

## MINUTES

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

April 29, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by Chairman Mello in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Weise. Mr. Wittenberg arrived at 8:00 A.M.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan and Bill Bible .

Welfare Administration - John Dolan stated that according to new Federal Regulations, Nevada will be required to have two additional full-time Quality Control reviewers. Mr. Weise made a motion to amend this budget by adding these two positions. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg was excused.

Aid to Dependent Children - Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve this budget at the Agency Request. Motion failed due to lack of second. Mr. Robinson made a motion to increase the amount \$5 per ADC recipient. Mr. Bremner seconded. Mr. Bible stated it would cost \$1.3 million in each year which also includes administration costs. Mr. Glover questioned where the money would come from. Motion passed with Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard and Mrs. Brookman voting no. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg was excused. John Dolan will make the necessary changes.

Medical Care Unit - Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg was excused.

Food Stamp Program - John Dolan stated that a new Federal Regulation required them to establish and outreach plan and a full-time Coordinator. Mr. Glover made a motion to amend this budget by adding the full-time coordinator. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Howard and Mr. Weise voted no. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg was excused.

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Regional Plumbing Boards - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Mr. Weise made a motion to amend this motion by deleting the General Fund appropriation. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Bremner and Mrs. Brookman voting no. Mr. Robinson stated that the Plumbing Code is now mandatory and made a motion to recommend an "Indefinite Postponement". Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed with Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Bremner and Chairman Mello voting no. Mr. Wittenberg was excused.

Public Service Commission Regulatory Fund - Mrs. Brookman made a motion to add a Division of Consumer Relations. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Mr. Bremner further amended the motion to add a secretary and necessary office furniture, equipment, salary and fringe benefits. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Robinson made a motion to reopen the budget. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Brookman made a motion to close the budget. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg was excused.

#### Marks

Beaver Dam - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to delete this appropriation. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed with Mrs. Brookman voting no.

Belmont - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

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Berlin-Ichthyosaur - Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

Bristol Wells - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Echo Canyon - Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Fort Shellbourne - Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Pioche Courthouse - Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Cathedral Gorge - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Fort Churchill - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Kershaw Ryan - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

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

Lake Tahoe - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. MR. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Mormon Station - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Red Rock - Mrs. Brookman made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Rye Patch - Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Spring Valley - Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Valley of Fire - Mrs. Brookman made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Howard seconded. Mr. Dreyer stated that he felt they were given enough money already. Motion passed with Mr. Dreyer voting no.

Washoe Lake - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. with Mr. Robinson voting no.

Historic Markers - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

Consultant/Contract Services - Mr. Dolan stated that the \$220,000 General Fund money should be reduced \$180,000 per Mr. Richardson. Mr. Glover made a motion to delete \$180,000 out of the budget. Mr. Weise seconded. Mr. Glover further amended the motion by requesting that this \$180,000 plus the \$40,000 for Beaver Dam be directed toward the V and T Railroad. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Weise made a motion to reopen the Aid to Dependent Children budget. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Dreyer voting no. Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed with Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Dreyer voting no. Mr. Weise made a motion to close the budget. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

SB 265 "Provides early recognition of service and increases amounts under longevity incentive plan." BDR 23-822.

Mr. Bible suggested this be amended to read "effective June 30, 1975". Mr. Dreyer made a motion to so amend this bill. Mr. Bremner seconded.

Motion passed. Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

SB 162 "Makes appropriation to Nevada American Revolution bicentennial commission to support operating needs of commission during biennium ending June 30, 1977." BDR S-847.

Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Weise, Mrs. Brookman, Chairman Mello and Mr. Bremner voting no.

AB 210 "Establishes Nevada archeological survey and makes appropriation." BDR 33-270.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

SB 188 "Makes supplemental appropriation from general fund in state treasury to Western Nevada community college for purpose of purchasing library books." BDR S-872.

Mrs. Brookman made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed with Chairman Mello and Mr. Weise voting no.

Park Land Acquisition - Mr. Weise made a motion to approve all land acquisitions and to write a letter of intent that the Department will come back to Interim Finance prior to each purchase. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

University Class and Tech Salary Adjustment - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to approve the longevity and shift differential in the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Weise voted no.

Salary Increases Highway - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor excluding salaries. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Weise voting no.

SB 336 "Revises Public Employee's Retirement Act." BDR 23-185

Mr. Glover made a motion to approve the amendment to Section 86, page 40, line 3 to add "the employee and employer contributions shall be increased 50% to pay for this improved benefit." Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed with Mr. Weise voting no.

Mr. Wittenberg moved the approval of the balance of the amendments as listed (see attached). Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to approve the University amendments:  
Section 34: 5. "Full-time students of the university of Nevada System who are employed by the University System as graduate assistants or on wage accounts." And, Section 9 should read "The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada System shall contribute on behalf of each participant an amount equal to 8% of the participant's gross compensation during continuance of employment. Each participant shall also contribute 8% of his gross compensation, but the contributions required by this section shall not be less than those authorized by NRS 286.410 and NRS 286.450. Payment of contributions required by this section shall be made by the disbursing officer for the university to the designated company for the benefit of each participant." Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Brookman made a motion to approve Sec 8, (h) "An inspector of the public service commission." Mr. Glover seconded. Motion failed with Mr. Howard, Mr. Weise, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Dreyer voting no.

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to put back into the bill Section 38, page 16 regarding "Optional employer paid". Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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April 21, 1975

The Honorable Donald R. Mello, Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee  
Nevada State Legislature  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Assemblyman Mello:

The Retirement Board respectfully requests favorable consideration by you and the members of your Committee to amendments to Senate Bill No. 336 as follows:

1. Section 30, page 10, at the end of line 42 add the following: However, no credit shall be validated unless both the employee and employer contributions are paid.

COMMENT: Technical correction to make sure that full payment is made for service purchased.

2. Section 34, page 13, line 3 after the word "persons" and before the word "under" delete the words "receiving retirement allowances" and insert in lieu thereof the following: retired

COMMENT: Technical correction to make sure that retirees do not return to membership.

3. Section 37, page 15, line 33 after the word "percent" and before the word "for" and on line 34 after the word "percent" and before the word "for" insert the following: of compensation

COMMENT: Technical correction to make sure that employee contributions are paid on total compensation.



4. Section 37, page 16, at the end of line 16 add the following: The public employer shall pay the employer contributions on these benefits.

COMMENT: Technical clarification only.

5. Section 41, page 18 at the end of line 27 and on line 28 after the word "percent" and before the word "for" insert the following: of compensation

COMMENT: Technical correction to make sure that employer contributions are paid on total compensation.

6. Section 55, page 23, line 48 delete the word "Begining" and insert in lieu thereof the following: Beginning

COMMENT: Correct spelling.

7. 218.2387 Member, employer contributions; duties of legislative counsel bureau. After July 1, 1967, the director of the legislative counsel bureau shall:

1. Deduct from the compensation of each legislator an amount equal to (10) 12.5 percent of the gross compensation earned as a legislator and transmit such amount to the board together with the necessary forms prescribed by the board at intervals designated by the board; and

2. Pay to the board from the legislative fund an equal amount as the contribution of the State of Nevada as employer.

COMMENT: NRS 218.2387 is not presently in Senate Bill No. 336. This amendment, in an appropriate section, will provide a 25% increase in the employee and employer contributions to fund the 25% increase provided for future Legislators which is found in Section 86.

An alternate amendment would be as follows: In section 86, page 40, line 3 add the following: the employee and employer contributions shall be increased 25% to pay for this improved benefit.

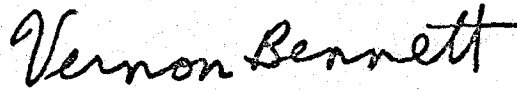
We appreciate your consideration of the above proposed amendments.



Assemblyman Donald R. Mello  
April 21, 1975  
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Please be assured that we are available to answer any questions you or your Committee may have regarding this or any other retirement matter.

Sincerely,



Vernon Bennett  
Executive Officer

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CC: Members, Ways & Means Committee  
Retirement Board