

Assembly

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

March 14, 1975.

The 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, Bill Bible, Dr. Kenneth Hansen, Bob McCall, Harry Galloway and Robert Gagnier and Gordon Harding.

Mr. Bob McCall explained the Education Commission of the States (page 159). AB 39 "Provides for participation in compact on education." BDR 34-47. He stated that AB 39 is the compact of education formed in 1966. This organization is designed to involve various kinds of people in making education policy. There are seven commissioners from each of the states: the Governor, two State Legislators and four others appointed by the Governor. He explained the purpose and policy of the compact as outlined in Article I of the bill. Mr. McCall stated they work closely with the National Governor's Conference and with the Conference of State Legislators in developing techniques to make the State voice heard in Congress on education bills. They also have an interest in consolidation of Federal grants. They are one of few organizations who have staff available on call and who visit people in the state regarding various matters. Under the financial structure they manage various projects for a number of sponsors. The Education Commission of the States' budget is about \$1,700,000 and State fees are about 50% of this. The rest is cost of various projects. They are operating in the black and always have been. Mr. McCall also stated that in nine years of existence, no state has ever withdrawn from the Commission and they welcome Nevada state membership. They presently have 45 states and two territories that belong.

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Chairman Mello read AB 214 "Regulates application of restricted use pesticides." BDR 49-164. Mr. Harry Galloway stated that of three bills this is their first priority. Pesticides will be classified as either general use or restricted use which must be certified. Mr. Galloway explained the Sections of the bill. They estimate that 70% of all pesticides will be classified as restricted use pesticides. The fiscal note requested in this bill would provide one additional person and also clerical assistance. He also stated that this bill should read "effective July 1975" with the exception of Section 9 which should be "effective July 1, 1976". An amendment was then made to the bill stating that Section 26 would read that this would be effective July 1, 1975 except Section 9 which would be effective July 1, 1976. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Howard then made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass as amended". Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Howard will handle the bill.

SB 141 "Makes appropriation to reserve for statutory contingency fund." BDR S-772. Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Bremner will handle the bill.

AB 207 "Makes appropriations to stale claims fund account." BDR S-774. Mr. Bible explained that this provides for \$43,349 from the General Fund, Highway fund \$605, and an additional appropriation of \$50,000 to increase the maximum to \$100,000. The fund is currently established at \$50,000 level and in the past biennium was used to pay \$60,709 worth of claims. Reimbursement received for Title XIX activities was \$16,754 leaving a balance of \$6,045.60. It is necessary to appropriate \$43,349 to restore the balance to the fund and an additional \$50,000 to increase maximum. A stale claim is a claim presented after the funds have been reverted. The funds in this fund do not revert, therefore, any excess would provide for a lesser amount being requested next session. Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise will handle the bill.

AB 208 "Makes appropriation to emergency fund account." BDR S-773 Mr. Bible stated that they are requesting \$39,999 to restore the balance to \$100,000. He also stated that this fund can be used to compensate victims of crimes so more might be asked for. Mr. Wittenberg made a

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motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg will handle the bill.

AB 228 "Makes appropriation to office of economic opportunity to finance new program to increase professional capabilities of young Nevadans." BDR S-859. Chairman Mello read a suggested amendment to the bill, "Beginning October 1, 1975, the office of Economic Opportunity shall submit a monthly report covering the activities of this career opportunities program to the members of the Interim Finance Committee. The format and information received in the monthly reports shall be determined by the Interim Finance Committee. In addition to the monthly reports the Office of Economic Opportunity shall appear before the Interim Finance Committee when requested to report upon the career opportunity program." Mr. Bremner made a motion to adopt the amendment. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass as amended." Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Dreyer will handle the bill and Chairman Mello will handle the Amendment.

AB 253 "Makes appropriation from General Fund in the State Treasury to Secretary of State." BDR S-837. Gordon Harding stated that the Secretary of State's office maintains 35,000 corporate files which have been chartered to do business in Nevada. The Secretary of State has looked at the possibility of reducing the amount of clerical effort through automation to provide better service to the State and reduce the amount of file space. The Secretary of State believes that if this approach is mechanized the existing two man years now required to develop corporate lists and revenue notices can be avoided. They also receive many telephone calls and if these files were automated it would allow for this information to be provided faster. Chairman Mello stated that they would also like to go to microfilm and feels this would also help their situation. He also stated that he would like to committee to visit the office and see the problems. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Dreyer Seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover will handle the bill.

SB 143 "Makes General Fund supplemental appropriation for support of Nevada State Prison." BDR S-831. Mr. Bible stated that the population at the prison has increased. In this fiscal year they estimated the inmate population to be 690 and they had 865. This fiscal year revenues will exceed the estimated \$73,000. SB 299 will provide funds needed to implement Judge Thompson's order. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" on SB 143. Mr. Weise seconded. **Motion passed.** Mr. Robinson will handle the bill.

Mr. Robert Gagnier then explained the two Rehab coordinator positions in the Personnel budget for the OAP program. State involvement in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse would be very beneficial. The Rehab counselors only provide a referral service and determine what program a person should be in. If a person's performance falls below standard and refuses counseling, he can be dismissed.

Mr. Weise made a motion to approve the budget on Governor's Commission on the Status of Women as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the budget on the Budget Division as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve the budget on Education Communication Commission as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the T V Satellite as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve the Nevada Historical Society as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

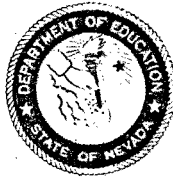
Mr. Dreyer made a motion to approve the Law Library as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the Parole and Probation as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Mello stated that last session the position of executive director was deleted in the Advisory Council for Career Education. He stated that he now feels this position is necessary. He also stated that the sub-committee on salaries will be looking into the salary adjustment. Mr. Wittenberg stated also that there is a bill being drafted for reducing the number of members on the council. Mrs. Brookman made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor with the adjustments. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Bible stated that in the Public Service Commission Regulatory Fund, a principal clerk steno has been requested and the budget office has no objection. This is not included in the budget and was omitted only due to error. Mr. Robinson suggested that the committee defer action until a study has been conducted which will be finished April 1, 1975 as this budget may then include some expensive charges. Chairman Mello stated the closing of this budget will be held.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM



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Dear Mr. Mello:

I would like this letter to be read into the record of your hearing for March 14 regarding Education Commission of the States.

As legislative chairman of the State Board of Education, I wish to support Governor O'Callaghan's recommendation for Nevada to become a member of the Education Commission of the States. We view ECS as a valuable resource in several ways. For several years we have benefitted from many of the Commission's publications and research. Now that we are one of a very few states not belonging, such piggy-backing will become increasingly difficult, understandably so. But Nevada can afford to pay its own way, even in a year when the economy is hardly at its best. In education learning from each other's successes and failures is a good investment. We have benefitted from ECS; it does seem time to contribute, both financially and in the deliberations.

An additional benefit of membership in ECS, according to our State Board of Education colleagues in other states, is the improved flow of communication between educators and political decision makers, both within and outside the state. Education is an important responsibility of every state; I think all agree on that point. Good educational planning must be done by educators and politicians working together, and ECS is the only forum designed primarily for that purpose. We hope your committee will grant this request of the State Board of Education and Governor O'Callaghan.

Very truly yours,

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