

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 10, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
(Present from SB 111 on)
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator Clifton Young (Present from SB 111 on)
Senator Lee E. Walker (Present from AB 107 on)

OTHERS: Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
Brindon Riley, Press
SB 94 John Crossley, Audit Division
SB 77 John Crossley
SB 93 Randy Webb, Audit Division
SB 111 Thomas Ballow, Department of Agriculture
Chuck White, Nevada Farm Bureau
Fred Dressler, Rancher
Dallas Byington, Rancher
SB 172 John Duarte, Welfare Division
SB 208 John Duarte

SB 94 ~~(See attached bill)~~

Mr. John Crossley said this bill resulted from an audit of the Northern Nevada Children's Home, and submitted amendments for this, (see attached).*

Senator Brown - Do Pass
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 93 ~~(See attached bill)~~

Mr. Randy Webb said this bill resulted from an audit of the Bureau, and that lines 2 through 13 should be replaced so only a gift fund will be established.

Senator Raggio - Do Pass with Amendment
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 77 ~~(See attached bill)~~

Mr. John Crossley submitted amendments to this bill, (see attached).*

* Not included with minutes.

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Senator Raggio - Do Pass with Amendments
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

AB 107 ~~(See attached bill)~~

Mr. John Crossley submitted amendments to this bill,
(see attached).*

Senator Brown - Do Pass with Amendments
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 111

Mr. Thomas Ballow said that the Board approved the following:

- a) Eliminate two new positions requested;
- b) Guarantee a reduction of the Brand Inspection fee by a minimum of five cents per head, and this will mean a cutback from thirty cents to twenty-five cents;
- c) We will immediately communicate with the public and the livestock industry for opinions on brand inspection regulations and our programs in order to accomplish the necessary economy;
- d) Administrative Costs

- Changes within the General Fund Budget
- 1) Two and one-half positions (one-half Executive Director's salary and related costs) will be transferred to the Plant Industry Fund's Administrative Division, which will be funded by a General Fund appropriation.
 - 2) Changes from the Livestock Inspection Fund: Three and one-half positions (one-half Executive Director's salary and related costs) will be transferred to the Administrative Division which will be funded by a general fund appropriation.

Senator Lamb asked about the Board's salary. Mr. Ballow said that will be transferred to the Administrative Division.

* Not included in minutes.

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Senator Walker said that it seemed there could be more than a five cent reduction. Mr. Ballow said this is all that can be guaranteed, as inflation will not allow any more decreases.

Mr. Ballow said to Senator Raggio that \$65,000 will be requested for the Administrative Division the first year, and \$67,000 for the second. Senator Gibson added that the two Board salaries will come out of Veterinary Medical Services.

Mr. Chuck White said as a member of the Nevada Farm Bureau he is in favor of this bill with suggested amendments.

Mr. Fred Dressler said he cannot understand why there should be such a small amount of relief to the cattle people. Mr. Ballow said the five cents will mean about \$30,000.

Mr. Dallas Byington said that the NSCA endorses the bill with amendments, and said that perhaps the reduction should be higher, since \$30,000 from the \$54,000 allocation leaves \$24,000 to work with. Mr. Ballow said the five cents was a minimum guarantee.

SB 172

Mr. John Duarte, Chief of Medical Services, said he was asked to prepare a Fiscal Note, and gave the following:

- a) 1975 - 76 --\$2,778,978
- b) 1976 - 77 --\$2,856,565

Mr. Howard Barrett said that \$2,006,340 is from the General Fund, and \$772,632 from federal, (1975-76); and \$2,045,311 from the General Fund, and \$811,248 from Federal (1976-77).

Mr. Duarte said there are 1,476 singles, and approximately 24 couples involved, and they are presently being paid by Federal, \$146 for singles, and \$219 for couples. Mr. Duarte said the Governor recommends the individuals on O.A.A. receive \$212.75, minus \$146, or \$66.75 added; and for couples, \$343, minus \$219, or \$124.

Mr. Duarte said as far as medical costs are concerned, they are expecting a rise of 400 recipients to the 1,500, and it is recommended for the first year \$1,545,264, and \$1,622,496 for the second year, which are a 50% - 50% (Federal-State) match.

Mr. Duarte said they are also requesting one Eligibility

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Certification worker to be added for \$15,720 (1975-76), and \$16,075 (1976-77).

Senator Walker asked if this meant a monthly payment plus a medical payment. Mr. Duarte said that these people are not qualified for medical. Mr. Duarte said there is a discrepancy between the number on SSI at the present time; and how many are on our program as of February, we have 1,023, and the federal government SSI payments had 1,396 recipients. Mr. Duarte said he expects that the additional people will be coming on to the medical program, and this will mean an increase of about \$1 million.

Senator Young thought that this program had been taken over by Federal jurisdiction. Mr. Duarte said at the present, to Nevada, the Federal payments are \$146, and this bill proposes that the State supplement at the same rate as the Old Age Assistance Program.

Senator Raggio asked who this covers. Senator Gibson said the permanently and totally disabled.

In response to Senator Young, Mr. Duarte said the federal government would match any medical supplements on a 50% - 50% basis; and State Assistance is 100% General Fund.

Mr. Duarte said to Senator Young that at the present time there are 1,596 on SSI program that are receiving cash grants from the federal government. We only have a 1,023 (out of 1,166) which will be eligible for a SSI payment.

SB 208

Mr. John Duarte said this asks for a \$265 allowance for the blind, and this will mean an increase of \$27,690 from the General Fund for each year of the Biennium. Mr. Barrett said this in addition to the 15% requested by the State.

Mr. Duarte said the Governor recommends \$247.25. Mr. Barrett said the 15% increase amounts to \$50,310, and the increase beyond that amounts to \$27,690.

Senator Walker asked what the blind receive monthly from the federal government. Mr. Duarte said \$146.

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SB 111 and SB 208

After general discussions, it was decided to hold vote on these bills until a later date.

SB 172 ~~(See attached bill)~~

Senator Gibson - Kill
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

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S. B. 94

SENATE BILL NO. 94—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises fund structure for Nevada children's homes.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-215)



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

AN ACT relating to Nevada children's homes; authorizing the use of budgeted resources to provide compensation to children for small tasks; establishing gift funds for the northern Nevada children's home and the southern Nevada children's home; abolishing the northern Nevada children's home fund and the southern Nevada children's home fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 423 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 *Subject to the approval and regulations of the state board of examiners,*
4 *the northern Nevada children's home and the southern Nevada children's*
5 *home may obtain from budgeted resources an amount determined by the*
6 *state board of examiners which shall be used, under procedures estab-*
7 *lished by the respective superintendents and approved by the adminis-*
8 *trator, for the purpose of providing compensation to children for small*
9 *tasks in the children's home. Replenishment claims shall be paid from*
10 *the budgeted resources of the respective homes and shall be processed in*
11 *the same manner as other claims against the state.*

12 SEC. 2. NRS 423.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 423.080 [1. The fund heretofore known as the state orphans' home
14 fund shall hereafter be known as the northern Nevada children's home
15 fund.

16 2.] All accounts and demands against the northern Nevada children's
17 home *or the southern Nevada children's home* shall be examined and
18 approved by the [superintendent] *respective superintendents* and sub-
19 mitted by [him] *them* to the state board of examiners. When allowed by
20 the state board of examiners, the state controller shall draw his warrant in

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S. B. 93

SENATE BILL NO. 93—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to funds for alcohol and drug abuse.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-115)

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

AN ACT creating a grant and gift fund for alcohol and drug abuse; abolishing the alcohol abuse receipts fund and the drug abuse receipts fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 458.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 458.100 1. The bureau may accept [any gifts or bequests of per-
- 3 sonal property, tangible or intangible.] *gifts, bequests, devises, grants or*
- 4 *trusts of funds or property made available to the bureau or to this state*
- 5 *for the purpose of dealing with the problems of alcohol and drug abuse.*
- 6 *Any funds received shall be deposited in the state treasury in a fund to be*
- 7 *known as the state grant and gift fund for alcohol and drug abuse.*
- 8 2. *The state grant and gift fund for alcohol and drug abuse shall be a*
- 9 *continuing fund without reversion, and money in the fund shall be used*
- 10 *for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter and other*
- 11 *programs or laws administered by the bureau.*
- 12 SEC. 2. NRS 458.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 13 458.103 The bureau may accept:
- 14 1. Funds appropriated and made available by any Act of Congress
- 15 for any program administered by the bureau as provided by law.
- 16 2. Funds [and contributions] *appropriated and made available by*
- 17 *the State of Nevada or by a county, a city, a public district or any politi-*
- 18 *cal subdivision of this state for any program administered by the bureau*
- 19 *as provided by law.*
- 20 [3. Funds, contributions, gifts, grants and devises made available by
- 21 a public or private corporation, by a group of individuals, or by individ-
- 22 uals, for any program administered by the bureau as provided by law.]

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S. B. 77

SENATE BILL NO. 77—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates various welfare division funds. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-148)



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

AN ACT relating to public welfare; creating various funds in the welfare division; providing guidelines for the funds; abolishing certain funds; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. 1. *The child welfare trust fund is hereby created. All sur-*
- 4 *vivor benefits or other awards payable to children receiving child welfare*
- 5 *services shall be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the fund.*
- 6 2. *The public assistance trust fund is hereby created. Retirement*
- 7 *and other benefit grants to any adult recipient of public assistance in a*
- 8 *nursing home or group care facility, except facilities of the mental*
- 9 *hygiene and mental retardation division of the department listed in NRS*
- 10 *436.011, shall be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the fund*
- 11 *if the adult receiving care has been adjudicated incompetent in the*
- 12 *administration of his personal finances.*
- 13 3. *The welfare division shall:*
- 14 (a) *Keep a separate account for each individual receiving funds.*
- 15 (b) *Deduct from the account any welfare services to the individual that*
- 16 *are provided by public funds. Any surplus remaining may be expended*
- 17 *for extraordinary items deemed beneficial to the individual.*
- 18 (c) *Remit any surplus balance to the named individual when the welfare*
- 19 *division is no longer legally responsible for that individual.*
- 20 4. *Court ordered and other support payments to children receiving*
- 21 *child welfare services shall not be considered as a benefit or an award for*
- 22 *the purpose of this section, but shall be held in trust in the child welfare*
- 23 *trust fund.*
- 24 SEC. 3. *Subject to the approval and regulations of the state board of*
- 25 *examiners, the welfare division may maintain a bank account for the*

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A. B. 107

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 107—ASSEMBLYMEN BENNETT,
CHANEY AND LOWMAN

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Creates a child welfare services fund in place of several such funds. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-157)

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

AN ACT relating to certain funds of the welfare division of the department of human resources; abolishing the foster care fund, child welfare services fund and handicapped children fund; creating the state child welfare services fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1 SECTION 1. NRS 432.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 432.050 [1. Except as provided in subsection 2, all] All moneys
3 appropriated by the legislature pursuant to the provisions of NRS 432.040
4 or received from the United States pursuant to Title IV of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act shall be placed in the state treasury in a fund designated the
6 [foster care fund,] *state child welfare services fund*, out of which shall be
7 paid the expenses incurred in providing maintenance and special services
8 under the provisions of this chapter.

9 [2. Moneys appropriated by the legislature pursuant to NRS 432.040
10 for maintenance and special services for:
11 (a) Unmarried mothers and children awaiting adoptive placement; and
12 (b) Handicapped children who are receiving specialized care, training
13 or education;
14 shall be placed in the state treasury in funds designated the child welfare
15 services fund and the handicapped children fund, respectively, out of
16 which shall be paid the expenses incurred in providing such maintenance
17 and special services.]

18 SEC. 2. NRS 432.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
19 432.060 1. Each county which chooses to participate in the program
20 of public child welfare services established by this chapter shall provide
21 sufficient funds with which to pay all expenses incurred by such county
22 under the provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 432.040. For that purpose the
23 board of county commissioners of each county of this state and all the
24 other officers in this state having anything to do with the assessment and
25 collection of property taxes shall levy, assess and collect an ad valorem
26 tax on all the taxable property in their respective counties at a sufficient

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S. B. 111**SENATE BILL NO. 111—COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND PUBLIC RESOURCES**

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates administrative division within state department of agriculture, provides for its functions and makes an appropriation. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 50-210)

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

AN ACT relating to the state department of agriculture; creating a division of administration within the department; providing for its organization, powers and duties; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 561.194 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 561.194 1. The department shall consist of:
 3 (a) *The division of administration.*
 4 (b) The division of animal industry.
 5 **[(b)]** (c) The division of brand inspection.
 6 **[(c)]** (d) The division of plant industry.
 7 **[(d)]** (e) Such other divisions as the executive director may from
 8 time to time establish.
 9 2. *The division of administration shall maintain a central recordkeep-*
 10 *ing system, keep personnel records of department employees and admin-*
 11 *ister personnel rules, conduct the fiscal and auditing functions of the*
 12 *department and perform such other administrative services as are required*
 13 *by the department.*
 14 **[(2.)** 3. The division of animal industry shall manage activities of the
 15 department pertaining to the protection and promotion of the livestock
 16 industry of the State of Nevada.
 17 **[(3.)** 4. The division of brand inspection shall manage activities of
 18 the department pertaining to brands and marks and brand inspection in
 19 the State of Nevada.
 20 **[(4.)** 5. The division of plant industry shall manage activities of the
 21 department pertaining to the protection and promotion of the agricultural
 22 industry of the State of Nevada.

SENATE BILL NO. 172—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes state supplementary assistance payments and state aid to the medically indigent available to certain needy disabled persons. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-91)

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

AN ACT relating to public welfare; providing for state supplementary assistance payments to certain needy disabled persons; including persons receiving state supplementary assistance payments as eligible for state aid to the medically indigent; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 1. *State supplementary assistance payments shall be provided to*
4 *disabled persons who are receiving supplementary security income bene-*
5 *fits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1381 et*
6 *seq.), or who would but for their income be eligible to receive such*
7 *benefits. The level of state supplementary assistance payments for disabled*
8 *persons shall be the same as the state supplement provided to aged per-*
9 *sons in equivalent circumstances and shall not be otherwise affected by*
10 *the availability or nonavailability of federal participation in funding such*
11 *payments.*

12 2. *The department, through the welfare division, may enter into*
13 *agreements with the Federal Government as necessary to effect the provi-*
14 *sions of subsection 1 and shall make rules and regulations for the*
15 *administration of state supplementary assistance payments for eligible*
16 *disabled persons.*

17 SEC. 2. NRS 428.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 428.270 1. State aid to the medically indigent shall be in effect in
19 all of the counties of the state for individuals specified in subsection 2.

20 2. [Until December 31, 1973, any individual is eligible for assistance
21 who:

22 (a) Qualified for aid or service under chapters 425, 426 or 427 of

SENATE BILL NO. 208—SENATOR HERR

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases monthly allowance for eligible blind persons.
Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-983)



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

AN ACT relating to blind persons; increasing the monthly allowance payable by the state to eligible blind persons.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 426.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 426.420 1. If the welfare division of the department of human
3 resources is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to aid under the provi-
4 sions of NRS 426.010 to 426.500, inclusive, it shall, without delay, issue
5 an order therefor.
6 2. [Until December 31, 1973, the amount of assistance granted for
7 any aid to the blind recipient shall be determined in accordance with the
8 rules and regulations made by the welfare division. At no time shall the
9 annual average grant for eligible individuals covered by the program
10 exceed the average grant amount authorized by the legislature. If federal
11 matching funds are withdrawn from the program at any time, for any rea-
12 son, the expenditures for all eligible recipients currently covered by the
13 program shall not exceed the State of Nevada's share of the average grant
14 as authorized by the legislature.
15 3. Beginning on January 1, 1974, an] An eligible blind person is
16 entitled to receive, as aid from the state for his personal needs and shelter,
17 a monthly allowance of [\$215] \$265 less:
18 (a) Any sum he receives from the Federal Government or through fed-
19 eral funds as a monthly benefit to the blind; and
20 (b) His accountable income from other sources, as defined under regu-
21 lations of the welfare division.
22 [4.] 3. The aid granted under NRS 426.010 to 426.500, inclusive,
23 shall be paid monthly, in advance, out of such funds as may be provided
24 for that purpose.