

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 6, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

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Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

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

OTHERS: Bob Cameron, Board of Finance
John Townley, Nevada Historical Society
Wilbur Shepperson, Nevada Historical Society
Col. Floyd Edsall, Department of Military
Bob Gregory, Civil Defense
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI

BOARD OF FINANCE

Bob Cameron, Financial Secretary, began by describing his Board's "Cash Flow Program". Mr. Cameron said that the cash flow information is gathered on a daily basis and an accumulative yearly-day basis, but patterns can change due to law changes. Mr. Cameron added that this study has aided the State's investment efficiency by eighty-eight percent.

Senator Lamb said that consideration has been given to abolishing this Board. Mr. Cameron said that he felt the Board was justified due to its functions of the cash flow study and its Nevada Industrial Commission investment review.

Senator Lamb and Senator Brown asked about the Board's connection with the State Treasury. Mr. Cameron responded that he provides data to the Treasurer's office, but doesn't actually make any investments.

Senator Walker asked how often the Board met. Mr. Cameron answered the Board met quarterly.

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Senator Lamb felt that a consolidation of all historical societies would be beneficial. Senator Lamb asked if any one would lose any Federal funds if centralized. Mr. Howard Barrett wouldn't comment on the State of Federal funds under such conditions.

Senator Lamb asked if new positions were the only increase. Mr. Townley answered that the Society is successful in soliciting outside money. Senator Lamb asked how much money did the Society

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NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Cont.)

receive in Federal appropriations and grants. Mr. Townley gave the following figures:

\$27, 962 -- Fiscal 1973
80, 930 -- Fiscal 1974
48, 400 -- Fiscal 1975

(Eighty percent are federal and twenty percent are Fleischmann)

Senator Young asked about the time spent on education. Mr. Townley said that education takes forty percent of the Society's time, but this State does not have a mandate requiring Nevada history.

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Townley to submit his thoughts to the Committee on possible consolidation.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY

Floyd Edsall of the National Guard gave an opening presentation on the Guard's program. Col Edsall emphasized the need for recruitment attractions, and the updating of the Guard's educational training.

Senator Lamb asked about the Guard's involvement in any local insurrections. Col. Edsall said the Guard was only called on alert twice by the Governor in 1974 for the trucker's strike.

Senator Brown and Lamb asked about the use of Federal funds. Col. Edsall answered that one-hundred percent of the Air Guard and seventy-five percent of the personnel in the armories have salaries covered by Federal monies. Col. Edsall continued by saying that six-teen million dollars was received in Fiscal 1974; ten percent, or fifteen percent of which goes to out-of-state training; twenty-five percent is paid to Guardsmen; and the remainder to the armory personnel. Senator Brown asked what ranks receive the supplemental twenty-five percent. Col. Edsall said the E-6, the E-5, and his own rank.

Senator Young asked about the contribution of the Guard's educational training. Col. Edsall said that two-hundred and eighty-six are pursuing degrees. Senator Young asked about the functions of the Nevada Military Academy. Col. Edsall replied, the Academy is a means of commissioning officers. The participants are involved in the Stead facility and Washington State's Academy, Col. Edsall added.

Senator Monroe asked about the agency request of \$288,261 (1976 - 77) for Federal funds. Mr. Barrett answered, the Governor recommended \$266,026 because the State didn't want to match that amount.

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National Guard Benefits

Col. Edsall explained the "License Plate Program" as prospective funding if AB 181 is passed.

Senator Raggio expressed concern over the justification of \$131,500 for the biennium.

Senator Lamb suggested that discussion be held for the Bill.

CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER AGENCY

Mr. Bob Gregory gave an introductory talk on the Agency. Mr. Gregory described the personnel and administrative costs for Fiscal, 1974:

- 1) \$47,600 -- Federal Funds
250,000 -- Emergency Operations
202,000 -- Emergency Planning
- 2) Federal Contracts . . .
\$39,000 -- C.D. & D.A., Carson City
70,000 -- University of Nevada, Reno
25,000 -- C.D. & D.A., Carson City

Mr. Gregory added, Federal funds are on a ratio of ten to one to State appropriations.

Senator Young asked what happens to excess property. Mr. Gregory answered that the material is made available for loan; then it becomes surplus property, and finally if it still isn't sold, it goes up for public sale.

Senator Young asked if Civil Defense communications coordinate with other agencies. Mr. Gregory said that his Agency uses other systems, and is trying to promote a statewide microwave center that will have a State department director.

RADEF Program

Mr. Gregory stated that this program is one-hundred percent Federally funded.

Hardware Program

Mr. Gregory said this is mainly communications equipment, whose funding requires matching State appropriations.

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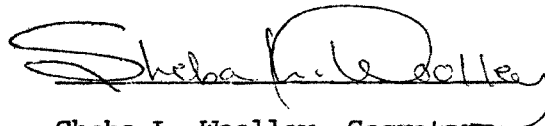
Emergency Planning Program
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Mr. Gregory said that the Emergency Planning Program is one-hundred percent Federally funded.


Senator Lamb was concerned about public awareness of shelters, food provisions, and the "Crisis Relocation Plan". Mr. Gregory stated that the Agency prints a newspaper supplement showing shelter locations. Mr. Gregory added that the Agency is trying to secure Federal funds for more complete food distribution. The television advertising, Mr. Gregory said, are shown too early in the morning to reach the general public. Col. Edsall remarked that neither his, nor Mr. Gregory's department has a full-time public relations man.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman