

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Vice-Chairman, Senator James I Gibson was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young

ABSENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb
Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Dr. Dale W. Bohmont, Dean of College of Agriculture,
University of Nevada, Reno
Herb Rountree, Walker River Irrigation District
Ernie Gregory
Senator Carl Dodge

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Dr. Dale W. Bohmont was introduced by Senator Carl Dodge. Dr. Bohmont described the need for funding a laboratory at the University in order to meet the Environmental Protection Act requirements for normal water analysis. Dr. Bohmont said that it was too late to include this funding in the University budget.

Dr. Bohmont explained the bill as being cost-shared. Fifty percent of the cost would be State funded, and fifty percent paid by the user. The equipment would be a one-time cost of \$19,000, Dr. Bohmont added.

Dr. Bohmont explained that the process would be for irrigation districts as well as municipalities; and the municipalities would be required to pay half too.

Senator Dodge said that aside from the costs of analytical work, there would be the cost of the sample to the districts, of which the districts would only pay one-half. This cost, said Senator Dodge would be \$6.60/sample; and the other costs would be in the metering system involved, collection, and transporting.

Senator Monroe asked how many ranchers where in default of application submission. Dr. Bohmont answered that there were three. Mr. Herb Rountree said that the EPA people demanded an application from the irrigation districts as a consolidated group.

Senator Young asked how polluted the water is when going to various projects. Senator Dodge said the goal is to have

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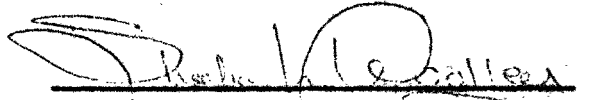
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zero pollution discharge; however, this would be very expensive, and not attainable at this time. Senator Dodge concluded that this type of monitoring may become too burdensome on a cost-benefit basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary

APPROVED:



James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman