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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 in the Ways and Means Committee Room at 8:00 A.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Bill Bible, Jim Wittenberg, Robert Gagnier, Roger Trounday, and John Peevers.

AB 238 "Authorizes payment of one-half of travel expenses of nonresident applicants taking examinations for state public service positions in acute manpower shortage classes." BDR 23-504.

Jim Wittenberg stated that he would like to see this amended to eliminate "nonresident" and add "each applicant" as an in state resident who might want to apply for the job might not be able to pay for the cost of the trip to the place of examination. Robert Gagnier stated that the State of Nevada Employees Association has no objection to the bill provided the wording is changed to "each applicant" to include in state applicants.

Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend an indefinite postponement. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

AB 362 "Allows for state department, institution or agency to present award to employee for career service." BDR 23-500.

Jim Wittenberg stated that this would provide an award not to exceed \$20 for employees with ten, twenty and thirty years of service. He felt that some sort of recognition by pin, plaque or certificate would have an effect on moral.

Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend an indefinite postponement. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed with a 4-4 vote with Mr. Wittenberg, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bremner and Mr. Glover dissenting.

AB 332 "Removes certain ceiling and comparative standards in classified employees' salary plan." BDR 23-829.

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Mr. Jim Wittenberg stated that AB 472 is a similar bill but the salaries are not changed. Page 2, line 33, section 7 removes the 95% rule and page 2, line 44, section 7 deletes "western states" and adds "economically similar states". He would like to see this bill amended to delete the \$24,684 on page 1, line 18, section 1 and add \$30,147 which provides for a 15% increase. Roger Trounday stated that many of his employees are losing part of their salary because of the 95% compaction law. His department is one of the largest departments and feels that a man who runs a department of this size should not be penalized by this compaction. Mr. Wittenberg stated that it would take about 33% in this case to eliminate the compaction. Mr. Gagnier stated that there are approximately 26 classified employees who are not receiving the salary increases because of this compaction. He also feels that the "western states" should be changed to "economically similar states". The United States Department of Labor prints the salaries in all the states which provides a good study for salary comparisons. He stated that he has no objections to including the provisions in AB 472 but the amendments may be extensive and thought it would be better to consider the two separately.

AB 471 "Extends availability of appropriation to commission on crimes, delinquency and corrections." BDR S-706.

John Peevers stated that this deals with the requirements of the Federal grant aid program for the state to provide half of the match. This would allow the money to be spent over the two year period rather than one year. This money is earmarked for buy-in only.

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

SB 152 "Extends removal of certain limitation of contingency fund."  
BDR 31-861.

Mr. Bible explained that this removes restrictions placed on the Interim Finance Committee from June 30, 1975 to June 30, 1977, page 2, line 10. This is based on the uncertainty of federal funding and the uncertainty of economy. Chairman Mello stated that there is a conflict notice with SB 148.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" and resolve conflict notices. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

SB 206 "Makes general fund appropriation to division of water resources of state department of conservation and natural resources for certain legal fees, courts costs and consulting costs." BDR S-848.

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

AB 350 "Authorizes transfer of moneys from highway fund salary adjustment account to department of motor vehicles administrative service account." BDR S-1097.

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

AB 430 "Request state health officer to allocate and expend a minimum amount from the crippled children's fund to purchase hearing aids." BDR 49-1274.

Mr. Robinson stated that people are having difficulty obtaining hearing aids from the Department of Health. Mr. Weise stated that whether this is passed or not will not make the department more efficient. Chairman Mello stated that this amount could be increased without Legislation and a letter of intent could be written to increase the amount to \$240.

Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend an indefinite postponement. Mr. Howard seconded. Mr. Robinson made an amendment to the motion to include a letter of intent to be written to Dr. Carr. Mr. Bremner seconded. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend an indefinite postponement as amended. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

AB 390 "Appropriates funds to establish program in **veterinary medicine** within the University of Nevada." BDR S-1205.

Chairman Mello stated that an amendment should be made in the Summary deleting the word "program" and adding "first year professional school". Also, page 1, Section 1, line 4 deleting "and second year professional program" and adding "year professional school". And, page 1, Section 1, line 6 delete "\$40,000" and add \$75,000" and page 1, section 1, line 7 delete "\$160,000" and add "\$75,000".

Mr. Weise made a motion to accept these amendments. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

AB 122 "Clarifies provision of various funds within the department of motor vehicles." BDR 43-339.

Chairman Mello stated that this bill was amended by the Senate to create fund and the interest to go into the highway fund rather than the general fund (see attached for amendment).

Mr. Howard made a motion to concur with the Senate on the amended bill. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

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AB 325 "Credit funds for engine emission control implementation back to state highway fund and removes requirement that fees collection for such programs be credited back to state highway." BDR 40-271.

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

AB 206 "Makes general fund supplemental appropriations for support of Nevada state council on the arts." BDR S-833.

Mr. Bremner made a motion to amend the amount to \$2518. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Bible explained the two new positions for the Comprehensive Statewide Planning Budget. Mr. Robinson stated he did not feel that this department should be expanded. Mr. Bible stated that the bill showed only one phase of the department and that there are two other phases that are very important. They find conflicts before the state agencies present their plans to the Federal Government. The existing workload justified the three urban planners.

Secretary of State budget - Mr. Robinson made a motion for a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

Bicentennial Commission - Mr. Weise made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary of State Archives - Mr. Bible stated that the budget is limited to the space they presently have. Chairman Mello stated that they should look into where the shelves that have been requested will be put before approving any new shelving units.

Controller's Office - Mr. Bible explained that the new positions are requested for the increase in workload and the data processing positions are a trade-off for contracting for data processing services. Mr. Howard made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

Office of the Controller - Financial Management Information Reporting System - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

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Economic Development - Chairman Mello stated that Senate Finance deleted the Visitors Survey of \$40,000. He felt that this \$40,000 was in direct relationship with the \$200,000 One Shot for the promotion of tourism. Mr. Weise made a motion to amend this budget by deleting the two new positions requested. Motion defeated due to lack of second. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no.

Parole Board - Mr. Weise made a motion to amend this budget by deleting the one new position requested. Motion defeated due to lack of second. Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Gaming Control Board - Chairman Mello stated that the state owned building rent will be deleted and the other building rent should be increased to \$127,928 the first year and \$132,198 the second year. The Improvements to Structure should be increased from \$3000 to \$11,875 for the first year and the second year will remain the same. Legal and Court expenses should be increased from \$61,162 to \$70,000 to include a court reporter. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend the amendments. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Gaming Control Board Investment Fund - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded.



Motion passed.

Commerce Department - Director - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Division of Insurance - Chairman Mello stated that they had stated they needed an actuary at approximately \$19,625 and Office Furniture and Equipment an addition of \$418. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend this budget by including the \$418 and the actuary. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Insurance Premium Revolving - Chairman Mello stated that Senate Finance reduce the General Fund to \$5500 each year. John Dolan stated that the \$5500 would be used to pay insurance premiums on portraits in the capital and displays that are not under any state agency. Mr. Bible explained that the Risk Manager requested would provide the capabilities of making sure that the policies are kept up. Mr. Dolan stated that if this position is not approved, a letter of intent should be written to the effect that the Insurance Commissioners office should pay more attention to group insurance and property insurance. Mr. Weise made a motion to amend the budget to delete the new positions and reduce the amount from \$42,036 to \$5500. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

National Association of Insurance Commissioners - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

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

Fire Marshal - The Fire Marshal stated previously that there was some duplication in the Life Safety Code Specialist and there was no need for this position and the position with the Bureau of Health Facility. The position with the Bureau of Health Facility felt that their position could be deleted and they will contract with the Fire Marshal. It was suggested that \$5700 be reduced from the general fund in the first year and \$5800 in the second year and be replaced with the Federal funds that are supporting this position in the Bureau of Health facility budget. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend this budget by replacing these general fund monies with federal funds. 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.**

Banking Savings and Loan Division - Chairman Mello **stated that in previous testimony it was stated that** the senior clerk typist recommended was not needed. Mr. Weise made a motion to delete the senior clerk typist position. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

Savings and Loan Division - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Weise seconded. Motion passed.

Consumer Affairs Division - Mr. Bremner made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Real Estate Administration - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Real Estate, Education and Research - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Real Estate Recovery - Mr. Dreyer made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Real Estate Investigative Fund - Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

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Labor Commission - Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Taxicab Authority - Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Department of Conservation - Mr. Glover made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

State Environmental Commission Division - Mr. Bible stated that it would be necessary to increase the in-state travel to \$3000 each year. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to amend this budget by increasing the in-state travel from \$1000 to \$3000. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Wittenberg made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Environmental Protection - Mr. Glover made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

Division of Soil Conservation Districts - Mr. Howard made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Bremner seconded. Motion passed.

Division of State Lands - Mr. Weise made a motion to delete the new position requested of Administrative Secretary I. Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Dreyer made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor and as amended. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency - Mr. Glover made a motion to approve this budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Division of Water Resources - Mr. Glover made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Howard seconded. Motion passed.

California/Nevada Compact Commission - Mr. Bremner made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

Division of Colorado River Resources - Mr. Glover made a motion to approve the budget as recommended by the Governor. Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Amendments to Assembly / ~~XXXXXX~~

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Bill / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ No. 122 <sup>392</sup> (BDR 43-339)

Proposed by Committee on Finance

Amendment No 5955



Amend the bill as a whole, by inserting a new section, following section 8.5, to be designated as section 8.5, and to read as follows:

"Sec. 8.5. NRS 356.087 is hereby amended to read as follows:

356.087 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, all interest paid on money belonging to the State of Nevada shall be deposited in the general fund.

2. At the end of each quarter of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall:

(a) Compute the proportion of total deposits of state moneys pursuant to the provisions of this chapter which were attributable during such quarter to the state highway fund and the motor vehicle fund created by NRS 408.235 [;] and NRS 482.180 respectively;

(b) Apply such proportion to the total amount of interest paid during such quarter to the state treasurer on deposits of state moneys; and

(c) Credit to the state highway fund an amount equal to the amount arrived at by the computation in paragraph (b).

3. The legislators' retirement fund, the public employees' retirement fund, the state permanent school fund and the fish and game fund shall have allocated to it its proportionate share of the interest earned and received, which interest shall be accounted for as income and an asset of such fund."

Amend the title of the bill, on line 2, after "funds;" and inserting:

"providing that interest on deposits of certain moneys be credited