

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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The meeting was called to order at 8:29 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

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

ABSENT: Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman

OTHERS: Ed Pogue, Warden, Nevada State Prison  
Fred Wilkinson, Nevada State Prison  
Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
Cy Ryan, UPI  
Senator Richard Blakemore

Mr. Ed Pogue discussed the Prison Comparisons chart and said the following:

<u>Population</u>		
1959 = 399 inmates		1974 = 871 inmates
<u>Rec'd During the Year</u>		
1959 - 243		1974 - 280
<u>Violent Offenders</u>		
1959 - 12%		1974 - 52%
<u>Property Offenses</u>		
1959 - 75%		1974 - 25%
<u>Narcotics</u>		
1959 - 8%		1974 - 12%
<u>Sex Offenders</u>		
1959 - 2%		1974 - 5%

Mr. Pogue said that the trend is toward a younger and more educated offender:

<u>Age</u>			
Under 25 --	1959 = 33%		1974 = 42%
Over 25 --	1959 = 67%		1974 = 58%
<u>Education</u>			
High School and over --	1959 = 25%		1974 = 54%

Mr. Pogue covered a handout chart which showed the three operating structures of the prison.

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Pogue said that the Warden is over the entire staff. Mr. Pogue listed the following new positions:

- a) Correctional Officer
- b) Administrative Secretary
- c) Two Senior Clerk Typists
- d) In-Service Training Officer
- e) Correctional Officer- IST Program
- f) Physician's Assistant
- g) Equal Opportunity Coordinator
- h) Senior Clerk Typist - EOC Program
- i) Management Analyst
- j) Five Medical Technician Assistants

Senator Raggio was concerned that the correctional officer training program be a continuing one. Mr. Pogue said that the training is now fifteen hours per year, per person, but it is expected to begin on a monthly basis.

Senator Raggio asked if the Physician at the Prison, has a private practice. Mr. Pogue said that the physician receives a full-time salary of \$36,000 from the prison. Senator Raggio asked about a psychiatrist. Mr. Pogue said that the Prison has a psychiatrist one day per week as a consultant. Senator Raggio asked about the medical facilities at the minimum level. Mr. Pogue said that at minimum the housing is on a dormitory basis, and the prisoner is left in his cell, for medical treatment in maximum.

Senator Brown asked how many minorities the prison now employed. Mr. Pogue said five. Senator Raggio asked why the regular personnel officer couldn't handle the Equal Opportunity program. Mr. Pogue said that the regular personnel staff is overloaded now, and the E. O. Coordinator would be assisting that office as well as hiring minorities. Mr. Pogue said that the staff is about ten percent black, and four percent Indian, and the new influx would bring in a headcount of thirty.

Senators Young and Walker asked about the turnover at the prison. Mr. Pogue said that the turnover is about thirty percent, and is mainly among the Correctional Officers.

Senator Raggio asked about the need for a Management Analyst. Mr. Pogue said that an accountant is dealing with a \$4,000,000 budget in a twenty-four living situation.

MAXIMUM SECURITY FACILITY

The staff in this facility are divided into three 'Watches'.

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MAXIMUM SECURITY FACILITY (Cont.)

Mr. Pogue listed the following new positions:

- a) Two Vacation Relief Officers - 1st Watch
- b) Administration Lieutenant
- c) One Correctional Officer - Dayshift
- d) Two Vacation Relief Officers - 2nd Watch
- e) Sergeant - Cell House - 3rd Watch
- f) Three Vacation Relief Officers - 3rd Watch
- g) Cook III
- h) Correctional Classification Clerk III
- i) Academic Teachers (Two)
- j) P.E. Instructor

Senator Raggio asked if the Academic Teachers and the P.E. Instructor couldn't be hired on a contract basis. Mr. Pogue felt that they should be full-time as they would be counselors as well in a type of special education.

Senator Raggio asked if there are any teachers on a contract basis hired now. Mr. Pogue said that there were due to federal grants. Senator Raggio asked the amount of the grants used for this. Mr. Pogue said that the first year the prison is to receive \$150,000, and \$100,000 for the second year.

Senator Walker asked if there are any individuals held who aren't competent to stand trial. Mr. Pogue said that there are from eight to twenty usually, and that these are reviewed by a psychiatric panel. Mr. Pogue said that there are twelve cells in the Psyche unit, and they are all full now. Mr. Pogue said that there are two civil commitments in general population.

MEDIUM SECURITY FACILITY

Mr. Pogue said that the following new positions for this area are for the new housing unit:

- a) Program Director
- b) Correctional Officer - Unit 4
- c) Maintenance Supervisor
- d) Administrative Assistant Special Service
- e) P.E. Instructor - A.A.S.S.
- f) Principal and Senior Clerk Typists
- g) Electronics Instructor- New Vocational Courses
- h) Back-up Correctional Officer - Unit 1
- i) Vacation Relief Officer

Mr. Pogue said that in this facility, the Captain has control over security areas, and the supervisors over housing and special programs.

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MEDIUM SECURITY FACILITY (Cont.)

Senator Raggio asked if the current Maintenance Supervisor is over all the facilities. Mr. Pogue said that the Supervisor handles all three areas alone.

Senators Young and Raggio asked if the Instructors for the New Vocational Courses couldn't be hired on a contract basis. Mr. Pogue said that it is difficult to recruit a person for just twenty hours per week, and also it makes it difficult to maintain an on-going program.

Senator Lamb asked what was the ratio of Correctional Officer to inmate. Mr. Pogue said that it is one to three and one-half in the medium facility, and one to four in maximum. To Senator Brown, Mr. Pogue said that with the new positions the ratio would be one to two and one-half in medium, and one to three in maximum.

Senator Lamb asked if there are any areas in the budget that are more critical than others. Mr. Pogue said that he felt that all the areas mentioned are critical. Mr. Pogue said that more people creates more tension. Mr. Howard Barrett said that the Budget Office developed what it felt were reasonable positions, returned the figures to the Prison for revision, and the areas shown are Mr. Pogue's priorities.

Senator Raggio asked how many Comprehensive Employment and Training Act people are working in the Prison. Mr. Pogue said that there are seventeen CETA and EEA positions as Correctional Officers and that they are funded for one year. Senator Raggio asked if the budget appropriations could be reduced until these federal positions are phased out. Mr. Pogue said they could.

Senator Monroe and Senator Lamb were concerned about the quality of people hired who come under the CETA and EEA Program. Mr. Barrett said that these people have to pass tests, but are not in the top five. Mr. Pogue said that if he had a choice, he would hire other than CETA people.

WOMEN'S FACILITY

Senator Brown asked about the number of Instructors on a contract basis. Mr. Pogue said that there were thirty-two.

Senator Raggio wanted to know if ERA will effect a change in housing facilities at the prison at some future date. Mr. Pogue said that he could not imagine co-ed facilities.

Mr. Howard Barrett asked to submit a change in the figure of the two supplemental appropriations asked for by the Prison (See page A-28).

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The supplemental appropriation recommended to pay all accrued overtime and to meet the projected operating deficit should total to \$538,085, Mr. Barrett said. Mr. Pogue said that the second appropriation is to meet increases caused by inflation and higher than anticipated inmate population.

Senator Lamb noted that there was a substantial increase of forty percent in the budget. Mr. Pogue said that this was due to the increase of people.

Senator Young asked what were the per capita costs in the Prison. Mr. Pogue said that it is \$4,600 in maximum; \$4,000 in medium; and \$10,000 in women's. Mr. Pogue said that most other institutions are less than Nevada's.

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Mr. Howard Barrett submitted the following information to the Committee on Sales Tax (See A-5):


Estimated  
1974-75

January should read 33,679,882 at a 5.9% increase Year to Date.

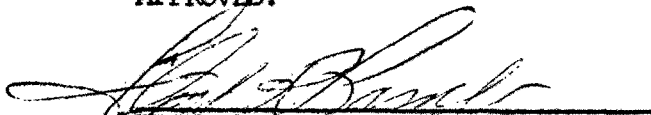
Mr. Barrett said that he thought the 5% will be on for the year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN