

Assembly

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSION

February 7, 1975

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 A.M. in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Weise and Mr. Wittenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan and Bill Bible

Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1975 was made by Mr. Robinson, Seconded by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Mr. Robinson gave a copy of the letter he had received from the Board of Governors, State Bar Association of Nevada, regarding the Law School for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The Office of Governor's budget was closed with the exception of salaries and fringe benefits. Motion was made to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor by Mr. Howard. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Robinson to approve the Mansion Maintenance as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wittenberg to approve the Extradition Clerk as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion passed. Chairman Mello then introduced A.B. 216 "Makes general fund supplemental appropriation for support of office of extradition clerk." Motion was made by Mrs. Brookman to approve A.B. 216. Seconded by Mr. Bremner. Committee recommended a "Do Pass."

A Motion was made by Mr. Weise to approve the Governor's Advisory Council on Children and Youth as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Brookman to approve the budget of Manpower Services Council as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Wittenberg. Motion passed.

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Chairman Mello stated regarding the Lieutenant Governor's Budget that the secretary for this office should be an executive secretary and able to assist the Lt. Governor. Mr. Robinson stated that he could not understand why a good secretary could not be found for the salary recommended as the lay off throughout of nation is tremendous. He felt that with that rate of unemployment, the Lt. Governor should be able to find a secretary. Chairman Mello stated he disagreed as he feels an administrative secretary should be paid as such. Chairman Mello stated that the Lt. Governor has not been in office for very long and has little knowledge on preparing the budget and asked for \$50 per month increase. Even with this increase, the Lt. Governor stated he could not find a secretary. Mr. Bible explained that the previous Lt. Governor used his secretary in a different manner than Lt. Governor Rose intends to use his. He stated that in this case, he would certainly amend their proposal. Mr. Howard stated that uniformity should be kept in the administrative secretary position, a salary should be established, and they should all have the same classification.

A Motion was made by Mr. Howard to "establish Grade U-27 (low \$9,242 - high \$11,090) for this position. Seconded by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wittenberg to amend the Out of State travel from \$250 to \$350 as the only trip he would be making out of state would be to the National conference in Alabama and \$250 wouldn't even cover the plane fare. Mr. Weise amended this Motion to read "increase the \$250 to \$400 to be used solely for the purpose of attending this conference and \$400 the next year." Seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion defeated. Mr. Wittenberg stated that whatever amount is not used for Out of State travel would be reverted back to the General Fund.

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Mr. Dreyer stated he did not feel the Motion should state specifically what the \$400 is to be used for. Mr. Wittenberg agreed and stated that the committee should not be directing specifics. Mr. Wittenberg then made a Motion to increase the Out of State travel to \$400 for each year of the biennium. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion approved.

A Motion was then made by Mr. Dreyer to approve the budget of Lieutenant Governor as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

A Motion was made to approve the Special Fund as recommended by the Governor by Mr. Bremner. Seconded by Mr. Weise. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wittenberg to approve the Private Detective as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Mello stated that the 1/2 position for the State Treasurer's office be increased to a full-time position. Mr. Glover felt that another full-time position should not be approved as they have no office space and they would probably then need a desk, etc. The request by the agency was for one and one-half positions. Governor recommended only one position. Chairman Mello stated that this budget would be held until such time as it can be determined that office space is available, etc.

A Motion was made to approve the Clear Creek Youth Center by Mr. Dreyer as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Bremner made a Motion to approve the State Board of Finance as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Mello stated that the Public Works Board budget includes one new position. Mr. Robinson stated that the A & E services are to be provided to all state agencies. He questioned why in some of the budgets, we are asked to pay for these services and felt that a lot of money could be saved if these services were used by the agencies. Mr. Robinson also felt that the Dues and Registration fees should not be paid by the state. Mr. Bible explained that these fees could be institutional memberships, etc. or the fees could be for a conference.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wittenberg to approve the Public Works Board as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Dreyer. Motion passed.

Mr. Dreyer suggested that the Commission for Veteran's Affairs be held until it can be discussed with the Governor as a committee or individuals. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Mello then appointed a sub-committee to discuss this with the Governor. Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Howard and Mr. Weise were appointed to this sub-committee.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Brookman to approve the Indian Affairs Commission as recommended by the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Robinsion. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Wittenberg to approve the Employee/Management Relations Board as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Mello asked if Legislation was needed regarding the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board. Mr. Bible stated it had been submitted. Chairman Mello stated that this budget would then be held.

A Motion was made by the High School Rodeo Association by Mr. Howard to approve as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer Seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Mello then introduced A. B. 65 regarding the tort claim of Charles Knight "Makes appropriation from state general fund to state board of examiners. Mr. Bremner recommended approval. Seconded by Mr. Weise. The committee recommended a "Do Pass."

Chairman Mello assigned A.B. 65 to Mr. Weise and A.B. 216 to Mr. Robinson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.