requested, there would be no place or headquarters for this person in Southern Nevada. AB 726 allocates \$35,000 for the biennium for office space, secretary, office equipment etc. Mrs. Ford said that it seemed fruitless to put this person in Las Vegas with no office where people could contact him. At the present time if a person has a question about the State Parks in the Southern Nevada area he would have to place a call to Carson City for the desired information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 until 6:30 AM, Tuesday, April 10, 1973.