

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 23, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Senator Lamb was in the chair.

PRESENT: Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Warren L. Monroe
B. Mahlon Brown
James I. Gibson
William J. Raggio
Clifton Young
Archie Pozzi
Earl Oliver, LCB Fiscal Auditor
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor

MARLETTE LAKE:

Senator Lamb said the committee should set down some guidelines to Howard Barrett--hard and fast rules that he couldn't divert from--concerning rates and negotiations with Carson City. He felt the state should hold on to Marlette Lake and sell the water for a high enough rate to repair and maintain the system. Senator Pozzi stated that he had talked to Mr. Meder, a Carson City County Commissioner, who is knowledgeable in this area, and he felt that the county would just drill wells and do without the Marlette Lake water if the rates were raised too high. He said the supervisors had told him that, "Let them do what they want--we'll just drill wells." Senator Lamb said the committee didn't want to charge excessive rates, just enough to cover the state cost of maintaining the system. These charges passed on to users would be rather low. Senators Brown and Lamb said that, "We don't want to make money off it, we just want to make it pay for itself." Senator Pozzi said he didn't think there was any objection to that, and thought that they would continue to use the water if the rate increase wasn't too much. The committee also felt that Mr. Hobart in Virginia City should be forced to pay his bill or have his water cut off.

RETIREMENT:

The committee felt that they should go for a plan which would pay 7% employer contribution and require the employees to also contribute 7%.

MINE INSPECTOR:

Senator Pozzi said he was having a bill drafted concerning this.

REORGANIZATION & CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:

Senator Lamb said they should consider whether they want to buy the reorganization plan all or in part. Senator Raggio said that parts were good. Senator Raggio said that he felt, "Mr. Mello abused Wilson McGowan, and I thought he was a little out of line last Monday, although I feel any committee has the right to examine such things." Senator Lamb said that Wilson McGowan took on a project that no sane man would have done. He said when his bank went into computerization they paid a \$25,000 forfeiture just to have that company take their equipment and leave. He said that Mr. McGowan just didn't know what he was doing when he took on so much. He said perhaps this would have been smoother if he had begun with a few departments and added expansion when possible. He said this could have happened to anyone.

Mr. Oliver said that one thing he has been trying to do for months is to get some cooperation between Howard Barrett, the Legislative Council Bureau, and the Treasurer. He said for some reason coordination is hard to come by.

Senator Raggio said that he has observed, "just from sitting that it is apparent that any lack of cooperation has been two-sided." It was pretty heavy handed the way the budget was prepared. It shows these people have a definite lack of communication and the only people who are suffering are the public. I think its up to the money committees to make these people sit down and get together."

Senator Lamb said, "I agree Wilson hasn't had the proper help in here." Senator Brown said, "As I see it, they just took on too big a program." Senator Raggio said he felt it was a good goal and important that the state know at any given day what the cash balances are in any particular budget.

Mr. Oliver said, "When the bureau looks at agencies we have to look at whatever we can glean, and we agree the system represents a very beautiful goal and will be a beautiful tool. The problem that hasn't been solved is the problems between the Budget Division with Howard Barrett, the Treasurer, and the Controller. Going out and getting a consultant to come in and review these problems is not the answer, it is a shield. When you go to the outside and hire a man to go around and ask everybody what the problems are at \$35 an hour, write these down in a blue book, it isn't the answer. What needs to be done is to come in at 8 and stay till five and that isn't being done in several offices. Also there is no cooperation.

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EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION - Page 119:

Senator Pozzi moved to cut the in-state travel to \$35,000. Senator Young seconded the motion, but the motion was withdrawn.

Senator Gibson said that they had "sent a couple of hippies to Clark County who came to all the high schools and took over the English classes. The first thing they did was give them some obscenity and ask if anybody objected. They began reading poetry and told them it didn't have to rhyme and started reciting this melarky. Some of the kids were quite embarrassed--they encouraged them to leave. This happened in my niece's class and my sister called the school. The principal didn't know who had planned this, the teacher didn't know, but eventually they learned that these were English consultants from the department of education. The point is, I don't think we need any of this junk around. I realize my ideas are different than some modern views."

The discussion went on to travel. Mr. Oliver said "the current work program is for 94 employees in the department. There is a total out of state travel of \$55,000, and in state of \$138,975. The governor recommends for the first year \$51,671 out of state and \$153,108 in state for 97 employees. The in-state for the second year is \$162,000.

The committee began discussing new positions, and Senator Lamb said, "Should we do away with these three new positions and let them absorb this among the consultants." Senator Brown said he didn't think you had to identify them. Senator Lamb suggested not cutting positions specifically, just cutting the money for salaries and then letting them reassign according to their own priorities. "I will bet there are a lot of people there they don't need," he said.

Senator Raggio said that when he was preparing budgets in Washoe County they always put a little extra into office supplies, and that when he saw continuing items always remain the same (without being affected by inflation, etc.) he always knew there was some room for adjustment.

Senator Lamb suggested taking out \$64,000 and letting them live with 1 million. Senator Brown said, "Rather than taking out individual items, let them make value judgments." Senator Monroe asked if they didn't have to eliminate line items in the budget, but Senator Lamb told him no. Senator Gibson pointed out they were requesting a 25% increase in the budget.

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Senator Pozzi moved to decrease the general fund appropriation in 1973-74 by \$64,178 and 1974-75 by \$85,377. Senator Gibson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS EDUCATION - Page 126:

Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - Page 127:

Senator Raggio questioned the \$10,000 office supplies and expenses and recommended a \$5,000 cut each year. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, but it was withdrawn.

Senator Brown moved the committee approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING ACT - Page 129:

Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION - Page 131:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOAN FUND. - Page 133:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - Page 134:

Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLEISCHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS - Page 135:

Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION ACT - Page 137:

Senator Pozzi moved to approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INDIAN EDUCATION - Page 138:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - Page 139:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT - Page 140:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EDUCATION CIVIL RIGHTS, TITLE IV - Page 142:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EDUCATION PROF. DEVELOPMENT ACT - Page 144:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION - Page 145:

Senator Young said they have a committee that has really been working and moved they approve the budget. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WESTERN STATES SMALL SCHOOLS PROGRAM - Page 146:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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CARE OF DEAF & BLIND - Page 148:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - Page 149:

Senator Lamb said there was a lot of heat on this and asked if they had read Mr. Newton's (Taxpayer's Association) report on this. Senator Lamb said what they were going to get out of this will be a terrible waste. Senator Brown said that the report Mr. Newton gave them was that the equipment they have got is completely useless, that it is twenty years old, worn out. Senator Lamb said, "I think you are just throwing good money after bad." Senator Raggio said the school people indicate they are getting some use out of this. Mr. Oliver said the 1969 session took advantage of television units that were put in classrooms, and that it was created for Clark County to purchase through federal grants. He said that the administrator and his secretary have been trying to plan and develop this station for four years. They coordinate this with local school districts.

Senator Brown said, "I think some of this money can be justified, but I am against a television channel." (Also see A24 of the budget relating to the station.) Senator Raggio said Mr. Newton's complaint was he felt they were buying a pig in a poke. Senator Gibson said that Mr. Newton also objected to the Clark County channel and it (the channel) has done a lot of good for education. He said, "I think a lot of us are fed up with public broadcasting. I think if we are ever going to get education under control where you can get beyond one teacher with 20 kids you have to develop this. The only controversy in Clark County is the public broadcasting."

To summarize this, the committee was in favor of television as an aid to education, but were not really in favor of developing an expensive television channel.

Senator Brown moved to approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EDUCATION COMM. OF THE STATES - Page 152:

Senator Gibson said, "I cannot see where they are contributing anything worth \$11,000 to the state. The commission has been taken over by educators."

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J. Lee Hoelker

abolish this budget

Senator Gibson moved they ~~approve the governor's recommendation~~. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed ~~unanimously~~ with Senator Raggio abstaining. *Sen. Brown voted no*

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CAREER EDUCATION - Page 153:

Senator Pozzi moved they cut the federal funds, but this was withdrawn. Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion. Senators Brown and Pozzi voted no, the rest voted yes, so the motion passed.

LIBRARY - Page 155:

Senator Pozzi said he usually went over this budget with a fine tooth comb in the past because he felt they locked the doors and shuffled cobwebs. However, he said he went to the library and met the new state librarian and he felt he could really vote with this man. Senator Pozzi moved they add \$20,000 in 1973-74 and \$20,000 in 1974-75 in general fund appropriation to what the governor recommended. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED LIBRARY SERVICES - Page 158:

Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FEDERAL - Page 159:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE INSTITUTION LIBRARY SERVICES - Page 160:

Senator Brown noted that this was financed 100% by federal funds and that if they didn't get the funds they wouldn't get this appropriation. Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LIBRARY CO-OP - Page 161:

Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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LIBRARY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Page 163:

Senator Gibson moved they approve this budget. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LAW LIBRARY - Page 164:

Senator Young moved they approve the governor's recommendation and also keep the law library in the Supreme Court. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM - Page 165:

Senator Young mentioned that they ask for \$5,000 a year for travel and asked why they had to meet once a month. Senator Young moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V & T PURCHASE - Page 168:

Senator Lamb said he didn't want to see Mr. Perry running around any more. Senator Raggio said they have some dedicated people in this, and that we couldn't go too far wrong on \$1. Senator Lamb said, "But we don't want Perry running around." Senator Monroe said that the V & T volunteer group is doing all the work. Senator Raggio moved to defer this and Senator Young seconded it, and the committee unanimously deferred it. Senator Lamb said he would like to give it to Cronkite in the State Parks. Senator Brown said Cronkite has a gravy train as it is.

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Page 170:

Senator Gibson said he felt this should be put under the museum. Senator Raggio said he didn't think the internal operation would change if it were under the museum. Senator Young asked if it would cost more and Senator Gibson said it wouldn't cost much more than otherwise. They decided to defer this.

VIRGINIA CITY HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION - Page 173:

Senator Raggio moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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LOST CITY MUSEUM - Page 174:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEVADA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS - Page 176:

Senator Raggio moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Brown seconded the motion. Senator Pozzi voted against the motion, but everyone else voted for it, so the motion carried.

NEVADA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - Page 177:

Senator Brown said, "I think there are more priorities in life than this. I think the governor got snowed on this." Senator Monroe said, "I think we have a moral obligation to this." Senator Gibson added, "This is one that started without legislative approval." Senator Raggio stated that he wouldn't want to be the only state in the union that wasn't participating in this.

Senator Gibson moved to take out the general fund appropriation, or decrease the general fund appropriation by \$45,000 each year of the biennium. Senator Brown seconded the motion. Senators Monroe and Raggio voted against this, and Senators Lamb, Brown, Gibson, Pozzi, and Young voted for it, so the motion carried.

S.B. 97:

Senator Raggio said that this didn't authorize \$100, that this would be determined by the warden and there would be times when he would authorize less than that up to \$100. Senator Brown asked, "Are you talking about much money?" Senator Raggio said a couple hundred people go out of there each year. Senator Monroe moved that they amend the bill to \$50 and recommend a do pass. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SJR 4:

Senator Young said the fines go into this trust fund and the interest goes to education. Senator Raggio asked with all there is going into education do they really need this. He was told it amounted to around \$200,000. They decided to have a hearing on this.

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S. B. 164:


Senator Pozzi said he was in favor of 4-10 hours a day. The committee decided to defer action on this bill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Hocker, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman