

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 MARCH 14, 1975

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

OTHERS: Orville Wahrenbrock, Department of Human Resources
 Joe Maldonado, HEW
 Dan Sprague, HEW
 Charles Goady, HEW
 Bob Fagley, Education Commission of the States
 Glen Griffith, Department of Fish and Game

 Roger Teglia, Citizen
 Fred Wright, Department of Fish and Game
 Robert Rose, Lt. Governor
 Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
 Cy Ryan, UPI
 Howard Barrett, Budget Director

HEW/STATE PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Joe Maldonado named the following main functions of HEW:

- a) Cash Assistance to Individuals;
 - b) Grants-in-Aid to States
 - c) Developmental Project Grants
 - d) Regulatory Operations
- A) Cash Assistance (89% of the total national budget) - \$183.4 million to Nevada;
 - B) State Grants-In-Aid - \$21.4 million;
 - C) Developmental Projects - \$7.6 million;
 - D) Regulatory Operations
 - E) HEW total FY 75 expenditures in Nevada, total \$212.4 million.

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GOALS

- a) Better nursing home care;
- b) Quality control;
- c) Child Health Care (EPSP);
- d) Monitoring medical;
- e) Standards and costs (PSRO);
- f) Aid to aged, blind, and disabled.

Senator Lamb asked if it was difficult to police quality control. Mr. Dan Sprague said on a statewide basis, this is difficult.

Senator Lamb expressed concern about the occurrence of starting and then discontinuing programs. Mr. Maldonado said that with basic programs, it is a question of match; but as soon as the State HEW office is aware of discontinued programs, they relay the information to the State Budget Office.

Mr. Sprague said because the Cash to Individual's Program continues to increase, the State is required to bear more of the responsibility for the Grants-In-Aid program.

Senator Young asked about the Title 20 requirements. Mr. Charles Goady said that this covers the Social Service areas; and, although the federal regulations on Title 20 have been released, the Nevada Director needs to devise the State implementation.

EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES

Mr. Bob Fagley said the Commission is not quite ten years old, and is the largest Inter-State compact of this nature.

Senator Raggio asked what the cost was to the State. Mr. Fagley said \$12,000 annually, and \$3,000 in Out-of-State Travel.

FISH AND GAME FUND

Mr. Glen Griffith remarked that basic sales of licenses and tags may not meet the operational increases.

Senator Lamb asked what the Improvement appropriation for 1976 - 77 is for. Mr. Griffith said this is for the Verdi Fish Hatchery.

Senator Lamb asked if the government doesn't have a hatchery at Lake Pyramid. Mr. Griffith said, yes, but it is for commercial production, and they have had problems with floating nets in the rearing ponds.

Senator Lamb and Senator Raggio were concerned about the alarming decline of deer herds and felt that the Commission should give serious consideration to the adoption of a Deer Management Plan. Senator Lamb asked if the non-resident draws couldn't be limited. Mr. Griffith replied that the number of draws for last year, and this year for non-residents is 4,000, and they feel this is the number with which they should remain. Senator Monroe believed the decline was also a reflection of range and predator problems.

Senators Lamb and Raggio thought that this agency should be under the Budget Act. Mr. Griffith said he has no apprehension but the Commission does.

Senator Lamb asked about the \$30,131 for Aircraft. Mr. Griffith said this high amount was mainly caused by having to rent another airplane while their own was undergoing repairs.

Senator Lamb interjected and read a letter from Mr. John Chachas of Ely, Nevada, who is offering to sell his ranch to the State. Mr. Griffith said this place does have the potential to be a Fish Hatchery, but there is already one in that area; and perhaps, the Parks Division would be interested.

Roger Teglia spoke from the audience and said that he believed the game program was becoming too commercialized, and that the answer must be in finding another way to finance the Fish and Game Department. Mr. Teglia said the Chuckar season is too long, and deer hunting is slanted too much towards revenue gain.

Senator Brown asked about income from licenses. Mr. Fred Wright said in fiscal 1973, game licenses brought in \$876,000; and, fishing brought in more than \$700,000.

Senator Raggio asked about Resident Sales. Mr. Wright said for fiscal 1973 it was \$245,000, and for 1974, \$330,000.

Senator Lamb asked about the total funding for the Verdi Hatchery. Mr. Wright gave the following:

- A. \$400,000 - General Fund
- B. \$580,000 - Fish & Game
- C. \$300,000 - Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Mr. Griffith said it will cost \$2.00 per pound for the fish planted in the water. Senator Lamb noted that you can buy fish cheaper than that. Mr. Griffith said yes, but that would be commercial fish, and growing produces better quality.

Senator Lamb agreed with Senator Raggio that a decision must be made on game management now; and the Chairman asked that as many Commissioners as possible be present for another meeting.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor Bob Rose said that he would like this budget's Out-of-State travel to be increased to \$400,000. Senators Brown and Lamb said that the per diem should also be studied as this also appeared inadequate.

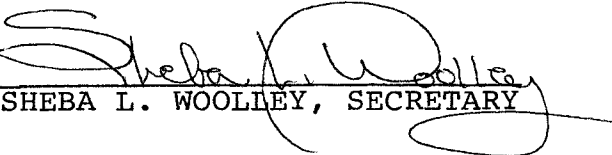
Lt. Gov. Rose also requested that the Administrative Secretary's salary should start at \$9,200 (unclassified), as this position often functions as acting Lt. Governor. Mr. Barrett said if this amount will be retroactive to January 1, 1975 if approved.

Senator Monroe asked about the Unallocated Salary. Mr. Barrett said this is the salary for the Lt. Governor when he functions as acting Governor.

Senator Brown asked about the Contractural Services. Lt. Gov. Rose said this is for his part-time secretary in Carson City.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED BY:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN