

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES OF MEETING  
 MARCH 17, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

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 William J. Raggio  
 Senator Clifton Young  
 Senator Warren L. Monroe  
 Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Senator Mary Gojack, Women's Athletics  
 Dr. Luella Lilly, Director of Women's Athletics  
 Robin White, Student - UNR  
 Neil Humphrey, University of Nevada System  
 Richard Donaldson, Disability Supplement Council  
 Carol Alldredge, Disability Supplement Council  
 Marjorie Becker, Disability Supplement Council  
 Barbara Brady, Clark County Commissioner  
 John Duarte, Welfare Division  
 Audrey Tate, SB 208  
 Ella Council, SB 208  
 Carl Clontz, SB 208  
 Bruce Arkell, State Planning  
 Wm. Swackhamer, Secretary of State  
 Roland Westergard, State Engineer  
 Eric Cronkhite, Parks Division  
 John Borda, DMV  
 Bob Edmondson, Nevada Emergency Medical Services  
 Reba Chappell, Emergency Medical Services  
 Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
 Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Senator Mary Gojack introduced Dr. Luella Lilly from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dr. Lilly said that Women's athletics have tried to handle expenses at a \$1,000 per sport, (travel, lodging, meals). Dr. Lilly said funds are especially needed to provide commercial transportation for the team, as safety is a major concern among parents.

Senator Lamb noted that \$480,792 is recommended to the University's athletic program, and he wanted to know the amount allocated to the Women's athletics. Mr. Neil Humphrey said the University request is \$200,665 for the first year of the Biennium; and \$215,380 for the second year.

Senator Brown asked if it was possible to follow the Stanford University plan and combine the Men's and Women's athletics. Mr. Humphrey said that the University of Nevada will combine as much as possible and still meet the Title IX requirements. Dr. Lilly said that Stanford's

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WOMEN'S ATHLETICS (Cont.)

efforts have been toward centralizing the administrative areas.

Senator Lamb asked how many girls are involved in the program. Dr. Lilly said 85 girls for four different sports, (now adding two more sports).

Miss Robin White spoke from the audience and said that the main problem was lack of commercial transportation; and she commented that the women's athletic program provides an opening to other programs, (such as part-time, or volunteer coaching).

Senator Lamb asked Dr. Lilly for a list giving the Women's programs by order of priority.

Senator Young asked Dr. Max Milam to prepare a summary which compares the men's and women's athletics.

SB 172 (See attached guest list and testimony)

Mrs. Marjorie Becker of the Disability Supplement Council talked about her family involvement with disabled children, and stated that her one deaf and blind child has had inadequate schooling since the family moved from California. Mrs. Becker remarked that funding other than SSI would allow young adults to leave home and gain semi-independence. Mrs. Becker said she understood there was a \$19 million projected general fund surplus for the Biennium, and she believed this justified the passing of SB 172.

Mr. Richard Donaldson submitted a chart to the Committee which projected the following Biennium appropriations:

\$1,411, 188	1975-76
\$1,420, 788	1976-77
\$ 31, 795	Administrative Expenses
<u>\$2,863, 771</u>	TOTAL

Mr. Donaldson said the Welfare Division arrived at the higher fiscal request by including in the cost, the 300 individuals who qualify for Medicaid, yet haven't applied, and adding 100 individuals who will qualify for the supplement if this bill passes. Mr. Donaldson said his projections only include the new 100 individuals.

Mr. John Duarte said that Mr. Donaldson's figures could be correct, but he doubted it, as the Welfare Division believes there are over 1,500 potential recipients involved.

Mrs. Carol Alldredge remarked that the alternatives for the disabled are "awesome" if they do not receive this supplement. Mrs. Alldredge also told the Committee that if housed in an institution, disabled individuals cannot receive Medicaid.

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Mrs. Barbara Brady, stated that the county often picks up these individuals if they are not State supplemented. Senator Gibson asked how much would the County save. Mrs. Brady thought that if twenty people in nursing homes receive this supplement, it would mean about \$30,000 to \$40,000 to the County.

This bill was held by the Committee for further testimony.

SB 208

Mrs. Audrey Tate said that they are requesting \$18.00 more than has been recommended. Mrs. Tate said that an elderly blind person has financial problems with transportation, readers, shopping, and housekeepers.

Mrs. Ella Council said she has to get someone to read her mail, although she is fairly independent and lives alone.

Mr. Carl Clontz said that the needs of blind persons are different from other disabilities.

Senator Gibson -- Do Pass  
Senator Brown -- 2nd  
Senators Walker, Young -- "NO"  
Motion carried.

SE 144

Mr. Bruce Arkell said that amendments were prepared for the purpose of maintaining this "one-shot" appropriation at a \$50,000 level with a 50%-50% local match.

Senator Young noted that a bill was passed on this last session, but none of the funds were utilized, and he wondered if this is a necessary function. Mr. Arkell said that the last appropriation was for experts to review individual sub-division, and there were two plans from Pershing County and one from Storey County.

Mr. Arkell said to Senator Gibson that he will provide a budget breakdown for this and the amendments.

Senator Raggio stated that he understood that this appropriation was a pass-through amount to replace 701 funds; however, if the 701 funds are forthcoming, is this necessary. Mr. Arkell said that they are sure they will receive 701 funding (city and county matching), but do not know the exact amount.

Senator Young questioned if this was really a "one-shot". Mr. Arkell said that work projects undertaken during the Biennium will be completed during this period, but this is a continuing

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program.

Senator Brown -- Kill  
Senator Young -- 2nd  
Senators Raggio, Monroe, Gibson -- "NO"  
Motion carried.

SB 162

Mr. Wm. Swackhamer said that this appropriation will be the "one-shot" for the Biennium, for a project that has enthusiastic statewide support.

Senator Gibson -- Do Pass, with Amendment  
to decrease the Biennium  
sum to \$100,000.  
Senator Walker -- 2nd  
Motion carried.

SB 206

Mr. Roland Westergard said this is necessary in order to defend the State's position in litigation regarding water resources. Mr. Westergard submitted the following cases and the cost allocations:

- a) Nye County and Salmon Falls legal suits -- \$100,000
- b) Truckee River legal suit -- \$200,000
- c) Consultant Experts -- \$200,000

Senator Lamb asked why this bill did not include a reversion clause. Mr. Howard Barrett said that a determination cannot be made as to the length of the litigation involvement.

Senator Monroe -- Do Pass  
Senator Brown -- 2nd  
Motion carried.

SB 164

Mr. Eric Cronkhite said that \$90,000 of the appropriation is to develop the plan for outdoor recreation and \$20,000 is needed to develop a plan for Historic Preservation in accord with the National Park Service.

Senator Young -- Do Pass  
Senator Monroe -- 2nd  
Senator Lamb -- "NO"  
Motion carried.

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SB 205

Senator Lamb said that there is an upcoming bill that makes compensation the same to all State boards.

No motion was made on this bill.

SB 157

Senator Raggio asked how many expect to train during the Biennium. Mrs. Reba Chappell said 200 to 250 people in the 81 hour level and refresher courses.

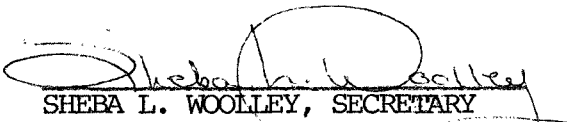
Senator Raggio stated he would like to see justification of expending the \$250,000 request. Mrs. Chappell said this last fiscal year they spent \$77,600 on training programs, and \$16,850 on books and training equipment. Mr. John Borda added that there was also \$70,000 for advanced pilot projects. Mr. Barrett remarked that the fiscal note is for \$150,000 to the 81 hour training course and ambulances; and the remainder is to be paramedic course.

Mr. Bob Edmondson, Nevada Emergency Medical Services Council, stated the Council fully supported this bill.

After general discussion, the Committee decided to hold this bill for further documentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

GUEST LIST

Janice Ayres . . . . . Nevada Association for  
Retarded Citizens

Father Larry Dunphy . . . . . Franciscan Center

Martha Brown . . . . . Nevada Association for  
Retarded Citizens Reno

Gay Henderson . . . . . Division Training Home for  
Mentally Retarded Adults

Jim Glazier. . . . . Social Security Recipient

Robert Cohen . . . . . Disability Supplement Council

Helen L. Palm . . . . . Citizen - Supporting Handi-  
capped Training Home

Phyllis Hansen . . . . . Nevada Nursing Association

Jean F. Peavy . . . . . Nevada Board of Nursing

Beverly Calkins . . . . . Nevada Board of Nursing

Mary Calkins . . . . . Nevada Board of Nursing

Ruby Duncan . . . . . Clark County Welfare

TESTIMONY OF . . . . . RICK KUHLMEY, Chairman  
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"Mr. Chairman, Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Please accept my apologies for not appearing in person before this distinguished committee. I am, personally, sorely disappointed that the time and funds are not available for me to be present in person, so I may testify in behalf of a Bill so vitally important as S.B. 172.

We of the American Veterans Movement, commend and are most grateful to the Committee on Health, Welfare, and State Institutions, Chaired by Senator Lee Walker, for introducing S.B. 172 to the Senate of the 58th Session of the Nevada State Legislature.

S.B. 172 is a vitally important Bill. We in the A.V.M. are very familiar with disabled people and that does not mean just disabled Veterans, but people, most of whom never had a chance to serve their Nation in the capacity we did. We are very concerned with the present status of people who are disabled in such a manner that they are unable to engage in meaningful employment. This great State of Nevada has some 1,300 to 1,500 such persons as permanent residents. Do you know that the seating capacity of the Las Vegas Stadium is approximately 16,000 persons. We are not talking about very many disabled people, are we?

But these 1,300 to 1,500 people have to live on \$146 per month. How much is your house payment? Mine is \$186.35 per month. \$146 is less than a lot of electric bills here in Clark County. How - how on God's green earth, in this nation today, can anyone live on \$146 a month and satisfy their personal needs? Especially with the extra expenses a disabled person has? And, there are extra expenses - I know - I am disabled.

How can our Government at any level - Federal, State, County, or City, expect someone to live on \$146? Well, these persons who are trapped in a particular situation have been doing it. These are your constituents.

There are precedents to care for these people. First, we must as compassionate human beings care for those who are unable to care for themselves. Second, we as a Nation and as a State

have shown by many and varied programs that we intend to adequately care for our disabled. The people of this State, by applying pressure on you, our Legislators, for a new hearing for this Bill, are in effect crying out to you to increase the income of the disabled of this State by the expenditure of State monies.

There are many problems facing our Nation and our State today. Until we can find a more palatable solution, we must dig into our State monies, and pay for these particular persons to live. Right now, we are slowly starving them to death. And, of course, if they do starve, we won't have the problem anymore, will we. And, of course, it is against our American way to just shoot them, as we would do an animal, to put it out of its misery. Is it then the American way to let them continue to live as degenerates until they die?

Is the language of the last statement too strong? Is the implication that we allow people to starve to death in our land of plenty so ugly it turns you away? Well, the feelings of the A.V.M. as a group are just as strong on this matter. We the people of this state must care for these persons who are living in abject poverty in this State. Whether or not we of the A.V.M. like what amounts to "welfare" we must care for our disabled who cannot care for themselves.

What is really so ridiculous is the amount of money asked for to supplement these disabled persons income. How would each of you, if alone, fare if your income was \$185 or \$212 per month? Little enough is asked for, but the increase will mean so much. The disabled know, as does anyone else that we are in financial trouble in this Nation as a whole. An increase by State supplement to the disabled persons SSI income would show, however, that this State as a whole does care about its residents and will do its very best to help them.

I am certain that the cost of this State supplement, as outlined in S.B. 172, has been most carefully presented to you. In the interest of brevity, and respecting your very full schedules, I shall not reiterate those facts at this time. In closing, the A.V.M. does not condone public support of those persons capable of performing a task which would earn money. We do believe that certain categories of people need and deserve the expenditure of the taxpayers' dollar in their behalf. The disabled are one such category. We strongly urge you to move for passage of S.B. 172.

We thank you for being allowed to present our testimony to you. "