

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
APRIL 2, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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 Analyst
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI
Senator Spike Wilson
Dr. John Ward, Desert Research Institute

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN - Page 299:

Mr. Barrett said the Title 19 method of financing cash grants is not feasible or economical until we get higher amounts of money in here. Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Raggio

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE - Page 300:

Mr. Barrett said they were not prepared to change this as it depends upon what the federal government does with the hold harmless and they are getting conflicting information on this.

Senator Raggio arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Mr. Barrett said it would cost the state about \$1.6 million in the second year and \$800,000 in the first year more than what this budget has in it. He said this is one of the reasons we are asking for an increase in the interim finance fund to take care of this if necessary.

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

BUDGET DIVISION - Page 30:

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

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AID TO THE BLIND - Page 301:

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

CHILD WELFARE - Page 302:

Senator Raggio said, "Is \$128 sufficient for foster care? It seems like it isn't very much." Senator Gibson said an increase to \$250 would cost an additional \$600,000 each year.

Later in the meeting Senator Pozzi moved they raise this to \$150 per child or an additional general fund appropriation of \$112,992 the first year and \$117,920 the second. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed.

Before that Senator Brown had moved that they allow \$175 per child, and it failed with only Senator Brown and Senator Raggio voting for, Senator Young absent, and Senators Lamb, Gibson, Monroe, and Pozzi voting no.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

S.B. 389: (Marlette Lake)

Senator Lamb read a proposed amendment allowing \$173,000 for the purpose of developing engineering studies, etc. Senator Gibson said, "I think if you are ever going to sell it you could recoup this amount of the study in the sale."

Senator Young returned at 9:35 a.m. Senator Gibson moved they accept the amendment allowing the study. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Senator Gibson said that they should amend line 16, page two, to state that they should develop a plan and program to improve and modernize the existing system to full utilization. He said this goes a little beyond feasibility. Senator Young moved to amend this to state they would modernize the system. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved they recommend do pass as amended. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS - Page 463:

Senator Lamb said Lincoln County has five rangers down there and they are running over each other down there. He said, "They are all little tiny parks and they are all right together, within 20 miles of each other." He felt they could cut personnel.

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Senator Young said, "I feel on the acquisition that there is only so much land available. Education and Welfare will take every available penny and we haven't done enough with state parks." Senator Raggio said, "We are talking about state parks acquisition and how can you acquire land and then maintain it without increasing people?"

Senator Lamb said that he felt you could use radios in Valley of the Fire or Red Rock but that he felt they shouldn't have radios in the other little parks.

Senator Young said, "We all think we understand parks because we've seen what some of them look like, so we cut the hell out of that. We don't cut welfare because we don't understand that."

Senator Young moved to cut total operating expenses to \$200,000 each year. Senator Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Senator Young then moved to cut the total capital outlay to \$110,000 the first year and none the second year. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Senator Young moved they then approve the governor's recommendation as amended above. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - Page 468:

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

STATE PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - Page 470:

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

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM - Page 471:

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

yes - 6
no - Senator Lamb

FISH AND GAME FUND - Page 473:

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

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COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION - Page 480:

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

PLANT INDUSTRY FUND - Page 482:

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

AGRICULTURAL REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND - Page 485:

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

INSECT ABATEMENT - Page 487:

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

APIARY INSPECTION FUND - Page 488:

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

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FUND - Page 489:

Senator Monroe moved to add \$22,000 general funds for one inspector. Senator Young seconded the motion, but Mr. Barrett pointed out that they would not be raising fees to allow them to add an inspector and that they had not in the past funded from the general funds, so that motion was tabled.

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

yes - Brown, Gibson
no - Lamb, Pozzi, Raggio, Monroe

Senator Young moved to put \$22,000 in but not out of the general fund. (They will explore having them raise the fees and will talk with them to learn which changes they would like made.) Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES - Page 492:

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

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SHEEP INSPECTION FUND - Page 496:

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

WOOLGROWERS PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL COMMISSION - Page 497:

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

CARSON RIVER BASIN - Page 498:

Senator Monroe said he felt this was a boondoggle. He mentioned that the Central Nevada Association was and that it went looking for other things to get into besides the purpose it was created for.

Senator Pozzi said that he had attended several meetings and felt that it did a great deal of good in that it fostered cooperation between the counties and they were better prepared to handle mutual problems.

Senator Young said he felt this need would continue because county boundaries really couldn't be recognized when it came to problems concerning natural boundaries and resources.

The committee indicated that they didn't want this to continue into perpetuity and they felt the Carson River Basin should plan on funding this themselves eventually.

Mr. Barrett mentioned that this money also received matching federal funds and those funds were dependent upon this.

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

yes - 5
no - Senator Lamb and Senator Pozzi

(Senator Pozzi indicated he voted no because he wanted more money.)

MINING COOPERATIVE FUND - Page 499:

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

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Page 504:

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

HOMEMAKING SERVICES - Page 303:

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

WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM - Page 304:

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

Senator Young left at 8:20 to attend a Health and Welfare Committee meeting. (The section from pages 303 to 437 should have been put in above.)

ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG REHABILITATION - Page 328:

Mr. Barrett said that \$200,000 was all federal funds that required no match for alcoholism programs. Senator Brown said, "I think we should give a crack at the drug program, but we could cut back on alcoholism.

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

ALCOHOLISM REHABILITATION, OEO - Page 331:

Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed with all voting for except Senator Young who was absent.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIVISION - Page 399:

Senator Pozzi said, "If we don't watch this division it will get completely out of hand."

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

yes - 4
no - Senators Gibson and Pozzi
absent - Senator Young

The committee also decided to have this agency administer the meat inspection program on the retail level.

CLOUD SEEDING:

Senator Wilson and Dr. Ward appeared and stated that President Nixon had seriously cut back funds for the Bureau of Reclamation.

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Dr. Ward stated that California will get into cloud seeding and they are worried that if Sacramento has another parched year as they did two years ago they will move the seeding further west and cut into Nevada's share of precipitation. He felt that it was necessary for Nevada to continue cloud seeding as it would reinforce and assist Nevada in developing rights in this area. He said he felt that money should go to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for this.

REAL ESTATE DIVISION - Page 404:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the budget as recommended but cut out the administrative deputy at \$13,288, cut the in-state travel to \$20,000, cut office equipment to \$8,372 the first year, and increase the salary of the chief assistant to \$12,900. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

REAL ESTATE SUBDIVISION FUND - Page 407:

This relates to S.B. 250. Senator Gibson stated that they had amended S.B. 250 to allow them to raise fees as needed so that the program would be totally self sufficient and they would administer this entirely upon fees generated. All of the fees would now go into this budget and it would be set up similar to the Colorado River Commission where they are allowed to lower or raise fees according to costs.

Senator Gibson moved they eliminate the general fund moneys from this budget as they will administer this from fees collected. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION - Page 410:

Senator Pozzi moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously except for Senator Young who was absent.

REAL ESTATE RECOVERY - Page 411:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

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REAL ESTATE EDUCATION, RES. & RECOVERY - Page 412:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

REAL ESTATE EDUCATION & RES. - Page 413:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

BANKING & SAVINGS & LOAN DIVISION - Page 414:

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's recommendation
and that they not separate these. Senator Pozzi seconded the
motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REG. FUND - Page 416:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

TAXICAB AUTHORITY - Page 420:

Senator Raggio moved they increase this budget by \$5,760
each year. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

DAIRY COMMISSION - Page 422:

Senator Lamb said he would like to cut the out of state travel.
He said they had \$164,000 and he had heard from an excellent
source that the funds went to wine and dine and entertain the
commission.

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Senator Raggio said, "They carry their own counsel, and why do they need \$10,000 for outside counsel when the attorney general has said he could do this with no additional help?"

Senator Gibson moved they cut the out of state travel to \$500 and the in state travel to \$8,000. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

INSPECTOR OF MINES - Page 424:

Senator Monroe said there is a terrible amount of criticism for this. Senator Lamb said he had heard the inspector of mines doesn't do a thing. Senator Gibson said, "Why don't we force the issue and approve what the governor recommended here?" Senator Gibson moved they approve the governor's recommendation. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed.

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

HOISTING ENGINEERS LICENSE FUND - Page 426:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

GAMING CONTROL BOARD - Page 427:

Mr. Barrett said they would need more funds in in-state travel because when Mr. Hannifin took over the agency he turned all of the gaming division's cars over to the motor pool, so they had been charged less to compensate for turning the cars into the motor pool. But now those cars had been traded off so they would not receive a reduced rate.

Senator Brown moved they approve the agency's recommendation for in-state travel. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed.

Senator Monroe moved they approve the governor's recommendation with the exception of in-state travel. Senator Raggio seconded the motion, and it passed.

for - 6
absent - Senator Young

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LABOR COMMISSION - Page 434:

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

yes - 6
absent - Senator Young

REGIONAL PLUMBING BOARD - Page 437:

Mr. Barrett said they couldn't really kill the entire budget because they had passed a law concerning this (A.B. 455). He said, "You could either go with the governor's recommendation, repeal the law and take away the board, or leave the law in and authorize them to spend their own licensing and fees."

Senator Pozzi moved to take the general funds out of this budget, but it failed for lack of a second.

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

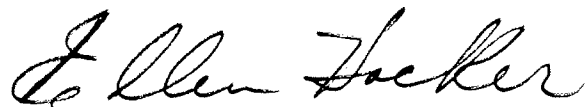
yes - Senators Raggio, Gibson, Monroe, Brown
no - Senators Lamb, Pozzi
absent - Senator Young

LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION - A.B. 449 & S.B. 333 - Page 449:


Mr. Barrett said, "This is not dependent upon federal money. The top two positions are existing positions in the Department of Conservation's budget. What we are doing is moving those two positions in here to form a nucleus for a new division, and asking that you add a secretarial position and one of administrator. If you don't pass the state bill and thus qualify for federal funds you should cut out the two new positions and move the other two back to their own areas in Conservation." Senator Gibson said, "I think you will have to pass a land use bill."

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Hocker, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman