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

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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, Jim Carmany, Grant Bastian, Gene Phelps, Howard Hill, Col. Jim Lambert,

Mr. Jim Carmany explained that the Halfway House, AB 201, will have about 3,000 square feet. He stated that they have two possible land sites available. One site is close to Chaparral High School, and the other is near the Vocational Technical Center. Chairman Mello stated that a Halfway House is to be built with \$100,000, but they still do not know where. Mr. Carmany stated that they cannot get the money unless they know they're going to build but cannot begin building plans until they get the money. He felt sure that \$100,000 would be adequate. He stated that they cannot secure an architect without money.

Grant Bastian explained the Highway Department Administration. Chairman Mello stated that SB 209 would provide a One-Shot of \$3,500,000 which can be found on page A-26. Also, SB 177 provides \$600,000 for a One-Shot on A-27.

Mr. Bastian stated that two years ago they had to lay off many people, and have been operating an increased workload with one-hundred and fifty-one less employees.

Gene Phelps stated that it will be difficult to live with the Governor's budget, but they will. In the last two years, the gas tax revenues have leveled off. The Federal Government pays their share only after the project is completed. Before any change in a project is done, approval is obtained. The bulk of the Highway costs are still going to the Interstate. Asphalt has almost doubled, and all products used that are related to petroleum have increased. There has been a 50% increase in traffic paint and lighting has become a major cost.

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Chairman Mello stated that in the next two years, the Department will be spending more than they will bring in. Mr. Phelps stated that they are trying to live within their budget, but they might have to cut projects in order to do so.

Some of the Federal money is based on the fifty-five mile-per-hour speed limit. The Federal Government will begin monitoring the speed limit, and if the state does not have a fifty-five mile per hour speed limit, the Federal money will not come in.

Mr. Phelps stated that part of the Arden One Shot money will be returned when the Main Street building is sold.

Mr. Bremner felt that the Arden property would be farther away from the jobs, and would cause more gas to be used. Mr. Phelps stated that the offices will remain downtown and only the Maintenance and Equipment will be moved to keep the big trucks out of through traffic.

The Steen Property near the airport was purchased for part of the freeway for \$1,010,000. Mr. Phelps stated they would like to trade with Reno for some other property. Chairman Mello stated that Reno doesn't want it because they thought they could have bought it cheaper.

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The \$600,000 County Cooperative Program is matching county funds used to buy asphalt equipment rental, etc. They hope to fund this program entirely with Highway Funds.

Howard Hill explained Department of Motor Vehicle Director's Office. He stated that no new positions are being recommended.

The Printing and Duplicating copy difference for the first year of the biennium is used to print the code book.

The Insurance expense is for vehicle insurance.

Legal and Court expenses is used for the Deputy Attorney General's salary. Mr. Thompson, stated that they had asked for two Attorneys General because of the increase in hearings which also have become more formalized. Court suits have doubled and personnel disciplinary hearings have doubled.

Dues and Registration provides for the entire department to belong to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

The Office Furniture and Equipment would provide files and chairs in the reception area, and also a new calculator.

Mr. Hill explained Administrative Services - DMV. They are asking for one senior accountant to help with the increased workload, and the general revenue accounting area.

Chairman Mello stated that AB 350 would allow for \$48,000 to be transferred from salaries to this budget.

Operating Supplies are for fire extinguisher service and recharge under OSHA Standards.

Communications provides for telephone, postage, and freight, and this budget is computed at the ten-cent rate.

The printing and duplicating copy provides a copying service for all the DMV offices on a statewide basis.

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The Other Building Rent is for offices in Ely, North Las Vegas, Elko, Henderson, Boulder City, Winnemucca, and other areas. These were charged previously into State owned building rent.

Utilities is a small amount because DMV will no longer be paying for this, but it will come out of Buildings and Grounds which accounts for the increase there.

Insurance expense on page 588 was on page 591, and now will be spread through all the budgets.

Office Furniture and Equipment is for one new calculator, desk, chair, etc., for the new position, also replacement of one typewriter, one calculator, and one adding machine.

Hale Bennett explained the Automation Division, and stated that no new positions are being requested. They are the data processing service agent for the rest of the department. SB 349

Miscellaneous income is from the microfish records which are made available to law enforcement agencies throughout the state at a reimbursement cost.

Seasonal Part Time Help is used in vehicle registration during the end of the year rush, for inventory and stock.

Out-of-State Travel has decreased. Previously this was used to send persons to a training program, but they do not need to now because they are establishing their own training program.

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The prison inmate stipend and Travel is a teaching program where inmates are brought into the building to work then returned to the prison. The pay \$3 per day. Mr. Bible stated that in the first year prison inmates were not allowed outside of the prison.

Col. Jim Lambert explained the Law Enforcement - Highway Patrol. Under New Positions they are requesting two special officers, one for the Las Vegas office, and one for the Carson City office. These officers would be used to take plates off of vehicles owned by people who refuse to make their checks good, and also returning driver's licenses. The radio traffic load is getting heavy, and they are requesting two dispatches.

Chairman Mello stated that SB 187 would raise the revenues from the special fund from \$2 to \$3. Col. Lambert stated that the additional \$1 would provide a surplus which would go into the regular fund.

Overtime was explained by Col. Lambert. Last session allowed for holiday overtime, and they found that there was quite a bit of compensatory time off. The Fair Labor Laws state that overtime must be paid. Staffing does not solve all overtime problems.

The In-State Travel is predicated on service training for officers who have over one year of service. They provide travel to and from these program.

Communication expense is being recommended by the Governor at a lesser amount than the work program, because the channels on the microwave system will be finished in July 1976, and the cost will be reduced about \$25,180. They have sixty-two other entities in the system. The \$9.500 for the remote base construction has been moved to its own line item.

Contractual Services provides a contract with Western Union for the teletype machines.

The Other Contractual Services - provide for CJC 12 law enforcement teletype assistance rental. Also the Law Enforcement teletype system and the National Crime line into Washington, D.C. Col. Lambert stated it costs less to lease telephone lines on top of mountains than putting up their own. This also allows for Rental at the Greasewood Pistol Range for training. The pistol range in Las Vegas provides their services free.

The Clothing and Uniform Allowance provides \$300 per year per man. The uniform cost per officer is as follows.

Winter Dress Shirt.....	\$44.00
Winter Pants.....	46.95
Eisenhower Jacket.....	95.99
Winter Hat.....	24.00
Neck Ties.....	2.50

The Highway Patrolman must purchase their own leather, but the Department issues the revolver. The last uniform increase which came in five days ago showed the uniform would now come to over \$500.

The shift differential is 5%, and the department is on a rotating system. The shift differential starts after 6:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m.

Medical and Dental Expenses provide for heart examinations for any man who has been on the department over five years.

The Special Reports is used for testing blood on narcotic screens test, breath tests. A law has been passed where each fatality must be given a blood test for alcohol.

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The costs of moving for employees who are transferred, are paid by the State.

The automobile and trucks expenses are based on the automobiles that will have to be replaced in the next two years. They will need forty-one automobiles the first year, and thirty-eight the second with four motorcycles.

The Highway Patrol Special Fund is the fund for SB 187, raising the \$2 to \$3.

Chairman Mello then handed out a rough draft of the Natural Resources split for the Committee's review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.