

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 3, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.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 Warren L. Monroe
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young
Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: David Drew, Nevada State Fair
Carrol Nevin, Crime Commission
Ron Stroup, Crime Commission
Vern Calhoun, Crime Commission
John Peevers, Crime Commission
Stan Jones, Labor Commission
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Ryan, UPI

NEVADA STATE FAIR

Mr. David Drew said that this fair projects an attendance of 70,000 people this year. Mr. Drew said the funding is as follows:

a) \$30,000	--	Nevada State Fair Board
b) \$20,000	--	Rodeo Association
c) \$50,000	--	(Matching of above) Washoe County Commission
d) \$100,000	--	(Matching) General Fund Request

Mr. Drew said the funding would be used to reach the following objectives, prior to September 3, 1975:

a) 1,100 Grandstand Seats	--	\$ 62,000
b) Enclosures and Walkways for Granstand	--	\$ 10,000
c) Boxstalls (250)	--	\$100,000
d) Sanitary Facilities	--	\$ 38,980

Senator Lamb asked how many others would be using this facility. Mr. Drew named many other rodeo and horse organizations.

Senator Brown asked about expenses last year at the fair. Mr. Drew said the cost was \$150,000, and he would provide a breakdown of personnel costs and projected expenses.

Senator Young asked to have a list of the other fairground users. Mr. Drew said he would provide such a list, and estimated the attendance at the Reno Rodeo as being 45,000.

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COMMISSION ON CRIME, DELINQUENCY AND CORRECTIONS

Mr. Carrol Nevin gave an opening remark listing the duties of the various divisions.

Senator Raggio asked if this budget would allow the Commission to function effectively. Mr. John Peevers said that officers are required to attend 120 hours of training and funds for traveling and lodging will have to be cut back.

Senator Brown asked if the Commission was sure they would receive the \$186,600 Crime Commission Grant. Mr. Peevers said the budget is based on the most realistic estimate, and that the grant can only be used for planning, and not training.

Senator Young asked how many are training now. Mr. Peevers said 979 students.

Senator Monroe asked about the Contractual Services. Mr. Peevers said that \$23,989 is for an annual audit program; and \$12,000 is for an audit program in Las Vegas to monitor the use of grants.

Senator Young said there appeared to be an intense degree of training in the Fallon area. Mr. Peevers said that the site is used by other geographical areas.

SMALL COUNTY AND INDIAN JUSTICE PLANNER

Mr. Peevers said this is 100% federally funded. Mr. Peevers further commented that this program is currently in its sixth year, and will be reviewed by Congress in two years.

Senator Raggio questioned the purpose of the program. Mr. Peevers said the program assisted Indians and small counties (all but Clark and Washoe) in obtaining federal funds, monitoring current programs, and helping to set up records.

Senator Young asked if the Commission did any enforcement work for the Indians. Mr. Nevin said that now this is under Federal jurisdiction, but must be released by the State, which means enforcement through the Crime Commission and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

CRIME COMMISSION - FEDERAL GRANTS

Senator Brown asked for an exact breakdown on expenditures of each grant. Mr. Peevers said he could get one for past years.

Senator Raggio asked if the Commission set some priorities for these appropriations. Mr. Peevers answered that this might not have been done in the past, but now this funding is used to analyze crime areas.

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CRIME COMMISSION - FEDERAL GRANTS

Mr. Peevers said, for instance, that burglary is reviewed as to prevention, processing, and rehabilitation.

Senator Raggio asked if any grants are given to one specific area. Mr. Peevers responded that Washoe County received a grant (25% of \$1 million, for the past and coming biennium), for Crime Prevention for Burglary, to pay for personnel and equipment involved.

Senator Young asked if such specific grants are allocated for any purpose the recipient desires. Mr. Peevers said the local committees decide on the priorities, and the entire project is supervised by the Commission.

CRIME COMMISSION IDENTIFICATION & COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Mr. Ron Stroup remarked that this budget is divided into two segments: a) P. 435 - Budget of State funds and User fees; b) P. 439 Federal funds.

Senator Lamb asked about the new positions. Mr. Stroup said the Governor recommended an accountant, which is needed due to the increase in money handling.

Senator Raggio remarked that the need for In-State travel should decrease with only one new position recommended. Mr. Stroup replied that the chemists are required to travel to various counties for testimony.

Mr. Barrett remarked that the \$525.00 recommended under Office Furniture and Equipment was for the new position; and the \$2,300 for Other Office Furniture and Equipment is for lab equipment.

ID & COMMUNICATIONS - FEDERAL

Senator Lamb asked about the Fingerprint Technician. Mr. Stroup said this position was used to aid counties, and Mr. Stroup's own office.

Senator Raggio asked if the money for the Uniform Crime Report was still developmental funding. Mr. Stroup responded that the costs now involved are 100% towards actual reporting.

Senator Gibson asked where the money for DATAPAK eventually went. Mr. Stroup said to Bell Telephone.

Senator Gibson asked how long the federal government was committed to fund this program. Mr. Stroup said for five years.

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CRIME COMMISSION - INVESTIGATION AND NARCOTICS DIVISION

Mr. Vern Calhoun justified the Budget request for new positions, by remarking that the Division receives numerous statewide requests that there isn't enough manpower to meet.

Senator Lamb asked how the Division worked with Clark County. Mr. Calhoun said that Clark County has the best unit in the State, and that all units often coordinate investigations, as involved persons travel from one area to another. Mr. Calhoun added that the biggest problem currently in Clark County was pharmaceutical forgeries.

Senator Young asked if the drug problem is increasing in Nevada. Mr. Calhoun said that he can't see where it is leveling off. Mr. Calhoun further remarked that tight controls are needed on legitimately manufactured items, and on marijuana.

Senator Lamb asked about Medical and Dental expense. Mr. Calhoun said the Division's employees were included under the, Heart Attack as an Occupational Disease, program.

Senator Brown asked if the conviction rate for crimes involving marijuana in this State were low because of the severe penalties involved. Mr. Calhoun said that for first arrests, and for charges involving small amounts, the case is seldom even filed, however, a reduction in penalty would not be an advantage.

Senator Raggio asked about the return rate on funds for Purchase of Drugs. Mr. Calhoun said that out of the 1973-74 Actual of \$63,500, \$3,000 was recovered. Mr. Barrett said that for 1973-74, a total of \$130,000 was chartered for this budget, but the Agency requested \$63,000, so \$67,000 was recovered and spent again.

Mr. Peevers interjected a comment on the "Buy In Local Government", (P. 433). Mr. Peevers said that this is a 90% - 10% match, with one-half of the 10% constituting the State Buy In. Mr. Peevers said the Buy In money has to carry over into the Fiscal year period for any one grant that we receive. Mr. Peevers said the Agency has introduced legislation requesting that the Biennium does carry over to the fiscal year, and that there are two years on each Biennium appropriation.

LABOR COMMISSION

Mr. Stan Jones began with an opening statement naming the duties of the Commission.

Senator Lamb asked if unemployment concerned the Commission. Mr. Jones answered that the Agency foresees a continuing increase in unemployment through 1975, and perhaps some improvement for 1976.

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LABOR COMMISSION (Cont.)

Senator Raggio asked if the Contractual Services was for attorneys. Mr. Jones said yes, for both the Northern and Southern areas of the State.

Senator Raggio asked if the Rent costs meant that the Agency was moving to the new State building. Mr. Jones said yes, and additional space will be involved.

Senator Raggio asked about the Mediator Conciliator. Mr. Jones said that this person is called in if either party in a dispute requests him, at the agreement of both parties with the hope that negotiations can begin before the work actually stops.

Senator Young asked if State wages are comparable to the private sector. Mr. Jones answered that the public wages are better than the State, and private are better than public.

Senator Lamb asked why Mr. Jones saw an improvement in unemployment for 1976. Mr. Jones said because of the decrease in interest rates, the full impact of which will affect construction the last quarter of 1975.

Senator Raggio asked if apprentice programs are handled on an equitable basis. Mr. Jones said, the Commission feels that all federal and State regulations are followed.

SB 249 (See Attached Bill)

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

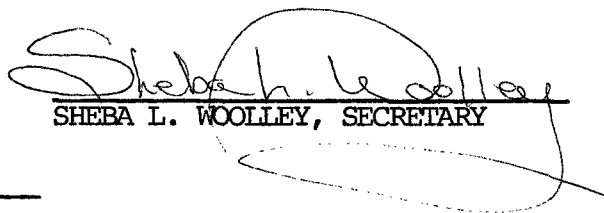
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:



FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN



SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

S. B. 249

SENATE BILL NO. 249—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 24, 1975

—○—
Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY—Appropriates moneys from general fund to legislative fund.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-1060)**

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

AN ACT making an appropriation from the general fund in the state treasury to the legislative fund.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in**
- 2 the state treasury to the legislative fund existing pursuant to the provisions**
- 3 of NRS 218.085 the sum of \$500,000.**
- 4 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.**