

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Senator James I. Gibson was in the Chair from 8:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. . . . Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
 Senator James I. Gibson
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown
 Senator Warren L. Monroe
 Senator William J. Raggio
 Senator Clifton Young
 Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: R. J. Bingham, Vocational Ed. Advisory Council
 Hope Roberts, Vocational Ed. Advisory Council
 Senator Richard Blakemore
 John Koontz, State Museum
 Thomas C. Wilson, State Museum
 Bud Campos, Parole and Probation
 Nancy Breedon, Parole and Probation
 Carl Hocker, Parole Board
 Howard Barrett, Budget Director
 Cy Ryan, UPI

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CAREER EDUCATION

Senator Richard Blakemore said that the "New Position" is actually a re-creation of the position of Executive Director. Senator Blakemore also said that the Council is only asking for \$16,019 in the second year of the biennium.

Senator Gibson asked for an evaluation of the Council's State programs. Mr. R. J. Bingham answered that vocational training needs a great deal of attention. Mr. Bingham said that the Board of Education escapes the legislative influence because the members of the Board are elected. Senator Brown asked how well Clark and Washoe Counties are doing. Mr. Bingham answered that Clark County is first in the State, and Washoe County second. Mr. Bingham added that the Community College is having a very strong impact on vocational training in secondary schools.

Mr. Bingham said that the Council should do more statewide evaluating, but funds make it so that visitation is limited to areas closest to the Council's office.

Senator Blakemore said that there is a federal law that allows the Council to approve or disapprove the State plan. And if disapproved, federal funds will be cut off until a plan is accepted.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR CAREER EDUCATION (Cont.)

Senator Brown asked if there are any evaluation problems in Clark County. Senator Blakemore answered that there are, but the Council doesn't have enough "muscle" to make changes. Mr. Bingham said that evaluation would be more effective if different areas in the State would travel statewide and evaluate education programs other than their own jurisdiction.

Senator Gibson asked about "Out-of-State" travel. Mr. Bingham said that certain members of the Council are sent to out-of-state conventions for program orientation. Senator Blakemore said that the seminars he attended taught him that the Council's main function is to watch how appropriations are spent.

Senator Gibson asked about "Contractual Services". Mr. Bingham said that \$15,000 went to outside counselors who were brought in to study the Department of Education and the Board of Education. Mr. Bingham said \$5,000 went to the publication of the evaluation booklets. Senator Blakemore said that these publications are not used to update the programs; but, rather to deal with each year's appropriations. Senator Blakemore said that if the evaluation is not signed by the Governor each year, federal funds will be denied.

Senator Gibson asked how many educators are on the Council. Mr. Bingham said that there are:

- a) Five Educators
- b) Eleven Businessmen
- c) Five Government Sector

Senator Gibson asked if there were any recommendations accepted by the State Board. Mr. Bingham answered that the Council has outlined recommendations and conducted quarterly follow-ups.

STATE MUSEUM

Mr. Thomas C. Wilson said that the priority item in the Museum budget is the lack of personnel. Mr. Wilson went on to explain the workload of the Museum. Mr. Wilson said the Museum's attendance was 480,000 this year; the Museum has supplied study-kits to schools; educational groups have had a visitation of more than 8,000; the Museum has handled twenty-eight archaeological contracts; and the Museum is a lab for students in museum management.

Senator Lamb introduced the idea of consolidating all the facets of historical Nevada into one group. Mr. Wilson said that this would have to be done very carefully in order to avoid losing funds, or limiting separate operations. Mr. Wilson said that the Museum does not want to head such a group. Senator Lamb asked the guests to help the Committee formulate ideas in

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STATE MUSEUM (Cont.)

the area of consolidation.

Senator Young asked about the acquirement of fees for archaeological surveys. Mr. Koontz said that federal law requires fees from survey teams. Mr. Koontz said that the Northern Nevada gas pipeline will require a 350 mile survey, and the fees will be \$100,000, ten percent of which goes to the Museum.

Mr. Koontz said that the main budget item is the salary of the Director. Mr. Koontz said that the median salary of sixty-four museums surveyed is \$21,161, and the Governor recommended \$16,440. Senator Lamb said that the Committee will certainly give the Museum's request consideration, especially if the unification takes place.

Mr. Koontz said that the Research Assistant - Anthropology, and the Assistant Curator - Biology, are recommended by the Governor as half-time employees; along with the recommendation of two more half-time employees. Mr. Koontz said that the Museum would really like the initial two employees to be reinstated as full-time employees. Mr. Koontz said that another exception to the Governor's recommendation would be the Curator for exhibits. Mr. Koontz said that without this Curator, many artifacts and specimens cannot be displayed.

Senator Lamb asked about the "Food". Mr. Koontz said that the Museum has two prisoners it is required to serve lunch.

Mr. Koontz said that the Museum needs a new four-wheel drive vehicle, and the motor pool is not functional for the Museum because four-wheel drives are never available.

Senator Brown asked about private contributions such as Fleischmann. Mr. Koontz said that Fleischmann gave funds initially to the Museum, but now has decreased the donation because they felt the Museum is self-supporting. Mr. Wilson said that Fleischmann supports specific projects, but will not give "housekeeping" funds that should be allocated by the State. Mr. Koontz said that \$60,000 has been received from Fleischmann and from the Jacobsen Trust; and from the sale of books published by the Museum, \$10,000.

Senator Young asked if this was a non-profit organization. Mr. Koontz answered that the Museum is a semi-state agency. Trust funds are given for the operations, but the building belongs to State. Janice Fondi read the Statute #381 dealing with Museum which clarifies that the Museum is a State function.

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STATE MUSEUM (Cont.)

Senator Brown asked if the State Museum would consider combining with the Lost City Museum. Mr. Wilson said that consolidation would damage Lost City. Mr. Wilson said a site has been selected in Las Vegas for the southern extension of the Museum when the Mint Building is outgrown. Mr. Wilson said that at that time, perhaps there could be some beneficial communication with "splinter" groups.

PAROLE AND PROBATION

Senator Lamb commented on the marked increase in appropriations for the coming Bienniel. Mr. Bud Campos answered that the workload has increased so greatly that the ratio is sixty-five persons to one officer; and sixteen investigations per month. Mr. Campos said that the conviction rate determines the workload, and there has been a one-hundred and forty percent increase in that rate. Mr. Campos stated that there are no new programs, but the agency is requesting a thirty percent increase in staff for the coming biennium.

Senator Raggio inquired about the Work-Release Program. Nancy Breeden said that the expenditures for this program are listed in "New Positions" under the Work-Release Supervisor (District Supervisor II). Senator Raggio asked how the Program is working. Mr. Campos said that currently thirty-seven persons are on the program, and there have been two escapes.

Senator Raggio expressed concern about the amount of attention given to probationers, as he felt that rehabilitation is more probable than with parolees. Mr. Campos said that the probationers are contacted about three to four times per month. Senator Raggio was told that volunteers were used to meet these visitations, and Senator Raggio wished to know how many volunteers there were and what were their qualifications. Mr. Campos said that there are twenty volunteers, and that the agency has a set criteria for volunteer placement.

Senator Young asked about the trend of criminal background for parolees. Mr. Campos said that forty-six percent of the convictions in Nevada aren't state residents, and the majority have a previous record.

Senator Young asked how many parole violations there are. Mr. Campos said that the average is twenty percent each year, but this varies.

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PAROLE AND PROBATION (Cont.)

Senator Young asked about the "Probable Cause" hearing. Mr. Campos said that the agency is required to hold a hearing, and the Hearing Officer is appointed only if he is not involved in the case. Mr. Campos said that these hearings require a lot of staff time, and if Hearing Officers could be hired, they would need two people.

Senator Brown asked how many convicted are first offenders. Mr. Campos said that the definition of 'first offenders' is varied. Senator Raggio said that less than three percent are first offenders.

PAROLE BOARD

Mr. Carl Hocker gave a brief presentation which said that the funds requested are only operational costs.

Senator Raggio asked how many members the Board now had. Mr. Hocker answered that there are nine members, (five Board members and four hearing representatives).

Senator Young was concerned that the Board is capable of giving adequate time to the one-hundred and twenty applications they received. Mr. Hocker felt that the Board was extremely conscientious.

Senator Young wanted to know about the statistics on the rehabilitation programs. Mr. Hocker said that there are no statistics, and that success is dependent on individual skill. Mr. Hocker said that in Nevada, the rate of return is relatively low.

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Senator Carl Dodge gave a presentation on the Environmental Protection Act requirements for normal water analysis. (See Minutes of Meeting, February 6, 1975, 1:00 p.m.). The lab needed to meet the requirements was not included in the University budget, and needs appropriations in the coming biennium. Senator Gibson said that he did not believe that the State should subsidize such projects on a continuing basis.

Senator Young - Do Pass
 Senator Monroe - 2nd
 Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVED:


 Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


 Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

SENATE BILL NO. 2—SENATOR DODGE

JANUARY 21, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to University of Nevada for state analytical laboratory. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR S-452)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation from the general fund in the state treasury to the University of Nevada for equipment purchases, renovation and operation of the state analytical laboratory in order to provide water quality analysis required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

1 WHEREAS, The Environmental Protection Agency requires water qual-
2 ity analysis to be performed on all diversions and points of irrigation
3 return flows from certain agricultural operations within the State of
4 Nevada; and

5 WHEREAS, The state analytical laboratory is not presently equipped
6 to perform the specific analytical techniques that are required by the
7 Environmental Protection Agency; now, therefore,

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9 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*
10 *do enact as follows:*

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12 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in
13 the state treasury to the University of Nevada the sum of \$38,000 for
14 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975, and ending June 30, 1976, and
15 \$20,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976, and ending June 30,
16 1977, for equipment purchases, renovation and operation of the state
17 analytical laboratory.