

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Minutes of Meeting - February 10, 1975

The third meeting of the Committee on Education was held on February 10, 1975 at 2:30 p.m., Room 323.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Richard H. Bryan
 Senator Schofield
 Senator Blakemore
 Senator Foote
 Senator Neal
 Senator Sheerin
 Senator Young

See Exhibit A for list of others present.

S.B. 85 -- Permits rental of school buses to nonprofit groups.

Mr. James H. McKay, Field Rep., Division for Aging Services, spoke in favor of the bill (see Exhibit B for copy of testimony). Senator Neal asked if the insurance would be on a contract basis; Mr. McKay replied that each group planning to rent a bus would have to provide their own insurance.

Dorothy Pharis, Univ. YWCA, spoke in favor of the bill. They presently have on loan two county cars that they use for transportation of senior citizens with respect to medical appointments. The insurance for these cars are purchased through their broker, and they must comply with the requirements of the county. Mrs. Pharis further stated that according to the statutes, no individual can receive free transportation except school children, handicapped, blind, or the aged.

Corrine Shumway, Division for Aging Service, spoke in favor of the bill (see Exhibit C for copy of testimony). Mrs. Shumway commented that they are presently using school buses in Lincoln County now, but this is because the Lincoln County School District sponsors the Title VII Nutrition Program. Senator Blakemore commented that this is an excellent program.

Linda Botts, Division for Aging Services, also spoke in favor of the bill (see Exhibit D for copy of testimony).

Dorothy Walter, Director of Carson City Senior Citizens Center, spoke in favor of the bill, by stating that their number one problem is transportation since many of the elderly persons they accommodate live in mobile park areas and have no means of getting to and from the Center.

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Mr. James E. Wood, California-Nevada Golden Tours, spoke in opposition of S.B. 85, by stating that inasmuch as there are approximately 2,000 non-profit groups in Nevada, the carrier business would be in serious jeopardy if this bill were enacted. Mr. Wood feels there should be a better solution to the problem than S.B. 85. Mr. Wood stated that there are public carriers that are drawing federal monies for transportation of the elderly, but believes this to be only in the larger counties of Washoe and Clark. Senator Neal suggested that such a bill could be limited to senior citizens only. Senator Young asked who would know about federal money available for this purpose; Mr. Wood stated that it would probably be Urban Mass Transit.

Gilbert Greeve, Local #533, stated that if this bill were put into effect, there would be many drivers out of work in that the school bus drivers would be getting it all.

Robert Guinn, Nevada Transportation Association, spoke in opposition of the bill, but stated that this would be acceptable if it could be confined to areas where there is a problem and also confine it to senior citizens or government supported programs.

Mr. John Hawkins, County Superintendent of Schools, Carson City, advised the committee that he would not like to be classified as being in opposition to the act, in that his district is not opposed to providing vehicles to such groups; however, the wording "non-profit groups" may most likely cause difficulties.

Ron Negel, Lyon County School Dist., Yerington, spoke in opposition to the bill, stating that it would open the door to all non-profit organizations. The County Commissioners and other governmental programs in their county have asked for the use of the buses for use in senior citizens activities - they have their own insurance, drivers, etc. They would not be interested in rental agreements unless they had their trained drivers on the vehicles. Mr. Negel further stated that if this bill were controlled and limited, they could live with it.

Mr. Tod Carlini, Lyon County School Superintendent, stated that they are on gas allocation now; if they were to use their buses for other purposes, they would not have enough gas to provide transportation for school children.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m., pending further input from Mr. Guinn, Mr. Hawkins and Mrs. Pharis regarding Chapter 706.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon W. Maher
Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

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J. E. Wood	California Nevada Jews	Reno Nevada
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I am James H. McKay, Field Representative, Division for Aging Services, Department of Human Resources. As a special assignment, I have been attempting to get transportation for the elderly of Nevada.

Transportation is a very high priority need of the elderly in Nevada. Without transportation, services that would normally be available cannot be obtained by the elderly. Those on fixed incomes are being priced out of the market for gasoline and operating costs for private automobiles. With the policies announced by the National Administration, even more of the elderly will be forced to use the meager income they receive to heat their homes, leaving no money for private automobiles.

Lincoln County has no public transportation. Any elderly person in Alamo that must see a physician must travel 60 miles to Caliente or 100 miles to Las Vegas. The same is true to go to the drug store. To see a dentist or an optometrist, an elderly person in Pioche, Panaca, Caliente or Alamo must travel a minimum of 100 miles.

This is just an example of the need for transportation by the elderly in Nevada. Many of the elderly must depend on food stamps to supplement their incomes. In many instances, they have no transportation to get to the office certifying them as eligible, then get to the office issuing these stamps and then to a market that accepts the stamps, so many go without this supplement.

Some of the national programs that can assist the elderly are:

Rural Transportation:

Available under Section 147 of the Federal Highway Act of 1973, amended by P. L. 93-643, January 4, 1975. The amendments authorize 15,000,000 for FY 75 and 60,000,000 for FY 76. This supplies money for equipment and operation.

The problems involved with this program include being a demonstration program, being forced to compete with Arizona and California for grants. Each Federal region is allowed only ten projects, making it difficult for a small state, such as Nevada to compete.

Exhibit B

One project has already been submitted under this program, a Rural Highway Demonstration Program for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe in Owyhee. This will make transportation available to the elderly and handicapped of the tribes, allowing them to become involved in activities that will lead to more participation in community affairs, allow the tribal members to have access to shopping and the elderly will be able to reach the meal site for the nutrition program conducted by the State Division for Aging Services.

Other communities have been reluctant to submit applications, as the regulations require a statement in the application that the program will be continued past the two year demonstration period.

At this time, no other programs are available to supply rural transportation.

Urban Mass Transportation Programs:

Section 16 (b) (1) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, authorizes grants to public agencies in urbanized areas for purchase of equipment to be used in the transportation of the elderly and the handicapped. As yet, no urbanized areas in the State of Nevada have applied for a grant under this act.

Section 16 (b) (2) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, authorizes grants to private, non-profit organizations to purchase equipment to be used for the transportation of the elderly and the handicapped. Nevada has been allotted \$129,000 under this act. At present, the Campus YWCA has applied for a grant of \$48,136.00 to purchase new equipment for the Elderport project, funded from Title III of the Older Americans Act from Washoe County and from the City of Reno for operating expenses.

The Economic Opportunity Board of Las Vegas and Nevada Catholic Welfare, Inc. of Las Vegas is also applying for a grant of \$77,400.00 to supply transportation to the elderly and the handicapped. EOB is soliciting support from Clark County

for operating funds, while Nevada Catholic Welfare, Inc. has approached the City of Las Vegas for operating funds.

The 20% cash matching funds required for this program is being supplied by the Division for Aging Services from funds made available by the 1973 Legislature.

These programs will be a great improvement in the transportation of the elderly and handicapped when fully operational.

Title III of the Older Americans Act:

Two programs are now operating that supply transportation to the elderly. The Campus YWCA, University of Nevada, Reno, is currently operating a program that supplies transportation to medical appointments, meal sites and for essential shopping to about 5,000 elderly per month. This program provides door-to-door service on a demand basis. Without this program, many elderly would be unable to secure these essential services.

The Clark County Community College is operating a transportation program for the elderly. This program has not been operating for sufficient time for a report on the success it has achieved.

Other Programs for Urban Areas:

National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974, P.L. 93-503. This act makes funds available to urban, metropolitan areas. A comprehensive plan must be developed for the area, providing transportation to all segments of the community. When this plan is established, those services that are part of the plan are eligible for assistance in the purchase of equipment and operation. Up to 50% of the operating costs may be paid with funds from this act. Equipment may be assisted up to 80%. Requires reduced fares for elderly and handicapped in non-peak hours. To be eligible, specialized programs for the elderly and

handicapped must become a part of the over-all metropolitan plan.

I urge passage of S.B. 85 to allow some assistance to the elderly of Nevada.

The Lincoln County School District is the sponsor for the Title VII Nutrition Program which provides 100 meals a day to senior citizens. A requirement of this program is that supporting social services must be made available to the program participants as listed:

- 1. Transportation to meal site if needed
- 2. Shopping assistance
- 3. Escort service (medical appointments)
- 4. Counseling
- 5. Information and Referral
- 6. Recreation
- 7. Nutrition Education

Because the school district is the sponsor of the program, they are legal to use their school buses in the program. Once a month a trip is made to St. George, Utah, or Cedar City, Utah, to shop and visit the doctor. Usually on these days, arrangements are made well in advance to see a play at the college or participate in a joint function with senior citizens of the Utah area.

This program has been visited by the school districts of Utah in hope that they might use it as a model to obtain similar programs.

The use of the bus is charged to the nutrition program and the good will received from the senior citizens is certainly an asset.

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The months of April, May, and June of 1974 have found the participating Senior Citizens of Lincoln County a happy, busy, well-fed group. They are glad to be able to have a good hot lunch each day, county functions, trips, etc. which provide a way for everyone to become acquainted with each other and enjoy life.

Our first objective of serving 100 Senior Citizens one hot meal daily five days a week is being maintained. The month of June seems to be family reunion month resulting in many of our older people doing some visiting with relatives, but the count doesn't vary too much.

Home delivered meals are such a blessing to those in our area who are bedridden or too crippled to come to the site. They all bear testimony to the effect this being the best program that has ever happened to older people.

Special birthday dinners and honor shown to those commemorating their birthdate means a lot to those involved. Just to know someone cares makes a good day. Nice tableclothes, center pieces, birthday cards, good food, association with others and a special entertainment consisting of several good musical numbers makes it all worth while.

The Pioche Senior Citizens have been failing to support their program but the last two weeks have shown much more participation. The count for last week was 97. More outreach, contacting by phone and a special editorial with pictures in our county paper has helped.

Governor O'Callaghan's declaration of the month of May as "Senior Citizen's Month" prompted many special activities, namely:

May 10th County picnic held at Kershaw-Ryan State Park. Eighty participants were escorted to the park by bus and cars for an ideal evening of barbequed chicken with all the trimmings, games and a good program.

- May 15th Dinner and card party at Pioche site
- May 16th Thirty three oldsters were escorted by a Lincoln County bus to Southern Utah State College at Cedar City and enjoyed the musical "Carnival."
- May 17th Special luncheon and nutrition taught at the Panaca site
- May 18th A Glaucoma and Other Eye Disease Clinic was held at the Caliente Elementary School. Four Ophthalmologists from Las Vegas and one Optometric Assistant voluntarily gave their time and talents to help our citizens. Patients numbering 112 were examined, tested and referred for further treatment elsewhere. A lunch was voluntarily provided for all those attending from out of town. Registered nurses, clerical workers and receptionist were all volunteers for the day. It was great. Several cases of beginning Glaucoma were detected. Thirty nine letters from this office were mailed as reminders to individuals needing immediate treatment.
- May 21st Birthday party at Alamo - all the county participated in this
- May 23rd Birthday party at Caliente site - 75 attended. We were honored this day to have John B. McSweeney, Administrator for Aging Services, Roger Trounday, Director of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, fifteen other people from the State Department of Human Resources and Dr. Darrell Kelley, Superintendent of our school system join with us. Dr. Edwards answered many questions on Acupuncture and other services offered were accepted.
- Jun 7th Project Council Meeting held. Decisions and problems concerning our people were discussed and we hope solved. A Speech Therapist will be provided for two of our group needing assistance. Possibilities of an Audiometric Testing Clinic for

Senior Citizens were discussed and plans to work towards setting one up in the fall were made.

Jun 18th Thirty four good natured Senior Citizens boarded a school bus at 6:00 am to spend an enjoyable day at Lehman Caves. Our cooks from the sites provided us with nice box lunches for a picnic up there under the cool pine trees. Tour of the caves, a scenic drive, plenty of refreshments, shopping at the novelty gift shop, games, visiting and singing made a busy, relaxing day, one to be long remembered.

Jun 20th Bernice Phillips, Director, and three of our cooks, Ruth Woods, Grace Fullerton, and Liz Thompson, attended a one-day workshop, "Meeting the Nutritional Needs of the Elderly" at Las Vegas, Nev. Registration took place at 8:00 am at the Auditorium of the District Health Office, 625 Shadow Lane. Instruction and demonstration were presented on many phases of the needs of our older people, concluding at 4:30 pm. Most of the instruction was beneficial for our program so we appreciated the opportunity of being there.

The Volunteer Hostess each day at the meal site is really an asset. They assume the responsibilities of greeting people and making them feel welcome; setting the tables to look nice; assisting in cleaning up the dining area after the meal; making sure the jar for meal payment is in place; making announcements, etc., which all adds to a successful program.

Jobyna Bradshaw, County Nurse, continues to take blood pressures, counsels individuals on problems they have, shows films and answers questions at each site twice each month. She is ill at this writing and because of surgery will return to work in a month.

Nutrition is taught twice each month at each site.

Mr. Church from the Social Security Department at Las Vegas has met with

the citizens of each town. Necessary forms have been filled out for extra payment and questions answered. He is willing to come whenever needed.

On May 16th our new secretary, Dottie Curd, came on board. Sorry to have Lorena Stever leave, but Dottie is also an excellent secretary.

The program is fulfilling a great need in this area and we will continue to try to improve it in all aspects.

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Lincoln County Nutrition Project, granted to the Lincoln County School District and entitled "Lincoln Nutrition for Seniors," was funded and began operation on January 15, 1973. Alvin F. Hastings acted as coordinator with Elwood Lee working as director until October 15, 1973. At that time, Bernice Phillips was appointed by the Lincoln County School Board as Director of Special Services for the county, which included the Nutrition program and activities for Senior Citizens. Elwood Lee was retained to continue as Assistant Director to Mrs. Phillips.

The Nutrition Project Training Program in Corvallis, Oregon, was attended by Mrs. Phillips for a two weeks' period and the experiences has proved to be a great help to her in implementing the requirements necessary for operating the program.

At this time, meals are being prepared in the kitchens and served in the lunch rooms of the following cafeterias: Alamo, Caliente, Pioche and Panaca - sites which are a part of the Lincoln County School District. One cook and one helper are employed in the regular school lunch program, and these employees are hired to spend the equivalent of 5 hours each day, five days a week, in preparing and in serving one meal per day to the Senior citizens of the community. One Senior citizen serves in each town to drive participants to the lunch rooms and to return them to their homes. Home delivered meals, in temperature controlled containers, are also handled by this person.

A Project Council, consisting of 16 members representative of each town, has been established and meets each month. Over fifty percent of the council are participants in the nutrition project. The remaining members are businessmen, the county health nurse, one school board member, the project director and the assistant director. The Project Council assists in establishing objectives, gives support to and works with the development of the project programs in all phases of nutrition and supportive social services throughout the area.

Dr. Darrell M. Kelley, Superintendent of Schools, is executive director.

The principal of each school acts as site supervisor. The cooperation and assistance received from these people is certainly appreciated. This service is an in-kind resource for our program.

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Social Services activities, other than meals, include the following:

- (1) Our county health nurse, who is a member of the Project Council, has a schedule made up for four months in advance, devoting two days at each site per month providing many services for our senior citizens. Some of her projects will be to check blood pressure, eyes and ears; to give instructions and information in health care and to show films of interest to the members of the group.
- (2) A Home Economics teacher has volunteered her time at each site in presenting nutrition education designed specifically for the older person.
- (3) Two pharmacists from Panaca will instruct in drug abuse using films, etc.
- (4) Schools will provide entertainment at the sites whenever requested.
- (5) Birthday remembrance days are being observed with special dinners and games at some of the sites.
- (6) Senior Centers in Caliente and Pioche are providing some recreation for their areas including card games, pool, and some arts and crafts. Panaca and Alamo towns do not have a center.
- (7) A class has been set up, on a voluntary basis, for senior citizens to construct souvenirs for the Pioche Chamber of Commerce.
- (8) Each month one special event will be planned and carried out for the entire county.
- (9) Senior citizens from each site will have the opportunity of placing articles they make for sale in a gift shop which is to be located in the newly built hospital in Caliente.

On December 8th, 27 senior citizens were taken by bus provided by the school

district to Parowon, Utah, and there attended a four county Christmas pot luck party, 29 which included dinner, program and dancing. Along with all the singing on the return trip, this proved to be a very happy occasion for those participating.

December 17, 1973, found 150 participants enjoying a county Christmas party held at the Multipurpose Hall in Caliente, Nevada. A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by our cooks and served by thirteen volunteer teenage girls. Tables were set and beautifully decorated. A fine program, including community sing along, exhibition dancing, a fine reading and a visit and special treat from Santa was presented. Concluding the evening was music for dancing which was the climax for a wonderful evening. Although it did involve a lot of planning and hard work, it certainly was a satisfaction to see the happy glow on so many faces. Appreciation and thanks have been extended to Mr. McSweeney, Mr. McKay and Mrs. Shumway for attending the party and showing a deep and sincere interest in the program.

County plans for the next outing will be to attend a musical concert presented in Enterprise Utah, by the "Young Ambassadors" from the Brigham Young University. A school district bus will be provided again with a competent driver.

The R.S.V.P. is now working with us to supply some volunteers to help with the outreach aspect of our social services. We need more of this contacting done. Bad weather, including a lot of snow, has hampered this service and reduced participation at meals the last few weeks.

Although our program is in the early stages of development, we feel great progress is being made and have expectations for greater achievements.

January, 1974

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Bernice Phillips, Director

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As stated in my December narrative, the program in our area is still in the initiative stage, however; I feel that definite improvements and gains have been made in the last three months to show that our program is definitely of better quality and has met the objectives that have been outlined so far.

Objectives:

- (a) March 31, 1974, was set as the deadline to reach the goal of serving 100 Senior Citizens one hot meal daily 5 days a week.

The weather has been severe this year in our area causing difficulties in outreach and participation, but the participation has increased to fulfill the goal set.

- (b) Outreach is done by personal contact and daily activity reports of work done are turned in to this office each Friday from each of the four sites. Twenty six contacts were made in January, 103 contacts were made in February, and 100 contacts were made in March. This type of reporting wasn't started until the last week in January. This method of outreach has definitely contributed to the increase in participants along with the bus trips each month which really creates alot of interest in the full program.

- (c) Transportation is provided for anyone needing a ride to the meals. Home-delivered meals are distributed where needed.

Mrs. Vizina in Caliente willingly transports anyone needing assistance to the doctor or shopping. Volunteers in the other towns provide some help for those in their area.

- (d) A lovely hand made quilt was completed and sold by our Caliente Senior Citizens. They involved the young girls also, and taught several the art of quilting. Card games, pool, bingo, song fests, and programs are all part of the activities each month in each site.

A Community Education Lapidary Class is being held in Pioche. The Senior Citizens are voluntarily making souvenirs for the Chamber of Commerce. The interest is great and we find many oldsters coming to the school during the day to work on projects besides the night class each week.

- (e) The bus trips we take each month are the highlight in the lives of our people.

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On January 31, thirty-nine oldsters boarded the bus, enjoyed a fine picnic lunch and an evening of entertainment at Enterprise, Utah, with the "Young Ambassadors" who are world entertainers from the Brigham Young University.

A tour of Bloomington, a Broadway musical production, "Camelot," was enjoyed by 29 Senior Citizens on February 15, 1974, at Dixie College Fine Arts Center Theatre in St. George, Utah. Our bus developed problems on the return trip and we had to have a relief bus sent to Veyo, Utah, from Panaca, Nevada, to bring us home. We arrived in Caliente at 5:00 a.m. Everyone in fine spirits after having a real good time in spite of the delay. Comments of Mrs. Lucille Hutton - 83 years old - "Oh, I'm a little stiff, but when is the next trip?" Mrs. Mary Elmer - 82 years old - commented, "I've never had so much fun since I was a kid."

Seventy Senior Citizens, two busses, and one pick-up truck serving as a portable kitchen spent March 30, at the Valley of Fire. Dutch oven dinner was provided consisting of fried chicken, potatoes & onions, baked beans, hot biscuits, salads, ice cream and pop. A program and a grand tour of the park completed the day's activities with plenty of singing on our way home.

A trip is being planned to escort our people to Cedar City and a visit to Dr. Chatterly for Glaucoma tests and a day of shopping.

- (f) Our County nurse visits each site twice a month to take tests and spend time counseling individuals concerning their problems.

The gentleman in charge of Social Security for our area spent one day in our county and explained procedures, etc.

Nutrition is taught also twice each month at each town by a retired Home Economic's teacher and by working Home Economic teachers.

- (g) Menus are meeting the federal guidelines and provide adequate portions. All the food is good homemade cooking done by experienced hands.
- (h) Each month always one or two "Special Event Days" are held. All enjoyed St. Patrick's party and birthdays are honored each month.

There is a good feeling among our Senior Citizens and how they enjoy all that this program offers them.

...ents were as happy as third graders on a picnic: as we lined up to board a large Lincoln County School bus that beautiful February 15th afternoon.

Bernice Phillips flitting about like a room mother and Dr. Kelley with a paternal attitude and a warm Irish smile took care of our needs and took our pictures. None of us acted our age as we giggled, wise-cracked, and milled about like kids at a Caliente Homecoming.

The bus door opened and I grabbed the little woman by the arm and rushed for the best seat. Most everyone was sitting down looking out the windows as we went inside. How did they get there? We wound up sitting in the very back with several gentlemen of the group. Don Phillips, the youngest man, sat in the very best front seat. He said that he couldn't drive from any other position. Mrs. Phillips patted everyone on the head and sat down with an "umph" as the bus lurched forward and Dr. Kelley stood outside waving his poleroid at us. We were on our way to Camelot and King Arthur's court.

We were a happy family of oldsters, all talking at once, laughing and telling tall ones. Mrs. Hollinger led us in singing many old time songs. Osborne Edwards accompanied us on his harmonica. He played Red River Valley for every song except when the group sang "Red River Valley," then he played "Oh Danny Boy" or something like that. I was on his side. I hummed or sang "Old Dog Tray", when he switched to "Oh Danny Boy", I stayed with the "Old Dog."

Everyone was thrown off key or their seats as the bus bounced over several bad spots in the road near cross roads. My seat bucked me off and spanked me three times before I could settle back on it. I heard some of the women scream. I guess they got spanked also. After that episode, I couldn't remember "Old Dog Tray". Osborne started playing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." The rest sang "Theres A Long Long Trail" and I sang God Bless America to both tunes. It wasn't easy, but I'm a versatile singer.

Mrs. Phillips kept playing a cracked record, "Is Anybody Hungry?"

No one made any response so we didn't get any of the goodies she had so thoughtfully boxed for us until we were nearly to St. George.



being presented by the Dixie College. It was a very good show.)

We had time to take a grand tour of Bloomington. That's really some project. The guide told us all he knew about the place; it's history and all. Then Rex Bentley started talking and the guide soon admitted he didn't know there was that much to know about the place. I smiled up my sleeve. I knew he had no way of knowing it all yet. He'd have to live a couple of years with Rex first.

Everyone had stories to tell on the way back and were doing so all at the same time. I think the only one heard by all was Ivie Edward's 35¢ story that had a \$20 punch line. The laughter was so loud it rocked the boat. The old bus heard it too... it choked on a gallon of gas, blown its windpipe and refused

to run after that. Bernice had to call Elmer Tibbitts. We were near a phone booth in Veyo. A warm Washington County School bus came out of the dark and we were invited to sit in it until our relief bus came. Many thanks to the good man out of the dark and to the young people and others who stopped to help us. What a night for romance

or should I say, rheumance. Anyway we were warm from the heat of the Veyo bus and more than warm from the glow of friendship that penetrated the soul. I'm glad Ivie told that story and the bus broke down. The old folks that went to Camelot that night enjoyed a togetherness that was lovely and wonderful. Thanks to Bernice Ivie, and the Senior Citizen's program for making it all possible.

Transportation is one of the highest priority needs of our Nevada elderly. Before they can utilize any of the existing services they must have some means of getting to and from these services.

One case in point is Owyhee, Nevada, which is located on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the Nevada-Idaho border. The closest shopping is 100 miles away, either in Elko, which is 100 miles to the south, or in Mountain Home, Idaho, 100 miles to the north. There is a small general store in Mountain City, Nevada, only five miles from Owyhee. I have checked this store personally and found prices approximately twice as high as Reno-Carson City area supermarkets. These prices more than cancel any of the savings derived from using food stamps. In addition to the high prices, I found the selection to be very limited, and the quality of the perishables hardly suitable for human consumption.

At present there is no public transportation system on the Reservation with the exception of a Greyhound bus which passes through once every three months. Use of the school buses would enable these people to go on shopping trips to Elko or Mountain Home, Idaho, once a month or more. It would also enable, not only the residents of Owyhee, but those from other communities as well, to take weekend recreational excursions, and thereby help to alleviate some of the loneliness of old age.

I strongly urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

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Exhibit D