

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
MARCH 16, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Senator Gibson was in the chair.

PRESENT: Warren L. Monroe
B. Mahlon Brown
James I. Gibson
William J. Raggio
Clifton Young
Archie Pozzi

Earl Oliver, LCB Fiscal Analyst
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI

Coe Swobe, Senator
Bob Warren, Municipal Association
John Gamble, Department of Education

S.B. 445:

SUMMARY: Makes appropriation to University of Nevada to make study of application, use of irrigation water in drainage basins of the Truckee and Carson rivers.

Senator Monroe moved they recommend a do pass. Senator Brown seconded the motion and it passed.

yes - Brown, Gibson, Monroe, Young
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Pozzi, Raggio

S.B. 382:

SUMMARY: Permits transfer of moneys between accounts by division of state parks.

Mr. Barrett said that last summer the division was having trouble conforming to federal regulations and they found it would be easier to get federal funding in the capital improvements account. They were qualified for X number of dollars, but because it was easier to get the total number of federal dollars through the capital improvements account and then transfer this to the operations budget, getting legislative approval. He said this does not involve a loss of federal dollars, just a transfer of those dollars.

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Senator Young made a motion to amend this bill to make it effective on passage, and recommend a do pass as amended. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - Brown, Gibson, Monroe, Pozzi, Young
no - 0
absent - Lamb, Raggio

Senator Raggio came into the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

S.B. 338:

SUMMARY: Establishes municipal disaster fund in state treasury.

Mr. Bob Warren of the Municipal Association, testified that this bill would give relief particularly to small municipalities in the state. Senator Raggio asked why it should be limited only to cities and not counties. The committee decided that Mr. Warren should obtain more specific information as to what events have occurred in the past which might necessitate this sort of legislation. He will present this at a later date.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES:

A representative from the national organization said, "The reason this was created was the idea that the states should get together. At the present time we have 46 member states. Only Mississippi, Arizona, Montana, and Georgia and Nevada do not belong. Within each state the governor appoints two members to the commission from the legislature and four other persons. We have various testing programs, testing 80,000 people (students) over a long period to see what they have learned. We make model legislation available to the states, and develop programs for young children and the handicapped. We have an extensive publications program involving 50-60 publications a year."

Senator Young said we seem to be getting the benefit of the commission without belonging. Mr. Gamble said there will be a time when favorable attitudes toward non-member states getting publications will cease. He also said if they were a member they could influence what type of projects they undertake.

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S.B. 228:

SUMMARY: Provides executive secretary to serve jointly state board of pardons commissioners and state board of parole commissioners.

Senator Raggio said, "I find it difficult to believe that they need a fulltime position. The committee will hear this at a later date when Mr. Campos can testify.

S.B. 324:

SUMMARY: Makes appropriation to the governor for the purpose of providing a study of laboratory problems and services in Nevada.

Mr. Barrett said, "This appropriates \$20,000 to study all laboratories in the state. This would probably be under the direction of the comprehensive health division. We would like to have a study to determine if there should be more centralization, and where direction should come from. The lab in Reno is miserable, but we don't want to take action until we have adequate information."

Senator Monroe moved they recommend a do pass. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4 - Brown, Gibson, Monroe, Pozzi
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

Senator Young left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

S.B. 206:

SUMMARY: Provides for appointment of additional deputy clerks of supreme court.

Senator Gibson said that he had talked to them and they didn't actually need additional personnel, they could do as well to have authority to deputize an office clerk so she could perform this when they were absent.

Senator Pozzi moved they amend this bill to give them authority to deputize an office clerk and recommend do pass as amended. Senator Monroe seconded the motion and it passed as amended.

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yes - Brown, Gibson, Monroe, Pozzi
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

S.B. 371:

SUMMARY: Provides reimbursement of district judges for participation in statewide association of district judges.

Senator Gibson said, "Do we pay dues for other people in state government?" Mr. Barrett said normally we do not. Senator Brown said, "I think this would be better handled by putting money into their administrative fund. That would be a better way of approaching it." Mr. Barrett said we do pay state employee's travel, but not for this purpose here. Senator Pozzi stated that if they felt so enthusiastic about an organization or association they should pay their own dues. The committee postponed action.

S.B. 412:

SUMMARY: Provides for state highway fund to receive its pro rata share of interest on deposits of state funds.

Senator Pozzi moved they recommend do pass. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

A.B. 494:

SUMMARY: Creates special legislative interim advisory committee to assist in implementation of state computer facility.

Senator Monroe moved to kill the bill. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, but no vote was taken. Senator Monroe said, "They are just trying to get some of the legislators to take some of the heat that McGowen has been getting." Senator Gibson said, "We should get Mello and Ashworth to come in and testify. I know McGowen is in favor of this bill, maybe for the reasons Snowey described."

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S.B. 328:

SUMMARY: Makes appropriation to Nevada educational communications commission for a television construction project.

Senator Monroe said, "We lived quite a long time without this educational television, and we can wait a few years more. Why buy a pig in a poke, lets wait two years and see what they do when they're in operation.

Senator Monroe moved they indefinitely postpone this bill. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Young, Raggio

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE - Page 305:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - Lamb, Raggio, Young

CUBAN REFUGEE PROGRAM - Page 307:

Senator Gibson said, "One year we decided to eliminate this budget, but did a hasty retreat when we were told that we would have to put these people onto our regular welfare rolls." Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER - Page 337:

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's budget, Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

no - 0
yes - 4
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

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YOUTH PAROLE - BOYS SCHOOL - Page 340:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

YOUTH TRAINING CENTER, VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Page 341:

Senator Gibson said it was all federal money. Mr. Barrett said they may be cut back. Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

BOYS SCHOOL - GIRLS SCHOOL RESERVES - Page 342:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

NEVADA GIRLS SCHOOL - CALIENTE - Page 343:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

YOUTH PAROLE - GIRLS SCHOOL - Page 346:

Senator Brown noted they have seven counselors and asked how many they have in their caseload. Mr. Barrett said they had about 50 girls per counselor because they stay on parole a number of years.

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's budget. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY - Page 359:

Mr. Barrett said, "This budget will probably fade away because of a lack of federal money. The programs are being moved into other federal agencies if President Nixon's proposal goes through. We would like to have you approve this budget in case President Nixon's proposal doesn't go through. It is supposed to fade away July 1." Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE & PROBATION - Page 373:

Senator Monroe said through this they try to keep people out of prison. Senator Brown moved they approve the governor's budget. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

COMMISSION ON CRIME, DELINQUENCY & CORRECTIONS - Page 375:

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's budget. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

ATHLETIC COMMISSION - Page 431:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION - Page 441:

Senator Gibson said, "They are asking for about a 10% increase in their budget. What will be the effect on this of that bill on the Colorado River. Will it effect this budget?" Mr. Barrett said no.

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

FEDERAL LAND LAWS - Page 443:

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

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Page 444:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's budget. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Raggio, Young

Senator Raggio returned at 9:50 a.m.

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - Page 445:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 3 - Lamb, Young

STATE COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - Page 446:

They noted they created this last session and didn't give them any funding.

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

yes - 4
no - 1 - Pozzi
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

DIVISION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS - Page 447:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION - Page 448:

Mr. Barrett said, "The federal funds available for this are probably in question. If these are cut we will go with whatever funds we have here in this budget. We have to have an agency within the state to provide for whatever federal funds are available. The committee decided to defer action on this.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES - Page 451:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA COMPACT - Page 454:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

DIVISION OF FORESTRY - Page 455:

Senator Monroe said, "I'll bet if you checked all over the country you would find they all use single engine planes. You'd never see a twin engine plane being used as a lead plane in fire fighting." Senator Pozzi moved they approve

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the governor's recommendation. Senator Monroe said, "I move they cut the overtime \$30,000 (which would leave nothing). These fire fighting crews sit around and play basketball and go out and fight fires for a few days."

Mr. Barrett said, "This budget will be losing federal funds. There is a 20% reduction of federal funds amounting to a loss of \$43,000, so if you pass this budget it has already been cut." Senator Raggio said, "If we do anything to this budget I think we should remove them from selling trees. It is questionable for the state to be involved in this. Years ago I could see where this was necessary to provide windbreaks, but now there are so many subdivisions." The committee decided they were locked into this because they had approved a bill to purchase land for this in Washoe Valley. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 4
no - 1 - Monroe
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION - Page 459:

Mr. Barrett said, "This is to pay day laborers picked up off the streets to fight fires. This does not include salaries for seasonal and permanent employees or prisoners who fight fires, the previous budget pays them." Senator Monroe said, "Of all the make work outfits this is number one. They do everything to justify their existence. Whenever there's a fire in Elko they beat the state and county to it. They go through the whole year with a hell of a budget and it seems they just keep getting bigger and bigger each year. If they fight fires on private land they are supposed to get money back for it from them, but they don't." (This criticism was directed at the previous budget.)

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's budget. Senator Pozzi seconded it, and it passed.

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

FOREST PEST CONTROL - Page 460:

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

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yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Lamb, Young

FOREST AND WATERSHED REHABILITATION - Page 461:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Young, Lamb

HONOR CAMP FUND - Page 462:

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

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Young, Lamb

S.B. 328:

SUMMARY: Makes appropriation to Nevada educational communications commission for a television construction project.

Senator Raggio said, "I question the timeliness of this application (request). I am not convinced this is the time to appropriate the money. I am impressed with what Mr. Newton (of the Taxpayers Association) says that we are putting the car before the horse here. We are talking about a satellite system here. I question that this is the time to make the appropriation." Senator Monroe said, "They said something about how easy and inexpensive it is to put this in the schools, but I was impressed with Kenny Guinn (Clark County School Administrator) who said that it's a hell of an expensive project."

Senator Monroe moved they indefinitely postpone this bill. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 5
no - 0
absent - 2 - Young, Lamb

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Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED:


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