

Joint Meeting

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
APRIL 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. Senator Lamb was in the chair. At 8:00 a.m. a joint committee hearing was held with the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

PRESENT: Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Warren L. Monroe
B. Mahlon Brown
James I. Gibson
William J. Raggio
Clifton Young
Archie Pozzi

Don Mello, Chairman
Jack Schofield
Darrell Dreyer
Rawson Prince
Bob Robinson
Randy Capurro
Tim Hafen
Bode Howard
Hal Smith

Earl Oliver, LCB Fiscal Analyst
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor
John Dolan, Chief Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
William Bible, Chief Assistant Budget Division
Cy Ryan, UPI
Randy Sparks, Budget Analyst, Budget Division

S.B. 556:

SUMMARY: Declares that medical or remedial care is common right of all residents.

Senator Monroe moved to kill this bill. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and everyone voted in favor except Senator Pozzi who hadn't arrived yet.

S.B. 628:

SUMMARY: Makes general fund appropriation to mental hygiene and mental retardation division of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation for reimbursement of Washoe County for mental health services.

Mr. Barrett said, "This woman came in the last days of the session and got an appropriation. The money has not been

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spent. It is really a county agency, but not actually that. She is trying to coordinate programs between the county and the state. We felt if you have any money to spend on mental health programs it should be for a state agency, not someone trying to coordinate between the county and the state." Senator Raggio said that Washoe County has some real problems and suggested holding the bill for her testimony. Senator Gibson and Brown had moved and seconded the bill be killed, but the bill was held.

A.B. 271:

SUMMARY: Deletes limitation on number of supplementary highway patrolmen.

Senator Monroe said, "We just give them so many new people all the time, why do they need this?" Mr. Barrett explained that it was a change in the language to allow them to have the new employees as soon after the new fiscal year as possible and that this would not allow them any additional employees above what the budget recommends as there would be no further funds for that purpose anyway.

Senator Gibson moved they recommend do pass. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Senator Pozzi absent.

A.B. 892:

SUMMARY: Creates Nevada National Guard educational encouragement fund to help defray students' costs.

Senator Gibson moved they recommend do pass. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Senator Pozzi had arrived at 8:00 a.m.

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The joint hearing was held with Assembly Ways and Means with Assemblyman Don Mello in the chair.

The committees discussed the legislative counsel bureau combined budget on pages 116 and 117. The senate had increased the general fund appropriation as presented by the director of the LCB, amounting to \$143,328 the first year and \$151,292 the second. The assembly wished to raise a few salaries.

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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION & PRESS - Page 181:

The senate had decreased the general fund appropriation \$35,993 and \$38,741 in the second year. The assembly approved the governor's recommendations.

Senator Lamb said, "Our decision is to hold with what we've got." Senator Gibson said, "On the reserve of \$100,000 for cuts in federal subventions, our feeling is we should treat this like we do the other programs that are in jeopardy and handle it through the interim finance committee."

Assemblyman Capurro said, "I can understand some of your thought on this in not going along with some of it, but your arbitrary cuts in the administrative branch I can't understand." Senator Lamb said they had just cut this by a percentage and had given them a 20% increase. He also said, "UNLV and the community college programs are new and we are pumping money into them because of this and the need to build them up. They are growing fast."

Assemblyman Capurro said, "The only place there is accountability is in administration. This is the area where the only accountability takes place." He asked why they had cut this and not the other university programs. Senator Lamb replied, "Every case is different. Every page is different. Otherwise we could just cut out some of the pages and go home."

The committee discussed the attorneys with the senate finance committee feeling that by placing funding for one attorney in the attorney general's budget this was actually giving the university more funds and reduced their actual cuts. The assembly stated that this wasn't so because the attorneys were never budgeted in the university's budget to begin with but were left out due to error.

Assemblyman Mello said, "We proposed giving the Chancellor's office what the governor recommended and cutting the other university programs we suggested. We felt we were giving up something we thought was justified." Senator Lamb said, "I don't think you did."

Assemblyman Robinson said, "There is a lot more fat that could be cut out of other instructional areas. We felt that rather than graduating so many social sciences teachers we should work on other areas." (Such as the school of architecture and the medical school.) Senator Lamb said, "You are showing you are more intelligent about programs than they are. You are telling them what programs they need." The assembly stated that these new proposed programs had been in the agency request but were cut by the governor.

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DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE & MENTAL RETARDATION - Page 264:

The senate deleted three new positions, their related payroll costs, in-state travel, and office equipment. The assembly approved the governor's recommendation.

Assemblyman Mello stated that they had talked with Dr. Dixon of that division and had received his recommendation that if this amount did need to be cut he would prefer that they cut \$15,000 per year from page 268, \$6,000 the second year from page 274 (facility for mental offenders), and \$30,000 each year from page 282. This would amount to cuts of \$45,000 the first year of the biennium and \$51,000 the second.

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

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT - Page 539:

This refers to S.B. 161. The assembly increased data processing costs by \$42,000 the first year of the biennium and \$45,000 the second. The senate did not.

Assemblyman Mello stated that this was necessary to add in because when the budget was prepared they didn't have the cost figures for automating the retirement division. They need to up date this for the payroll and records.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS PROPERTY TAX - Page 547:

The senate added costs equal to S.B. 31 and established a \$2 administration fee which amounted to \$309,400 the first year and \$309,400 the second year. The assembly recommended \$37,000 each year.

Senator Gibson said, "We put this money in the budget because it will be a continuing thing. We understand you amended that and put it in a bill." Assemblyman Capurro stated that their bill isn't continuing and has a cut off date of 1975, at which time if they want to continue the program they will have to introduce the bill again.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Page 563:

ASSEMBLY:	CLOSED
73-15 Agriculture Warehouse, reduced	(38,500)
state office Las Vegas, add	80,000
73-F1-F & G storage Fallon, Reduced	(9,550)
73-F3-F & G storage Elko, reduced	(11,550)
73-F4-F & G storage Lower Colorado, Reduced	(2,160)
73-F5-F & G residence Lower Colorado, deleted	(36,200)
73-F6-F & G storage Las Vegas, reduced	(6,471)
	<u>(24,431)</u>

SENATE:

General Capital Program -	
73-9 Storage and office space, comprehensive mental health center and mental retardation cottages, Las Vegas	(100,000)
state office building, Las Vegas	80,000
	<u>(20,000)</u>
Fish and Game Capital Program	gov. rec.

73-15:

Assemblyman Smith said they had information that metal warehouses could be built for about half of what the budget calls for, so they allowed 77% for these.

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

73-F1, 73-F3, 73-F4, 73-F6:

The same rationale applies here as with 73-15. Senator Raggio moved they approve the assembly's recommendation. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

73-F5:

Senator Lamb said they felt they should build a house rather than have a trailer because a trailer would only last about five years and there should be a permanent residence. Senator Young also mentioned that it was very hot there in the summer and thus it would be uncomfortable in a trailer.

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Assemblyman Capurro moved they approve the senate's recommendation and built a house. Assemblyman Dreyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

STATE PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Page 569:

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of these
minutes*

Belmont Court House -

Assemblyman Hafen said that they felt they should provide a new roof for the court house and fix it up so that it wouldn't deteriorate further. He said they should not buy the entire town but only the courthouse and the property it is on. He said they couldn't see any wisdom in buying the town of Belmont but should just try to get to preservation of the court house, and the only valuable feature in Belmont is the courthouse.

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Senator Lamb said, "I don't like to throw good money after bad, we should go all the way. I don't feel we should just fix the roof, lock it up and walk off." Senator Young said, I would feel more kindly toward it if you appropriated more money and tried to do more with it."

Senator Raggio said, "Little courthouses in these towns probably have the most history and appeal. I go along with the idea that if we are going to do it we should do it right." Senator Monroe said he wondered why they should just do this for Belmont and thought the Eureka Sentenial building should be preserved as it would have even more visitors and more history.

The committee decided to hold this.

Echo Canyon -

There was an error on this one and it would actually cost \$30,400 in state funds and the same amount in federal funds instead of the \$240,400 listed in the budget.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the assembly's recommendation and allot \$30,400 in state funds. Senator Young seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Rye Patch -

Assemblyman Howard, whose district this is in stated that he felt the appraisals were high for the 640 acres and felt that \$350,000 was sufficient for this. The committee agreed that this land should have a high priority and was an excellent site for a park.

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

Spring Mountain -

The assembly felt that with the exception of the Wheeler Wash area they should not acquire the other property in this area.

Senator Gibson moved they approve the assembly's recommendation and just purchase the Wheeler Wash area. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Lee Canyon -

Assemblyman Schofield felt that they should purchase this because there would be thousands of people using it. However, the assembly didn't agree, and neither did the senate.

Cathedral Gorge -

Senator Lamb said, "I was born and raised here. I think the park system has tried to subsidize Lincoln County in view of the fact that we have an economic problem there. I don't feel we should purchase this. The land is worthless as far as agriculture or anything.

Assemblyman Dryer moved to approve the senate recommendation and delete this. Assemblyman Capurro seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Cold Springs -

Senator Lamb said, "I think the same thing applies here as the rationale." Assemblyman Prince said, "Have you seen Cold Springs? It is quite a historic spot with overland express routes, buildings, etc., right along the highway." They discussed the fact that perhaps it would only be a rest stop on the highway even after development.

Assemblyman Capurro moved to approve the senate's recommendation and delete this. Assemblyman Dreyer seconded the motion, and it passed.

Arrowhead Canyon -

Senator Lamb said, "All there is there is some hieroglyphics. A man built a reservoir there to water his cattle." Assemblyman Prince said, "If we purchase this we will be preserving something that is hundreds of years old." Senator Lamb said, "I can show you 9,000 such sites in Nevada.

Assemblyman Capurro moved they approve the senate recommendation and delete this. Assemblyman Dreyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Gleason Canyon -

Assemblyman Dreyer moved they approve the senate recommendation and delete this. Assemblyman Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Sand Mountain -

Assemblyman Robinson mentioned that there were four people

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killed here last year and said the state could be opened for lawsuits in such accidents. He wondered if the state should be responsible for it if it is going to be an attractive nuisance. Senator Lamb said there was no shade at all for picnic areas. Assemblyman Capurro said, "This is used by a lot of dune buggy enthusiasts from Washoe County. You can't harm the area. You can't destroy this mountain." Senator Raggio said, "Using that logic, I think if its still here two years from now we should buy it."

Senator Robinson said he would move the assembly accept the senate's recommendation and delete this. Assemblyman Prince seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Acquisition Costs -

Assemblyman Howard moved they approve the senate's recommendation. Assemblyman Dreyer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BOND ISSUE - PARKS:

The senate committee explained that they were going to have the park system use their bonding authority for the purchases. They said this way they could then possibly build phase three of the Clark County Community College and save about \$1 million by building phases two and three together.

Mr. Barrett explained that with the slot machine money it comes at certain times and the state could advance general funds and be paid back by the slot machine funds as they come in. Senator Gibson said it would be better to manipulate these funds and better organize the capital improvement program.

UNCLASSIFIED SALARIES:

Director, department of conservation and natural resources. The assembly wanted to give him \$23,000 and the senate wanted \$23,792. The committees agreed upon the senate figure.

Director, department of administration. The assembly wanted to give him \$24,800 and the senate \$25,500. They agreed to approve the senate figure.

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Administrator, Colorado River commission. The assembly wanted \$22,000 and the senate \$21,500. They agreed upon \$21,500.

Chairman, gaming control board. The assembly wanted \$23,000 and the senate \$24,065. They agreed upon \$23,000.

Superintendent of public instruction. The assembly wanted \$26,030 and the senate \$24,750. They agreed upon \$24,750.

State planning board manager. The assembly wanted \$22,000 and the senate \$22,938. They agreed upon \$22,938.

state engineer (water resources). The assembly wanted \$20,800 and the senate \$20,900. They agreed upon \$20,900.

public defender. The assembly wanted \$22,000 and the senate \$21,000. They agreed upon \$21,000.

commissioner of insurance. The assembly wanted \$20,634 and the senate \$20,000. They agreed upon \$20,000.

executive secretary, public employees' retirement board. The assembly wanted \$19,883 and the senate \$25,000. Senator Gibson said they could specify in the bill that no one who had worked on the study could be hired in this position. They agreed upon \$25,000.

real estate administrator. The senate wanted \$18,000 and the assembly \$16,900. They agreed upon the senate figure of \$18,000.

deputy warden. The assembly wanted \$17,664 and the senate \$17,000. They agreed upon \$17,664.

labor commissioner. The assembly wanted \$17,664 and the senate \$17,000. They agreed upon \$17,664.

state forester firewarden. The assembly wanted \$17,908 and the senate \$17,000. They compromised on \$17,664.

deputy state controller. The assembly wanted \$16,000 and the senate \$16,500. They agreed upon \$16,500.

administrator, state park system. The assembly wanted \$18,774 and the senate \$18,200 and they compromised at \$18,500.

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superintendent of the department of state printing. The assembly wanted \$20,000 and the senate \$19,200. They agreed upon \$19,200.

chief assistant, department of health, welfare and rehabilitation. The senate wanted \$17,664 and the assembly \$19,430. They agreed upon \$19,430.

director, state museum. The assembly wanted \$14,300 and the senate \$13,100. They compromised on \$13,700.

press secretary (governor). The assembly wanted \$16,500 and the senate \$17,271. They agreed upon \$17,271.

plumbing investigator. They agreed upon \$12,000.

assistant executive secretary, public employees retirement board. The assembly wanted \$14,900 and the senate zero. They agreed upon zero.

executive secretary, historical society. The assembly wanted \$11,700 and the senate \$12,732. They agreed upon \$12,732.

Deputy, industry, economic development. The senate wanted \$14,681 and the assembly \$14,700. They agreed upon \$14,681.

deputy, tourism, economic development. The assembly wanted \$14,700 and the senate wanted \$14,681. They agreed upon \$14,681.

director, department of economic opportunity. The assembly wanted \$14,000 and the senate wanted \$14,500. They agreed upon \$14,500.

secretary, parole and probation board. They agreed upon \$12,732. The assembly had wanted \$14,000.

chief assistant, retirement board. The assembly had wanted \$12,300 and the senate zero. They agreed upon zero.

director, brand inspection division. They assembly wanted \$12,500 and the senate \$11,300. They agreed upon \$11,300.

curator, Lost City museum. The assembly wanted \$10,686 and the assembly wanted \$10,700. They agreed upon \$10,700.

chief assistant state treasurer's office. The assembly wanted \$10,355 and the senate wanted \$10,000. They agreed upon \$10,000.

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chief assistant, real estate division. The assembly wanted \$10,200 and the senate \$12,900. They agreed upon \$12,900.

chief assistant, employment security department. The assembly wanted \$8,835 and the senate \$9,242. They agreed upon \$9,242.

assistant controller. The ways and means wanted \$15,500 and the senate \$15,800. They agreed upon \$15,800.

INSURANCE DIVISION -

Assemblyman Capurro said, "I am very much in favor of what you are trying to do but why did you give only half a position?" Senator Brown said there wouldn't be enough work for a full time position. Assemblyman Capurro moved they allow a full time burial officer. Assemblyman Prince seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Senator Brown moved they approve the full-time burial officer. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA ADMINISTRATION AND PRESS:

Senator Gibson moved that they approve the governor's recommendation here if the assembly would delete their three suggested programs such as the \$100,000 for aid to the medical school, \$75,000 for the school of architecture, and \$100,000 to establish a reserve for federal contingencies. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Hocker, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

STATE PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 569

Senate & Assembly
 Berlin Townsite
 Bristol Ovens

Closed
(20,000)
(5,000)
(25,000)

Closed
(20,000)
(5,000)

Assembly
 Belmont Court House

25,000
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STATE PARKS LAND ACQUISITION 569

Senate & Assembly

Arrow Canyon
 Belmont
 Bitter Ridge/Whitney Pockets
 Buffingtons Pockets
 Knob Hill
 Lee Canyon

(25,000)
 (575,104)
 (45,400)
 (16,000)
 (5,100)
(840,000)

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(840,000)

Sub Total

(1,506,604)

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Assembly

Echo Canyon
 Rye Patch
 Spring Mountain
 Virgin Mountains
 Gregory's Arch
 Keyhole Canyon

(179,600)
 (50,000)
 (24,200)
 (2,800)
 (1,800)
(7,000)

Sub Total

(265,400)

Senate

Cathedral Gorge (Buy Public Land Only)
 Cold Springs
 Gleason Canyon
 Sand Mountain
 Acquisition Attendant Costs

(160,000)
 (20,250)
 (35,000)
 (10,000)
(25,000)

Sub Total

(250,250)

Total

(1,756,854)

(1,772,004)

Of the \$3,000,000 General Fund appropriation requested in the Executive Budget, the Senate Finance Committee action removes \$959,302 leaving a balance to fund as follows:

Bonds	\$2,000,000
Gen. Fund	
Appropriation	40,698
	<u>\$2,040,698</u>