

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MARCH 3, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

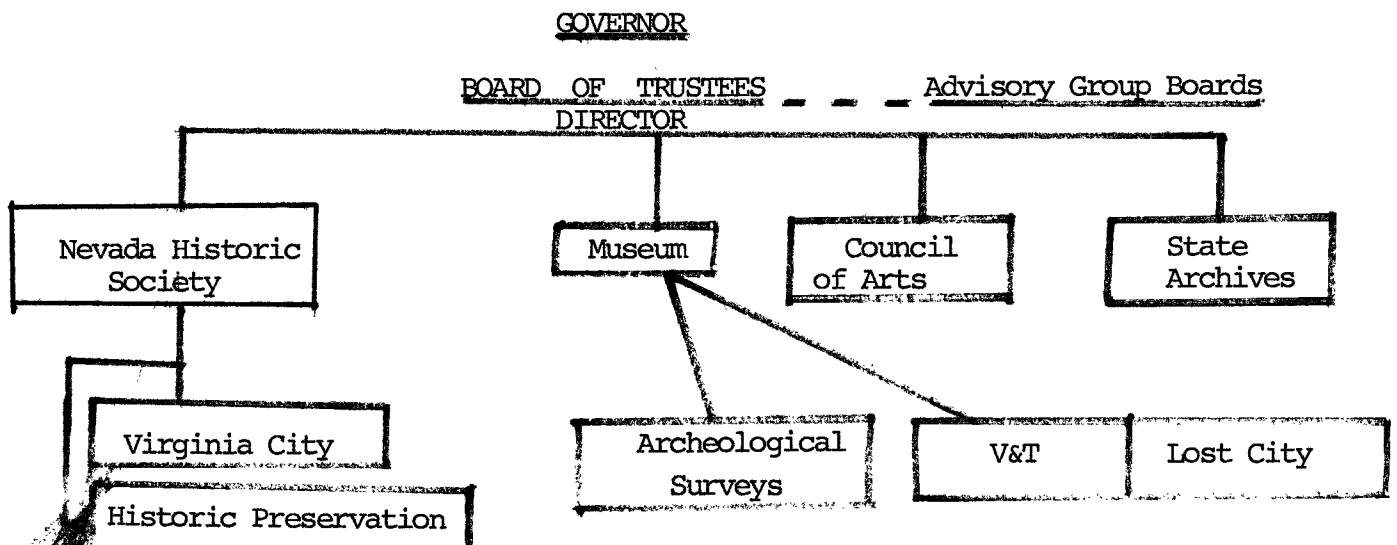
PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman  
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman  
Senator Clifton Young  
Senator Warren L. Monroe  
Senator William J. Raggio (Present for voting on bills)

OTHERS: John Koontz, State Museum  
Thomas Wilson, State Museum  
Elmo Dericco, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Jim Deere, Council on the Arts  
Merle Snyder, Council on the Arts  
John Wright, Nevada Historical Society  
Clint Simon, Virginia City  
Wm. Swackhamer, State Archives  
John Townley, Nevada Historical Society  
M. Douglas Miller  
Tom Cooke, Virginia City  
Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

Mr. John Koontz said that although his position was temporary at the Museum, he felt that in the long run, a consolidation might be advantageous. Mr. Koontz mentioned that there is an Assembly Bill 210 that proposes to consolidate all archive functions.

Mr. Thomas Wilson said that the problem involved is preservation of the identity of the Museum and the Nevada Historical Society. Mr. Wilson said that a consolidation could be possible in the areas of accounting and storing of materials.

Senator Lamb submitted the following diagram:



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Senator Lamb suggested that this be an initial work plan from which the witnesses could derive an acceptable structure.

Senator Sheerin asked if there will be an Advisory Board from the Historic Society, State Museum, and Council of the Arts. Senator Lamb said that this hasn't been decided yet.

Jim Deere said that it was possible for the Council of the Arts to exist in this structure, but the Council would have to be responsible for the distribution of their own Federal funding. Senator Lamb said, the Council would have to reckon with the Board of Trustees.

Senator Monroe agreed with Mr. Deere's implication that the Council of the Arts did not have the same interests as the other agencies, and should be kept separate. Mr. Deere said that perhaps the budget or certain other services could be combined, but the decision making power of the Council would have to be preserved.

Mr. John Wright said that the Nevada Historical Society didn't want to see any loss by amalgamation, but perhaps the historic groups could come to the Senate Finance Committee with one budget. Mr. Wright suggested there be representatives from each agency, and a representative from the Governor forming a "super" board. Senator Lamb said that the Board of Trustees could be made up of such representatives. Mr. Wright added that an overall Director would only be related to administrative needs, and not those specific requirements of the agencies.

Mr. Elmo Dericco said that consolidation has proved effective in the Department of Conservation. Mr. Dericco said that an overall, full time Director could take directives from the Board and establish policies for all organizations involved.

Mr. Tom Wilson said he discussed this with a couple of out-of-state museums, and they said that money could be saved by eliminating the Director, and instead having specialists from each organization reporting to the Board.

Mr. Clint Simon from the Virginia City Historic District Board said that he thought such a program could be more responsive to the individual needs.

Mr. William Swackhamer said that the State Archives should stand alone like the State Museum, (diagram reflects this change).

Senator Young interjected that he too could not agree with the idea of including the Council of the Arts in this structure. Senator Lamb said that they could be eliminated.

Mr. Wilson said that the overall Director could be eliminated and the salaries of the area specialists could be increased.

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Mr. Wm. Douglas Miller said that the Advisory Boards should be eliminated. Senator Lamb asked for comments on the elimination of the Boards.

Mr. John Townley proposed an "umbrella" approach, which is having the Board of Trustees comprised of two representatives; a layman (Advisory Board member), and a professional (Agency Director), from each organization.

Mr. Townley and Mr. Wilson concurred that the Board of Trustees could have seven members.

Mr. Dericco said that Federal and State regulations will have to be dealt with, when choosing Board members, (named five qualifications required).

Senator Young questioned if money was actually going to be saved, especially if salaries were increased for the agency Directors.

Senator Lamb asked for the membership numbers of the existing Boards. The following is the response:

a) Nevada Historical Society	--	7
b) Nevada State Museum	--	10 (15 maximum)
c) Virginia City	--	9
d) Historic Preservation	--	13
e) Lost City Museum	--	7

Tom Cooke in speaking for the Virginia City Historic District Board, remarked that this Board's function is unique to one geographical area, and should be continued on a local basis. Mr. Dericco said that they could still exist as a Board, under the Board of Trustees.

Senator Lamb closed the discussion by saying that he supported Tom Wilson's proposition.

SB 73 (See Attached Bill)

Senator Young - Kill  
Senator Monroe - 2nd  
Motion carried.

SB 76 (See Attached Bill)

Mr. Ron Sparks said that this would only give the authority to increase the fund, but the bill does not contain the necessary appropriation.

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

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SB 232 (See Attached Bill)

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

SB 163 (See Attached Bill)

Mr. Howard Barrett said that funding for petroleum allocation is so variable, that Public Service Commission funds are used, and then a request is made to the Legislature for reimbursement.

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

SB 232 (Cont.)

Senator Lamb said that AB 318 already covers this need.

Senator Raggio - Rescind Prior Action and Hold  
Senator Young - 2nd  
Motion carried.

SB 188 (See Attached Bill)

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

SB 184 (See Attached Bill)

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

SB 183 (See Attached Bill)

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

SB 152 (See Attached Bill)

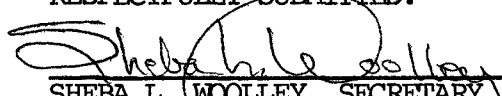
Senator Monroe - Do Pass  
Senator Young - 2nd  
Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

  
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FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

  
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SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

**S. B. 73**

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**SENATE BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**JANUARY 29, 1975**

**Referred to Committee on Finance**

**SUMMARY—**Provides for compensation to members of Colorado River advisory commission. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 48-490)



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

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**AN ACT** relating to the Colorado River advisory commission; providing for compensation to members of the commission.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 538.101 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 538.101 1. While engaged in official business of the commission,
- 3 each commissioner shall be allowed \$25 *per day compensation and the*
- 4 *per diem expense allowance and travel expenses provided by law.*
- 5 2. The administrator shall certify all bills and claims for *compensa-*
- 6 *tion*, per diem expense allowances and travel expenses of the commis-
- 7 sioners, and shall file the same with the state board of examiners for its
- 8 action. Such bills and claims shall be paid from the Colorado River
- 9 resources fund.

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SENATE BILL NO. 76—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases working capital and operating fund under State Purchasing Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-125)

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

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AN ACT relating to the State Purchasing Act; increasing the working capital and operating fund; 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 333.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 333.120 1. A working capital and operating fund, consisting of a  
3 working capital account and an operating account, in the sum of **[\$700,-**  
4 **000]** *\$1,000,000* is hereby created for the use of the chief in purchasing  
5 supplies, materials and equipment.  
6 2. If the balance of the working capital and operating fund exceeds  
7 the amount set forth in subsection 1 at the end of any fiscal year, such  
8 excess shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury within 6  
9 months.  
10 3. Fund transactions shall be accounted for in accordance with the  
11 generally accepted accounting principles for intragovernment services  
12 funds and the provisions of the Fiscal and Accounting Procedures Law.  
13 SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the  
14 state treasury to the working capital and operating fund created pursuant  
15 to NRS 333.120 the sum of \$300,000.  
16 SEC. 3. This bill shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 232

SENATE BILL NO. 232—SENATORS BRYAN, HILBRECHT,  
ECHOLS, GOJACK AND FOOTE

FEBRUARY 20, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Authorizes travel expenses for legislators and necessary employees attending legislative standing committee hearings held outside Carson City during legislative sessions. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 17-754)

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

AN ACT authorizing payment from the legislative fund of legislators' and necessary legislative employees' travel expenses incurred in attending standing committee hearings held outside Carson City during legislative sessions; 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 218.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 218.085 1. The legislative fund is hereby created as a continuing
- 3 fund in the state treasury for the use of the legislature, and where
- 4 specifically authorized by law, for the use of the legislative counsel
- 5 bureau.
- 6 2. Support for the legislative fund shall be provided by legislative
- 7 appropriation from the general fund.
- 8 3. Expenditures from the legislative fund shall be made for:
- 9 (a) The payment of necessary operating expenses of the senate;
- 10 (b) The payment of necessary operating expenses of the assembly;
- 11 (c) *The payment of per diem and travel expenses authorized by law*
- 12 *for legislators and for officers and employees of the legislature;*
- 13 (d) The payment of necessary operating expenses of but not limited
- 14 to:
- 15 (1) The legislative commission;
- 16 (2) The legal division;
- 17 (3) The research and fiscal analysis division;
- 18 (4) The audit division; and
- 19 (5) The statute revision operation,
- 20 of the legislative counsel bureau.
- 21 4. Expenditures from the legislative fund for purposes other than
- 22 those specified in subsection 3 of this section shall be made only upon

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**S. B. 163**

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SENATE BILL NO. 163—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 7, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations from general fund in state treasury to public service commission of Nevada. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-846)



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

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AN ACT making appropriations from the general fund in the state treasury to the public service commission of Nevada for expenses in administering the state petroleum allocation set-aside program; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in  
2 the state treasury to the public service commission of Nevada:

3 1. The sum of \$13,177 for costs incurred from December 4, 1973,  
4 through June 30, 1974, while administering the state petroleum allocation  
5 set-aside program.

6 2. The sum of \$11,376 for costs incurred from July 1, 1974, through  
7 December 15, 1974, while administering the state petroleum allocation  
8 set-aside program.

9 3. The sum of \$24,998 for anticipated costs from December 16,  
10 1974, through June 30, 1975, for administering the state petroleum allo-  
11 cation set-aside program.

12 SEC. 2. After June 30, 1975, unexpended balances of the appropria-  
13 tions made by section 1 shall not be encumbered or committed for expend-  
14 iture and shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury.

15 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.



**S. B. 188**

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SENATE BILL NO. 188—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 12, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes supplemental appropriation from general fund in state treasury to Western Nevada community college for purpose of purchasing library books. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-872)

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

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AN ACT making an additional and supplemental appropriation from the general fund in the state treasury to the Western Nevada community college for the purpose of purchasing library books; 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. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, there is hereby
- 2 appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the Western
- 3 Nevada community college the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of pur-
- 4 chasing library books as an additional and supplemental appropriation to
- 5 that allowed and made by section 26 of chapter 769, Statutes of Nevada
- 6 1973.
- 7 SEC. 2. After June 30, 1977, the unexpended balance of the appro-
- 8 priation made by section 1 shall not be encumbered or committed for
- 9 expenditure and shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury.
- 10 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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SENATE BILL NO. 184—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 11, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases monthly benefit payable to widow of district judge who had qualified for state pension. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 1-795)

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

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AN ACT relating to district judges; increasing the monthly benefit payable to the surviving spouse of a district judge who had qualified for a state pension.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 2.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 2.285 All of the following claims shall be submitted to the clerk of  
3 the supreme court, who shall act as administrative officer in processing  
4 such claims pursuant to the regulations of the state board of examiners:  
5 1. Claims of justices of the supreme court under NRS 2.050 and  
6 2.060.  
7 2. Claims of **[widows]** *surviving spouses* of justices of the supreme  
8 court under NRS 2.070.  
9 3. Claims of judges of the district courts under NRS 3.030 and  
10 3.090.  
11 4. Claims of **[widows]** *surviving spouses* of judges of the district  
12 courts under NRS 3.095.  
13 SEC. 2. NRS 3.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
14 3.095 1. If a district judge at the time of his *or her* death had retired  
15 and was then receiving a pension under the provisions of NRS 3.090, or  
16 if at the time of his *or her* death **[he]** *the judge* had not retired but had  
17 performed sufficient service for retirement under the provisions of NRS  
18 3.090, **[his widow,]** *the surviving spouse*, providing **[she]** *such spouse*  
19 has attained the age of 65 years, **[shall be]** *is entitled*, until his *or her*  
20 death or remarriage, to receive the sum of **[\$350]** *\$400* per month.  
21 2. To be entitled to receive the benefits herein provided for, the  
22 **[widow]** *surviving spouse* must make application to the board, commis-  
23 sion or authority entrusted with the administration of the judges' pensions  
24 and furnish such information as may be required pursuant to reasonable

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SENATE BILL NO. 183—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 11, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases monthly benefit payable to widow of justice of supreme court. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 1-794)

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

AN ACT relating to justices of the supreme court; increasing the monthly benefit payable to the surviving spouse of a justice of the supreme court who had qualified for a state pension.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 2.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 2.070 1. If a justice of the supreme court at the time of his or her  
3 death had retired and was then receiving a pension under the provisions  
4 of NRS 2.060, or if at the time of his or her death [he] *the justice* had  
5 not retired but had performed sufficient service for retirement under the  
6 provisions of NRS 2.060, [his widow,] *the surviving spouse*, providing  
7 [she] *such spouse* has attained the age of 65 years, [shall be] *is* entitled,  
8 until his or her death or remarriage, to receive the sum of [\$350] *\$400*  
9 per month.  
10 2. To be entitled to receive the benefits herein provided for, the  
11 [widow] *surviving spouse* must make application to the board, commis-  
12 sion or authority entrusted with the administration of the judges' pensions  
13 and furnish such information as may be required pursuant to reasonable  
14 rules and regulations to be adopted for the purpose of carrying out the  
15 intent of this section.  
16 3. It is the intent of this section that no special fund be created for  
17 the purpose of paying the benefits herein required to be made, and any  
18 and all payments made under the provisions of this section are spe-  
19 cifically directed to be made out of and charged to any fund now or  
20 hereafter created for the purpose of paying pension benefits to justices  
21 of the supreme court.  
22 SEC. 2. NRS 2.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
23 2.285 All of the following claims shall be submitted to the clerk of

**S. B. 152**

**SENATE BILL NO. 152—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**FEBRUARY 4, 1975**

**Referred to Committee on Finance**

**SUMMARY—Extends removal of certain limitation of contingency fund.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-861)**



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

**AN ACT relating to the contingency fund; extending the removal of certain limitations; 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 353.269 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     353.269 1. The recommendation of the state board of examiners for  
3     an allocation from the contingency fund shall be transmitted to the  
4     director of the legislative counsel bureau, who shall notify the chairman  
5     of the interim finance committee. The chairman shall call a meeting of  
6     the committee to consider the recommendation.  
7     2. No allocation from the contingency fund may be made by the  
8     interim finance committee:  
9     (a) To effect salary increases for state officers and employees; or  
10    (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection 4, to provide supplementary  
11    funds for the support of a state agency or officer, or for any program,  
12    when during the preceding session of the legislature the assembly standing  
13    committee on ways and means or the senate standing committee on  
14    finance, or both such committees, by deliberate consideration and action  
15    approved the program, rejected the proposed program or reduced the  
16    requested amount of money for any existing or proposed program. How-  
17    ever, if it is demonstrated to the interim finance committee that the pre-  
18    ceding legislature made no appropriation for an agency or a program or  
19    reduced the amount of the requested appropriation or a new program  
20    requiring state financial participation and an Act of Congress, a regula-  
21    tion promulgated by the President or by an executive department of the  
22    Federal Government, or a decision of a court of the United States or of  
23    this state, enacted, promulgated or made after adjournment sine die of  
24    the preceding legislature requires an expenditure of money for which  
25    legislative authority is lacking, either absolutely or in the alternative of  
26    forfeiting a grant or grants of money or other thing of value, the interim

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