

Assembly

MINUTES

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

March 31, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 1:30 P.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 and Barbara Mello

AB 161 "Establishes state communications system." BDR 18-336.

Chairman Mello stated that this bill as opposition by telephone companies and police. There is a new bill which there is a budget for. Mr. Dreyer made a motion to send the bill to Government Affairs for hearings and then have it referred back to Ways and Means. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

AB 201 "Makes appropriation from general fund to department of human resources for construction of half-way house in Clark County, Nevada." BDR S-832.

Chairman Mello stated that this bill has been amended in Section 2 and Section 3. A letter was received from Mr. George Brookman stating that a building with approximately 3000 square feet could be constructed for about \$85,000 to \$90,000. Mr. Dreyer felt that it could be done. Mr. Bremner made a motion to adopt the amendment. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

State Treasurer - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor on the following budgets:

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Education Administration

Vocational Education

Auto Driver Education Fund

School Lunch Program

Higher Education Student Loan Fund

Fleischmann Scholarships

ESEA, Title VI

ESEA, Title V

ESEA Combined

Teacher Training for Handicapped Children

Education Civil Rights, Title IV

Library Construction

Library Service Improvement Program

Mr. Bremner seconded the motions on these budgets. Motions passed.

Adult Basic Education - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Mr. Weise questioned that this might overlap with the vocational program, university program or community college program. Mr. Wittenberg stated that testimony showed that there was no overlapping. Mr. Bremner stated that this was designed to help those who could not learn at the community college level. Mr. Dolan stated this was a very well coordinated budget and there was no overlapping. Motion passed.

Care of Deaf and Blind - Mr. Bible stated that there is an amendment to add \$5000 to the budget each year of the biennium because the out of state tuition was redone and the budget will be \$10,000 short. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend the budget by adding \$5,000 in each year of the biennium. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Advisory Committee and Environmental Education - Mr. Wittenberg made a

motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Mr. Bible stated that the consultant serves as an advisory consultant. Motion passed with Mr. Weise and Mr. Howard voting no.

National Defense Education Act - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Comprehensive Employment Training Act - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no.

Indian Education - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

State Library - The sub-committee is recommending an additional \$6000 for computerization of Publication Project but will check and make sure it is not already in the budget.

Museum - Mr. Wittenberg stated that the sub-committee is recommending funding of the Curator of Exhibits at \$12,383 the first year and \$12,916 in the second year. Mr. Bremner stated that the exhibits have not been changed for some time and the storage areas are full of artifacts and display material. Mr. Bible stated that the Museum has two Exhibit Technicians that were hired in 1973 to do this. Mr. Wittenberg stated that they do not have someone with the capability to do this and the other personnel are doing other jobs. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend this budget by adding the Curator position. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Weise voting no.

Mr. Wittenberg stated that they also are requesting a security monitor system for \$6000 as a One-Shot. Mr. Bremner stated that they only have one security guard and are in desperate need of either more security guards or this system. Mr. Wittenberg stated that the cost of another security guard would be much greater over the years than this One-Shot item. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend the budget by including the security system. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

A capital improvements estimate of \$35,500 is requested for remodeling the toilets at the museum on the first floor. These toilets are presently not open. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend this budget by including the remodeling of these facilities. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Howard voted no.

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Inter Governmental Personnel - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Buildings and Grounds - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Glover recorded as not voting.

Buildings and Grounds Statewide Leases - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover is recorded as not voting.

Purchasing Administration - Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Glover reported as not voting.

Central Date Processing - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover is recorded as not voting.

Board of Pardons Commission - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

Public Defender - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to take \$1500 out of the "post conviction relief" and move it to "in state travel". Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

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Nevada Council on the Arts - Mr. Bible stated the new program director would be funded half by the state and half with federal dollars. Barbara Mello stated that they do not need two Program Directors. More clerical positions are needed rather than this position. Over a six year period the council will be cut down to 11 members. Chairman Mello stated that he would like an explanation from Mr. Deere as to why two program directors are needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.