

Joint Meeting

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETINGS
APRIL 6, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. Senator Lamb was in the chair. At 8:00 when the committee recessed and met jointly with the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, Assemblyman Mello 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

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

MANSION MAINTENANCE - Page 3:

Assembly Ways and Means approved the governor's recommendation, and Senate Finance approved a \$10,000 additional appropriation for increased mansion improvement.

Senator Lamb said that the \$10,000 was for improvements needed to maintain the mansion and that they had called all over to get prices for this and had a detailed study of their needs. He also mentioned that they had put \$39,000 in a one-shot appropriation in a Senate bill. Assemblyman Capurro moved they approve the Senate Finance recommendation. Assemblyman Howard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH - Page 5:

Senate Finance had decreased the general fund appropriation by \$1,500 each year. Assembly Ways and Means had approved the governor's recommendation which was for \$3,000.

Senator Lamb said, "We stayed with what they have actually been spending. I personally have seen no results. If you want to get candid about it, it is for a trip to the White House." Mr. Barrett said, "It is basically for travel and per diem. They spent all but \$2 in their budget last biennium." Assemblyman Prince said, "I feel it is a worthwhile program and if they spent all but \$2 with the rising cost of travel, they couldn't get by with \$1,500."

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Senator Lamb said he didn't feel they should raise this budget 100%. Assemblyman Prince said he felt they did a lot of good. Senator Lamb said, "Tell me where." Assemblyman Howard said there are six students on this council and they gave the governor recommendations on drug programs for the executive budget. Senator Young said, "Don't you think he would have had this information without these six kids. You've got the PTA, the department of health and welfare and rehabilitation which has about 65 million dollars. You've got a proliferation of youth programs. I admit this is what they say the advisory committee did, but I must say it strains my credulity that the governor's proposal depends upon the contribution of these six children. Maybe it did. If the governor indicates that's the case, I'll go along with it."

Assemblyman Prince said, "The PTA has no advisory capacity to the governor, these people are the advisory group to the governor, the department of education, and the various state agencies."

No action was taken.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - Page 13:

The Senate Finance Committee wanted to move \$9,200 in salary from the legislative fund into his budget to be paid from that fund for his salary he is paid during the session. The Ways and Means wanted to add an additional \$1,500 each year.

Assemblyman Mello said, "We took contractual services and raised it \$1,250 each year. This is to take care of about 1/3 a secretary to operate here in Carson City for the lieutenant governor out of this building, and right now his own private secretary is doing his work. Then a full time secretary will work out of his office in Las Vegas in the Governor's Office."

Senator Gibson said, "We felt it was sufficient to give him a full time secretary to take care of both places. \$9,200 is money that accrues to him during the session. We felt it was better to put it in his own budget rather than being paid by the legislative fund. This budget is nearly doubling, and we felt this will take care of this (secretarial services)." Assemblyman Mello said, "Under the constitution I can't see any reason to put it under his budget (the per diem paid during the session)."

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Senator Gibson said, "You know we have been taking these extraneous things out of the legislative budget. It would be better to identify this than keep it in the legislative budget." Senator Lamb said, "If you put it here then you can see what the lieutenant governor makes rather than scattering it all over the budget." Senator Gibson said, "Some people think he makes \$6,000 a year but that isn't true." Assemblyman Mello said that in Section 33 of the NRS you can see that his salary should be paid for the duration of the session. Senator Lamb said, "That's right, and that's why we should put it here." Assemblyman Mello said, "I have no objection to putting this \$9,200 in the budget.

Assemblyman Howard moved they put the \$9,200 in the lieutenant governor's budget from the legislative fund. Assemblyman Capurro seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Assemblyman Hafen said, "I think we should clearly identify what that money is and where it comes from." The committees agreed.

Senator Lamb said that the lieutenant governor has access to the governor's personnel if he needs them and he can get by in great shape. He said this budget was growing and growing and that they used to have only \$6,000.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND - Page 20:

The senate approved the governor's recommendation. The assembly recommended \$22,527 the first year and the amount of \$22,660 the second year of the biennium for the contract services for an attorney for the University of Nevada.

The salaries for two attorneys were paid for previously from the university's discretionary fund which comes from private donations. Senator Raggio remarked that no one knew what was in the discretionary fund. By error these two positions were left out of the budget and were not placed in either the attorney general's budget or the universities.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the assembly's recommendation and allow the amount listed above for one attorney. Senator Monroe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SECRETARY OF STATE - Page 25:

The senate had approved an increase in travel of \$11,750, and the assembly had approved an increase above the governor's recommendation of \$9,250.

The secretary of state had asked for an increase in travel. Senator Gibson moved to approve the assembly's recommendation

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of \$9,250. Senator Pozzi seconded the motion, and it passed with only Senator Monroe voting no.

ARCHIVES - SECRETARY OF STATE - Page 27:

Assemblyman Mello said that they approved an increase in out of state travel of \$250 each year for a trip to a convention to St. Louis. Senator Monroe asked, "How come we have to pay for a trip to St. Louis?"

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

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 33:

The senate had approved a decrease of \$50,000 each year. The assembly approved a decrease of \$31,976 the first year of the biennium and \$37,810 the second. The senate felt they should cut by a firm sum and let personnel make necessary adjustments in their personnel assessments if necessary, and the assembly felt they should cut the assessment by a certain percentage.

Assemblyman Capurro moved they cut the assessment to .0077% on a rate basis. Mr. Barrett said, "Why don't we agree on an amount of money and let personnel set the rate. I am afraid your rate reduction is going to be more of a cut than the \$50,000 each year."

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

Prior to the vote Senator Gibson had mentioned that there would be 550 new positions in the budget the next biennium. Assemblyman Mello mentioned that the current employees would have to be reclassified, hearings held upon request, etc., and that these costs would add to the budget. Senator Gibson said the rate of turnover has dropped drastically now and this is where they used to have costs.

MERIT AWARD BOARD - Page 40:

The senate approved a \$2,000 decrease each year, and the assembly approved the governor's recommendation.

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

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STATE PLANNING BOARD - Page 88:

Senator Gibson said, "We have about doubled the capital improvement program they are responsible for." The Senate Finance Committee felt that they should heed the testimony of the planning board to the effect that the state loses \$200,000 each year without the added architect's position due to the lag in getting plans out to bid because of the inflationary costs during that lag period. The assembly felt that the 10% the planning board is allowed to receive out of project costs would be sufficient to provide for this. Assemblyman Hafen moved that they take action later on this pending further information.

The senate had added two project architect positions, a clerk typist, and payroll costs, and equipment, which amounted to \$24,624 the first year of the biennium and \$24,073 the second. The assembly had recommended the governor's budget.

EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION - Page 101

The senate had reduced state travel and legal and court expense amounting to a total of \$2,799 the first year of the biennium and \$3,600 the second. The assembly had approved the governor's recommendation.

Assemblyman Capurro moved to approve the senate's recommendation. Assemblyman Howard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Assemblymen Schofield and Dreyer were absent.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - Page 104:

Senator Lamb said that Gary Sheerin, the public defender, came back and said he could live with an increase of \$8,000 for appeals and the cuts the senate made could be lived with. Assemblyman Hafen moved they approve the senate's recommendations. Assemblyman Prince seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Assemblymen Schofield and Dreyer absent.

The senate had recommended that this budget be cut by \$16,181 the first year and \$13,046 the second. The assembly had approved the governor's recommendation.

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SUPREME COURT - Page 107:

The senate and assembly had deleted the senior law clerk and payroll costs for this. However, the assembly had added for the salary adjustment of the 6% raise built into the budget amounting to \$11,789 the first year and \$12,865 the second. This then leaves a reduction of \$5,261 the first year and \$5,355 the second.

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

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION - Page 119:

The senate had decreased the general fund appropriation by \$64,178 the first year and \$85,377 the second. The assembly had added to the governor's recommendation \$50,500 the first year and \$50,700 the second, in order to fund an equal education consultant position, etc.

Assemblyman Prince stated that they felt Bernice Wolf in Las Vegas they felt should be funded as they, "wanted to continue very powerful input from the black community." An assemblyman said, "We also felt that ESEA Title IV was being phased out which is generally an accountability thing and we felt there should be accountability in education and tried to put some of this back in."

Senator Brown moved to approve the assembly's recommendation. This lost for lack of a second.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES - Page 152

The senate had deleted the general fund appropriation \$11,000 the first year of the biennium, and \$11,500 the second. The assembly had approved the governor's recommendation.

Assemblyman Capurro moved to approve the senate's recommendation. Assemblyman Howard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Assemblymen Schofield and Dreyer absent.

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CAREER EDUCATION - Page 153:

The senate had approved the governor's recommendation. The assembly had deleted the general fund and unclassified position, amounting to \$5,000 each year.

Assemblyman Mello said, "We started this program with \$50,000 being promised to us by the federal government with no state funds, but it really never came through. So we found out that what they had been doing, this is a 21-man advisory council, and they were taking their money from contractual services and adding it to their travel."

Senator Gibson said, "I think we agree with you, the only information we were given was this was a requirement for vocational education monies, and we were afraid if we knocked out the general fund monies we would lose it."

Assemblyman Mello said, "We checked into this and we found out that's not the case. We don't know what they are going to get, but whatever they get is not jeopardized by state funds at all." Senator Gibson said, "When this bill first came in its part of the vocational education amendments of 1968 which states that states should have this council in order to qualify for federal funds." Assemblyman Mello said, "We found out that if we cut this program completely out we would still qualify for the funds they give us, but we are not in jeopardy by this cut."

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

LIBRARY - Page 155:

The senate approved adding \$20,000 each year to the governor's recommendation. The assembly had approved the governor's recommendation.

Senator Raggio said, "They made a strong argument to our committee, but they convinced us that the addition of \$20,000 was the minimum that they would need to meet their adequate needs, and we cut this down to what they could get by on to meet minimum adequate needs. I think without it because of their cuts, they are being cut severely by the federal government, that they will have difficulty."

Assemblyman Howard moved they approve the senate's recommendation. Assemblyman Capurro seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Assemblymen Schofield and Dreyer absent.

NEVADA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - Page 177:

Senator Gibson said, "Swackhammer who is on the commission indicated they could get by with less than that."

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Assemblyman Capurro said, "Its going to be a hell of a party. I hope I'm invited."

Senator Monroe said, "I found out after we took our action that these funds will be used only for restoration projects and none will be used for salaries or travel."

Senator Brown moved to amend this to \$22,500. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed with Senators Raggio and Monroe voting no, but the assembly held firm on their decision to fund it at \$45,000 with the comment if we didn't do that we would be the only state that didn't fund this at \$45,000. Assemblyman Howard said, "The testimony we received was that this was required for matching funds."

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION & PRESS - Page 181:

Assemblyman Capurro said, "The University of Nevada budget was handled by a subcommittee and they saw the various programs at the university and the recommendations."

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

Senator Lamb said, "We just felt there was this much fat in it, so we took it out. We felt it was wrong for us to pinpoint a certain position, so we would just let them set their own priorities." Senator Raggio said, "We increased their budget \$337,000 to \$457,591 which we felt was a rather hefty increase and then all the bleat came out that we were cutting out the attornies. Last year they paid for these attornies out of the discretionary fund, so we asked Mr. Barrett how much they had in this fund and he said he didn't know and doesn't see that fund. I thought we were giving them a hearty increase of \$120,000."

Assemblyman Capurro said, "There is a lot of increases throughout the budgets. Where you are asking them to have accountability for the whole system, the administrative area is where they have a job to do running the whole system." Assemblyman Hafen said, "I am intrigued by this cut. Where did you get this figure?" Senator Lamb said they just cut it by this amount. Assemblyman Mello said, "I don't think our committee is going to budge on this at all."

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UNR - EXISTING PROGRAMS - Page 185:

The senate approved the governor's recommendation. The assembly gave \$100,000 in addition for the medical school.

Assemblyman Capurro said, "The medical school asked for nothing and we felt we haven't spent any money on this and it seems to be going along very well, so we thought it was about time we started paying money for the medical school." Senator Gibson said, "Were you here when they sold it to us? It was around \$882,000 when the governor was working on this budget. When we were sold this we were told it wouldn't cost much."

Assemblyman Capurro was asked what the money would go for and replied he wouldn't really tell them where to put the money, that they would let them set their own priorities but it would go to UNR. He said they felt this was justified and that's why they asked for it.

Senator Brown said, "They are quite satisfied with the \$800,000, and I feel they are satisfied with the governor's recommendation." He said he was a great proponent of this when they created it but didn't feel they should give them an extra \$100,000.

Assemblyman Capurro said that they have a twenty to one ratio overall in the university and they know they couldn't have this ratio in the medical school, so they will have to raise the ratio in the other areas in order to achieve a 3.5 to one ratio in the medical school. He said the physicians assistant program will be taught in this school and is a growing program. They also have 300 pre-med students on two campuses. However, no federal money will be going to physicians assistant programs because they lost their federal money in the nursing school.

Assemblyman Robinson said, "The school of nursing is losing their federal funding. The nursing school was started on federal fund basis knowing it was going to dry up eventually, and it has." Senator Brown said, "They knew when they went into that that eventually they wouldn't have it. They are unhappy about it, but there was nothing we could do." Senator Lamb said, "If you go to the horses mouth you would find out they can get along very well without this."

Assemblyman Robinson moved they go with the senate. There was no second, so this failed.

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UNLV - NEW PROGRAMS - Page 203:

The senate approved the governor's recommendation. The assembly added \$75,000 each year for a school of architecture.

Assemblyman Capurro said, "We would like to start a school of architecture at UNLV, and I think it would be well received. These people are extremely in demand. The projection is in the State of Nevada it will be well received and a worthwhile program. We would give them \$75,000 each year to get underway. Architectural schools around the country have no trouble placing anyone at any time."

Senator Gibson said, "This reminds me of the school of nuclear sciences which was phased out because Nevada doesn't have a demand for it. I think you need to look at what the state needs. I don't think there is a place for a school of architecture."

Assemblyman Hafen moved they go with the senate's recommendation and delete the \$75,000. Assemblyman Prince seconded the motion. The motion failed with only Assemblymen Prince and Hafen voting yes.

UNIVERSITY - RESERVE FOR UNR AND UNLV - Between pages 220 and 222 - This is a new budget proposed by the assembly.

The assembly established \$100,000 each year for a reserve fund in the event of Bankhead-Jones federal subventions cuts. The senate did not do this.

Assemblyman Mello explained that if they got the Bankhead-Jones federal funding they would not receive this and it would revert. Senator Gibson said, "Are you going to do this with all the budgets where we are going to lose federal money? Why should we do this for one agency and not the others?"

Senator Lamb said, "We are increasing the funding to the interim finance committee by \$2-1/2 million just to take care of things that might come up with regard to cuts in federal funding." Assemblyman Capurro said, "We have a bill to eliminate the interim finance committee." Senator Lamb said, "You are just playing games. There are going to be a lot of federal monies taken out that we can't foresee so we can add money to interim finance for this

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or come back in for a special session." Senator Raggio said, "There are lots of areas which can be cut in federal funds. I don't think we should single out the university for special treatment."

Senator Gibson said, "I think if the state starts making up the federal government impounds this is just going to grow and grow. There are a lot of areas that we won't want to fund when the federal government cuts."

Assemblyman Capurro said, "They have counted on these federal funds in the budget." Senator Gibson said, "I am not prepared to set priorities this way."

U OF N CLASSIFIED SALARY ADJUSTMENT - Page 224:

The senate and assembly agreed in the salary survey raise in S.B. 252 and C.P.I. in S.B. 252, but the assembly approved a shift differential of \$43,571 each year which the senate did not,

This relates to S.B. 252. Assemblyman Mello said this was in various budgets and they killed everything in S.B. 252 except the shift differential. He mentioned that other agencies such as the state mental hospital paid 5% more for a shift differential for those employees who worked shifts other than the day shift. This would involve non-professional employees at the university, of course.

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

The joint hearing adjourned and the senate finance committee met again in their own room. Senators Raggio and Young left the meeting at 9:20.

S.B. 383:

SUMMARY: Provides increased per diem allowance for state employees.

They agreed to amend section 1, line 8, and insert 14. Senator Pozzi moved they recommend do pass as amended. Senator Gibson seconded the motion, and it passed.

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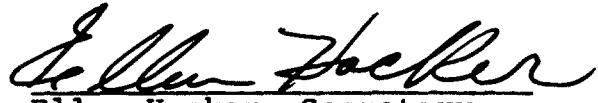
absent - Senators Raggio and Young

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The committee discussed unclassified salary raises. See attached.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ellen Hocker, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Assembly Ways & Means Committee
FROM: John F. Dolan
SUBJECT: Personnel Assessments

The gross payroll for agencies subject to personnel assessments and adjusted for a 6% increase in salaries is approximately \$76,000,000 in 1973-74 and \$80,000,000 in 1974-75. This gross payroll will produce the assessments shown below:

<u>1973-74</u>			<u>1974-75</u>	
<u>Rate</u>	<u>Assessments</u>		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Assessments</u>
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.0080	\$ 608,000		.0080	\$ 640,000

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