

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 14, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Darrell H. Dreyer, Assemblyman
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Eric Cronkhite, State Parks Division
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Ryan, UPI

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University of Nevada, Reno:

Mr. Howard Barrett said that there is a 12% increase in salaries in the budget over the Work Program. Senator Raggio noted that in the formula when an FTE position is reduced, the operating costs are not reduced. Mr. Barrett said that this was done because it was felt that the University shouldn't expend operating monies on salaries, but solely for operating.

Senator Raggio noted that Alumni Relations replaced Community Relations, and he had heard comments from the community that this section shouldn't have been deleted. Senator Young said that these types of changes are up to the University, and not the Finance Committee.

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas:

Senator Walker noted that sabbatical leaves were not recommended. Mr. Barrett said that this is true, they are not recommended throughout the University budgets. Mr. Barrett said that the 12% and 7% increase is in the budget for professionals, and the 15% and 7% increase for classified positions is shown as a separate appropriation.

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

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Community Colleges:

Senator Gibson noted that the cost per FTE position is cut down about 50% of what their current work program is, and he asked Mr. Barrett if the projections were based on growth. Mr. Barrett said yes, we have adopted their projections as presented to us.

Senator Raggio asked where the Colleges get their cost figure of \$1,700 per student. Mr. Barrett said he did not know.

Senator Lamb made the comment that there is a problem with space in the classrooms and offices, and Senator Monroe concurred with this. Senator Young asked about the money for vocational education. Mr. Barrett said that they have federal money for this, and it is a fairly sure source of income.

Senator Gibson said that he would like to hold a vote on the Colleges until the enrollment is verified. Senator Young asked if summer sessions are counted as FTE's. Mr. Barrett said that these are not counted as the summer sessions are self-supporting.

University of Nevada - New Programs:

Senator Brown asked why the Business and Economic Research was not recommended. Mr. Barrett said that no new programs were recommended, and UNR already has a statewide program in this area. Senator Gibson said that he and Senator Brown had received a great deal of correspondence on this, and some of the southern businessmen thought that this would contribute to helping solve problems in the current economy. Senator Raggio said how can you justify putting in this program that the community wants, and not the Community Relations program wanted in the northern part of the State. Senator Brown said that one of these areas is dealing with administration, and the other is to teach students. Senator Lamb felt that the Committee's actions in this should be consistent.

Senator Brown - Amend and Approve to include \$84,715 the first year, and \$91,396 the second year for the Business and Economics Research Program.

Senator Monroe - 2nd
Senator Raggio - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Nevada State Prison Administration:

Senator Gibson said that if adding new positions will mean helping keep the prison clean, then he supports the idea. Mr. Barrett said that the budget is built up for the prison by looking at each shift and seeing what positions are necessary for 24 hour guard.

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Senator Gibson asked if they are having problems filling positions. Mr. Barrett said yes, and this is one of the reasons for having the Center located in a populated area.

Senator Lamb asked the Committee to consider where to locate the prison site. Senators Raggio and Young favored the southern location. Senator Lamb commented that the operating and administrative costs will be extremely high if in the southern part of the State, and the southerners do not want it there. Senator Gibson said that the facility should be in a place where the administration can be coordinated. Senator Young wanted to know the expense involved in transporting the prisoners, and also stated that a prison here will increase taxes in Carson City. Mr. Barrett said that the proposed work-release programs will not work in an area where there isn't any work.

Senator Young asked if Mr. Barrett had any idea of the logistical cost of transporting prisoners from Las Vegas to the prison in Carson City. Mr. Barrett said no, but he would try and obtain this information.

Senator Gibson stated that he could not understand how the Prison Administration can say they are going to phase out the maximum facility when they propose to place youthful offenders in Las Vegas site, and the hard-core criminals in Carson City. Senator Gibson also remarked that less than ten percent are Clark County residents. Mr. Barrett said that such a percentage could apply statewide for Nevada's prison population.

Assemblyman Darrel Dreyer said that people he has talked to in his district do not want a southern location, and he felt that Assembly legislators from Clark County also do not want it.

Senator Gibson - Motion to approve just the
Prison Capital Improvement Project.
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Mr. Barrett said the Governor strongly feels the new prison should be near a populous area.

Senator Gibson said that two of the proposed sites north of North Las Vegas, do not have utilities, and the project would cost one-half million dollars or more.

Senator Young - Motion to locate the new prison
in Carson City.
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

NEVADA STATE PRISON ADMINISTRATION

Senator Brown - Amend and Approve to add Law Books
for \$8,000 each year.

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NEVADA STATE PRISON ADMINISTRATION: (Cont.)

Senator Raggio - 2nd
Senators Lamb, Monroe, Gibson - "NO"
Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Senator Gibson - Amend and Approve all budgets
in this department to concur with SB 111.
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.
Senator Walker - ABSENT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Senator Monroe - Approve Governor's recommendation.
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.
Senator Walker - ABSENT

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- a) Senator Gibson - Motion to delete the Beaver Dam Project
Senator Young - 2nd
Senator Raggio - "NO"
Motion Carried.
- b) Senator Brown - Approve Berlin - Ichtoyosaur Project.
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- c) Senator Gibson - Approve Cathedral Gorge Project
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried
- d) Senator Young - Amend and Approve Fort Churchill to include \$60,000 contingent on federal matching for restoration.
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- e) Senator Raggio - Approve Kershaw-Ryan Project
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- f) Senator Young - Approve Lahontan Project
Senator Walker - 2nd
Senator Gibson - "NO"
Senators Brown & Monroe - ABSENT
Motion Carried.

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PARK IMPROVEMENTS (Cont.)

- g) Senator Raggio - Approve Lake Tahoe Project
Senator Young - 2nd
Senator Gibson - "NO"
Senator Walker - ABSENT
Motion Carried.
- h) Senator Young - Approve Mormon Station Project
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Senator Lamb - "NO"
Motion Carried.
- i) Senator Monroe - Approve Red Rock Project
Senator Young - 2nd
Senator Walker - ABSENT
Motion Carried
- j) Senator Monroe - Approve Rye Patch Project
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- k) Senator Brown - Approve Spring Valley Project
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried
- l) Senator Gibson - Amend and Approve the Valley of Fire
Project by removing the Horse Facility
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- m) Senator Young - Approve the Washoe Lake Project
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Senator Gibson - Amend the motion to remove the
Horse Facility
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senators Young & Raggio - "NO"
Motion Carried

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED BY:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN