

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 5, 1975

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: Noel Clark, Public Service Commission
Thomas Ballow, Department of Agriculture
Harry Galloway, Department of Agriculture
Fred Warren, Department of Agriculture
John O'Hara, Department of Agriculture
Mimi Rodden, Nevada State Museum
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Noel Clark said that usually six months is needed to handle certificate applications, and that this mainly involves audit time. Mr. Clark said he also needs a Principal Stenographer for the other New Positions which would require \$7,743 for the first year of the biennium, and \$8,062 for the second.

Senator Young asked about the petroleum allocation program. Mr. Clark said there hasn't been any problems, as a good attorney is involved; and there is currently a \$52,000 request for federal assistance.

Senator Gibson said he knew that some bills have been introduced that would designate how often a rate increase can occur. Mr. Clark said that the Commission has drafted a couple of these bills, but he questioned the constitutionality of such.

Senator Lamb asked if it is possible that increases are just "taken", not "asked" for. Mr. Clark said that the Commission is hiring outside investigators to look into the utility equipment and the CDP operation.

SB 12 (See Attached Bill)

Senator Gibson - Hold in Committee
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion carried.

SB 176 (See Attached Bill)

Mr. Howard Barrett said that the Budget Office felt that the appropriations for this study should be given to Data Processing instead of the

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SB 176 (Cont.)

Department of Human Resources.

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

SB 285 (See Attached Bill)

Mr. Barrett said that \$10,000 could be deleted from the appropriation.

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

SB 74 (See Attached Bill)

Mr. Barrett said that this bill puts present practices into statutes.

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

PLANT INDUSTRY FUND

Senator Lamb asked about the duty of the agriculturist. Mr. Harry Galloway said that the agriculturist makes grade inspections at the industry's request.

Senator Lamb asked about the rent. Mr. Galloway said that there is the State Owned Building, and offices in Reno, Sparks, Elko, and Las Vegas.

Senator Lamb asked about the automobiles. Mr. Galloway said that these will only be replacements.

Senator Raggio asked about Dues and Registration. Mr. Galloway said this is for Departmental memberships.

Senator Gibson asked about Statistical Reporting. Mr. Galloway answered this is for the Agricultural Statistical Reporting Service that provides significant county and state data.

AGRICULTURAL REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Mr. Galloway said this fund is derived from the following three sources:

- a) Registration fee on pesticides
- b) Registration fee and tonnage tax fee on fertilizers
- c) Registration fee on agricultural minerals

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Senator Raggio asked about the federal control in this area. Mr. Galloway said that pesticide users will soon be required to register locally.

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION FUND

Mr. Fred Warren said this is a self-supporting fund whose income is derived from the following:

- a) Livestock tax
- b) Brand inspection and permit fees
- c) Sale of Brand Books
- d) Licensing fees

Mr. Barrett said this budget will receive \$125,000 in re-recording receipts over the next four years.

Senator Lamb asked if this budget supported 50% of the Agriculture Director's salary. Mr. Ballow said yes, and the Plant Industry Fund the other 50%.

Mr. Warren said that two of the Brand Inspector positions have not been filled, and will not be filled if this budget is approved.

Senator Lamb asked if the Inspectors are Law Enforcement officers. Mr. Ballow said that some are former Peace Officers, and an effort is made to send all of them to Peace Officer training schools.

Senator Raggio asked if there are Deputy Brand Inspectors. Mr. Ballow said that the Department does have deputies, but they usually don't work enough hours to be Peace Officers.

Senator Young asked about the number of convictions out of 48 arrests. Mr. Ballow said there is an 80% conviction rate.

Senator Lamb asked about the Seasonal/Part Time Help. Mr. Ballow said that due to inflation in rent, gas, and per diem expenses, a reduction from full time to part time was necessary for some positions. Mr. Warren said that this request includes the hourly pay of the Deputy Brand Inspectors.

INSECT ABATEMENT

Mr. Ballow said that considerable use of this fund was made in 1972-73; but hardly at all in 1973-74. Mr. Ballow said that AB 202 will provide the authorization to use \$45,000 for the Vertebrate Pest Control program.

VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. John O'Hara said the laboratory work is in connection with Federal programs.

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Senator Lamb asked about the Contractual Services. Mr. O'Hara said this is for advanced pathology laboratory work; outside lab and vet blood samples; and lab equipment.

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Mr. Ballow said as it now stands, 23% of the Plant Industry's workload is carried by the Division of Brand Inspection.

Mr. Ballow said he hoped this would decrease the Head Livestock Tax and the Brand Inspection fees. Senator Lamb asked if these would automatically decrease if this bill passes. Mr. Ballow said that the State Board would like to make some reductions, but are faced with inflationary problems. Senator Lamb stated that the Committee would like to know the exact amounts of any decreases involved, as the livestock industry needs relief in taxes, (Senator Monroe concurred with this statement).

Senator Lamb held this bill in Committee for further testimony.

NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

Mrs. Mimi Rodden presented the Committee with her own administrative diagram of the possible cultural agency's consolidation.

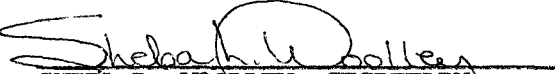
Mrs. Rodden said she did not believe that the Board of Trustees would go directly to the area Directors, and instead this should be an Advisory Council, with a Chairman.

Mrs. Rodden and Senator Raggio agreed that an enforcing agent was needed to implement policies.

Senator Gibson and Mrs. Rodden both expressed apprehension at losing the support of the active volunteer and interest groups.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

S. B. 12

SENATE BILL NO. 12—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

JANUARY 22, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Places state department of education professional and supervisory personnel in the unclassified service. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 34-241)

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

AN ACT relating to the state department of education; placing professional staff and other supervisory personnel in the unclassified service; authorizing the state board of education to adopt policies governing the qualifications of such personnel; providing for payment of salaries and expenses from either authorized or appropriated 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. NRS 385.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 385.010 1. A state department of education is hereby created [.]
 3 *and declared to be a state institution of learning.* The state department of
 4 education shall function under the direction and control of the state board
 5 of education, and the superintendent of public instruction shall be the
 6 executive head.
 7 2. The state department of education shall consist of the state board
 8 of education, the state board for vocational education, the state textbook
 9 commission, and such other agencies and officers as are added by law to
 10 the state department of education and the administrative organizations
 11 and staffs required for the performance of their functions.
 12 3. All administrative functions of the state board of education and of
 13 the superintendent of public instruction shall be exercised through the
 14 state department of education, and the department shall exercise all
 15 administrative functions of the state relating to supervision, management
 16 and control of schools not conferred by law on some other agency.
 17 4. Establishment of the state department of education shall not affect
 18 the exercise of any educational function now conferred by law upon any
 19 other state agency or officer.
 20 5. As executive head of the state department of education, the super-
 21 intendent of public instruction shall perform duties prescribed by law and
 22 also:

S. B. 176

SENATE BILL NO. 176—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 11, 1975

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation from general fund in state treasury to central data processing division of department of general services. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-838)

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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 central data processing division in the department of general services; 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 the sum of \$50,000 to the central data processing divi-
3 sion of the department of general services to prepare a comprehensive sys-
4 tems review of existing and planned data processing applications in the
5 department of human resources.

6 **SEC. 2.** After June 30, 1977, unexpended balances of the appropria-
7 tion made by section 1 shall not be encumbered or committed for expend-
8 iture and shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury.

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

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

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S. B. 285

SENATE BILL NO. 285—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 3, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to division of buildings and grounds of department of general services. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-851)



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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the division of buildings and grounds of the department of general services for the purpose of making certain improvements in the Nye and Blasdel Buildings and repainting the governor's mansion; 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 division of buildings and grounds of the depart-
- 3 ment of general services the sum of \$70,348 for the following purposes:
- 4 1. The sum of \$65,348 to provide carpeting for the uncarpeted areas
- 5 of the Nye and Blasdel Buildings.
- 6 2. The sum of \$2,500 for the replacement of the front and rear
- 7 entrance doors of the Blasdel Building.
- 8 3. The sum of \$2,500 to repaint the governor's mansion, garages and
- 9 pavilion and to reseal the mansion roof.
- 10 SEC. 2. The funds appropriated by section 1 shall not be encumbered
- 11 or committed for expenditure after June 30, 1977, and any unexpended
- 12 balance shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury.
- 13 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JANUARY 29, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises fund structure in health division of department of human resources. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-139)

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

AN ACT relating to public health; revising fund structure in the health division of the department of human resources; creating the state health division federal fund; authorizing a bank account for refunds of overpayments of vital statistics fees; eliminating requirement for a special silicosis fund; deleting requirement that the health facilities assistance fund be kept separate and apart; 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 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 *The department, through the health division, may accept and direct the*
4 *disbursement of funds appropriated by any Act of Congress and appor-*
5 *tioned or allocated to the State of Nevada for health purposes. Such fed-*
6 *eral funds shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of a fund*
7 *to be known as the state health division federal fund.*
8 SEC. 2. NRS 440.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 440.690 1. The state registrar shall keep a true and correct account
10 of all fees received under this chapter.
11 2. The proceeds accruing to the State of Nevada under the provisions
12 of this chapter shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the
13 general fund in the manner provided by law.
14 3. *Upon the approval of the state board of examiners and pursuant to*
15 *its regulations, the health division may maintain a bank account for the*
16 *purpose of refunding overpayments of vital statistics fees.*
17 SEC. 3. NRS 443.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18 443.145 1. There is hereby created [in the state treasury the special
19 silicosis fund. The special silicosis fund shall] *a special silicosis program*
20 *to be administered by the health division of the department of human*
21 *resources. [, and moneys in such fund] The program shall be financed by*
22 *direct legislative appropriation from the general fund in the state treasury,*
23 *and moneys for such program shall be expended only for the purposes of*