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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 2, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown
 Senator Warren L. Monroe
 Senator William J. Raggio
 Senator Lee E. Walker
 Senator Clifton Young

ABSENT: Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman

OTHERS: Frank Matthews, New Careers Program
 Paul Cohen, Chief of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 George Zappettini, Division of Forestry
 Jean Ford, Assemblyman
 Dr. Charles Dickson, Mental Health Institute
 Howard Barrett, Budget Director
 Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
 John Gamble, Education Administration
AB 228 Dr. Kenneth Sharigian, Mental Health Institute

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Frank Matthews how this money was going to be controlled. Mr. Matthews said by monthly disbursements.

Senator Young asked for a breakdown of the funding. Mr. Matthews said the following:

- a) \$286,000 - Stipends
- b) \$160,000 - Social Services
- c) \$ 50,000 - Education

Senator Brown asked why this type of program isn't channelled through the Community College. Mr. Matthews said that the Office of Economic Opportunity is better able to identify individuals who need help at this level.

Senator Lamb suggested that this appropriation be forthcoming if the Federal funds are received.

Senator Young asked what are the costs of administration for this program. Mr. Matthews said that the total amount is \$67,000; 3.4% of which is non-personnel cost, and 16% is for personnel.

Senator Monroe questioned what was the real need for this program. Mr. Matthews said that at the end of this school year, 20,000 young people will be unemployed.

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Senator Lamb asked how long can this program "buy" jobs for people. Mr. Matthews said that he didn't feel that this program bought jobs, as they will obtain a written contract from the employer. Senator Lamb said is there anything from prohibiting the employer from firing or laying off the hiree. Mr. Matthews said that he would think that the employer would have to show probable cause.

Senator Young asked if this has been done in other states. Mr. Matthews said that Nevada's program would be the first to deal with the private sector.

AB 379

Senator Lamb asked Mr. John Gamble what their experience had been with this program in the schools. Mr. Gamble said very good.

Senator Raggio asked if this would adequately cover the need. Mr. Paul Cohen said that they have completed the fifth and sixth grades and this will be a follow-up. Senator Raggio asked if there would be a need for future funding. Mr. Cohen said that this should be developed into an ongoing program.

Senator Young said that a report he saw showed Washoe County has having a high rate of drug abuse. Mr. Cohen said that this could not be completely accurate as this was determined by a volunteer questionnaire.

Senator Brown asked why this program was dropped by the federal government. Mr. Gamble said that the three year program had expired. Mr. Cohen said that it is difficult to get federal funds for prevention programs.

AB 239

Senator Brown asked if this appropriation will be enough to do the job. Mr. Zappettini said that the money in the budget will do the job, and the sites that have been proposed already have water.

Senator Raggio asked where the site was in Washoe County. Mr. Zappettini said at the Northeastern corner of Washoe Lake, but they didn't hit water.

Senator Walker asked if all the potential sites have water. Mr. Zappettini said three of them do.

Assemblyman Jean Ford presented the report on Desert Forestry. Assemblyman Ford said that twelve sites were considered in Nevada, and the top three choices were Tule Springs, Boulder City, and North Las Vegas.

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Senator Young asked what was the purpose of the nursery would be. Mr. Zappettini said that this will be used to develop native plants such as the creosote bush, and desert holly and for conservation measures such as wind breaks.

AB 253

Mr. Howard Barrett said this is for the modernization of the Secretary's office, and will mean installing a computerized phone system for immediate reference.

SB 389

Dr. Kenneth Sharigian said that this will be used to place mental offenders in out-of-state facilities, particularly in California.

Senator Raggio asked if there have been places located for all of these people. Dr. Dickson said that there have been tentative commitments for the two areas of Atascadero, and Walnut Creek, California.

Mr. Barrett said that the total cost will be \$217,250 from April 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975.

Senator Young asked how many offenders will this accommodate. Dr. Dickson said that there will be funding for twelve.

Senator Lamb asked if there would be a savings if these people could be accommodated in Nevada. Dr. Dickson said that our cost is \$42.00 per day, Walnut Creek is \$130.00 per day, and Atascadero is \$53.00 per day. Senator Raggio noted that at this time, we have no choice but to place them out-of-state.

SB 330

Mr. Barrett said that this will provide benefits for the rest of their lives.

Senator Brown asked if this is matching funds. Mr. Barrett said yes.

Senator Monroe asked if people working in the mines today were subject to silicosis. Mr. John Reiser of N.I.C. said that preventive measures are being attempted.

Mr. Barrett gave the amounts that will be received by the patients and by the widows of silicotic victims. Mr. Reiser said that the benefits are set by the date of the accident.

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SB 398

Senator Blakemore said that this appropriation could be divided between the Nevada State Prison, and the Boys and Girl's State Training Schools.

Senator Young asked where the money would go. Mr. Barrett said that the first \$5 million would go to higher education, and the remainder to the Distributive School Fund.

Mr. John Gamble said that passage of this bill would mean taking away \$1 million from the Distributive School Fund, or from the colleges.

SB 358

Senator Lamb said that Section 32 on Pages 8 and 9 should be deleted.

Senator Young -- Amend and Do Pass
Senator Brown -- 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 370

Mr. Gamble said that this is for \$40.00 per meeting for a maximum of twelve meetings per year.

Senator Lamb asked what power the Board actually has. Mr. Gamble said that if the districts violate the law, then the Board can withhold funds.

Senator Brown asked how much time was spent on agendas. Mr. Gamble said three to four days per month, and the Board meets once a month.

Senator Lamb said don't you distribute \$90 million. Mr. Gamble said yes. Senator Lamb said that the legislature took the authority of how this spent away from the Board.

Senator Raggio asked what other boards do not receive compensations. Mr. Barrett said this Board and the Board of Regents.

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Indian Affairs Commission:

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senator Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT
Motion Carried.

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Employees Management Relations Board:

Senator Walker - Amend and Do Pass with the
Commissioner's salary at the Agency Request
of \$24,000.

Senator Brown - 2nd

Senator Lamb - "NO"

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

Board of Parsons Commission:

Senator Brown - Approve the Governor's recommendation

Senator Young - 2nd

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

District Judges' Salary:

Senator Brown - Approve the Governor's recommendation

Senator Young - 2nd

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

District Judges' Travel:

Senator Walker - Amend and Do Pass with the
Out-of-State Travel at \$4,000

Senator Monroe - 2nd

Senator Lamb - "NO"

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

Supreme Court Justices and Widows Pensions:

Senator Brown - Approve the Governor's recommendation

Senator Young - 2nd

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

District Judges and Widows Pensions:

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation

Senator Brown - 2nd

Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT

Motion Carried.

Public Defender:

Mr. Barrett said that this should be amended to read \$8,500 for
Post-Conviction Relief, and \$1,500 put into the operating budget.

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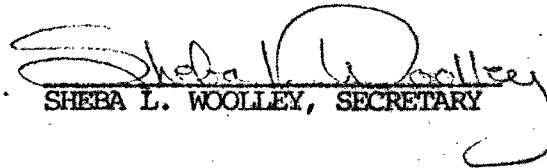
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Public Defender (Cont.):

Senator Young - Amend and Do Pass as suggested
by Mr. Barrett.
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senators Raggio and Gibson - ABSENT
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
6:25 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN