

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 25, 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: All members of the Assembly Ways and Means
Committee
Bill Bible, Budget Office
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
John Dolan, Fiscal Analyst

The Senate Finance Committee made the following decision prior to the
Joint Conference:

- Page 6 -- Concur with the Assembly
Page 15 -- Concur with the Assembly
Page 107 -- Hold with the Senate
Page 162 -- Hold with the Senate
Page 166 -- Hold with the Senate
Page 168 -- Hold with the Senate
Page 178 -- Concur with the Postage appropriation
Senator Gibson - Do not approve the One-Shots
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- Page 198 -- Senator Monroe - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- Page 205 -- Hold with the Senate
- Page 229 -- Senator Monroe - Hold with the Senate
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- Page 284 -- Concur with the Assembly
Page 315 -- Hold with the Senate
Page 375 -- Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- Page 371 -- Open to negotiation
Page 381 -- Open to negotiation

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Page 519 -- Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Page 525 -- Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Page 649 -- Each item will be discussed seperately.

JOINT CONFERENCE

Commission on the Status of Women:

Senator Gibson - Amend to be titled,
Status of People
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Bremner - Motion to re-open the
budget.
Assemblyman Brookman - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Brookman - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Bremner - 2nd
Assemblymen Robinson and Glover - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Attorney General:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Secretary of State - Archives:

Senator Brown - Hold with the Senate
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Bremner - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Wittenberg - 2nd
Assemblyman Mello - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Supreme Court:

Senator Brown - Hold with the Senate
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Glover said that the reason for the deletions are because they aren't working 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and they only sit for

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nine months. Senator Raggio stated that he received a list of the cases pending, and with that type of workload, the heaviest responsibility is on the law clerks. Assemblyman Glover said that if the Supreme Court was interested in cleaning up the backlog, they wouldn't be researching the District Courts.

Assemblyman Wittenberg - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Glover - 2nd
Assemblyman Brookman - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Education Commission of the States:

Mr. Bill Bible said that in representing the Governor's recommendation it was felt that the financial data supplied to the State is extremely important to the field of education. Senator Gibson said that the original idea of the Commission was that it was to be insulated to others than educators, but now appears to be the same stagnant type of education program. Assemblyman Mello asked how many states belong. Mr. Bible said that 45 States and two territories belong. Assemblyman Mello said that it sounds like Nevada is 'burying her head in the sand'. Senator Gibson said that even if the State was denied the publications, they would be allowed to attend the meetings.

Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Wittenberg - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Brookman - 2nd
Assemblymen Glover, Weise, Robinson - "NO"
Motion Carried.

University of Nevada System - System Administration:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Community College Administration:

Senator Lamb said that this is the fastest growing area in education and shouldn't be reduced. Mr. Dolan said that the re-construction of the budget was not an attempt to cut down, but just start with a fresh approach. Mr. Howard Barrett gave the following information on Spring Enrollment:

Elko campus -- Same enrollment as in the Fall.
Western campus -- About 200 less than in the Fall.
Clark campus -- 2,100 Fall enrollment, 2,500 Spring enrollment

Mr. Barrett recommended that 200 more FTE's be allowed for Clark County, and the cost for this will be \$105,091 for the first year,

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and \$116,640 for the second year. Assemblyman Mello said that their Committee wanted to know exactly what the money was for as staff has been added in the past, and after the fact approval was asked for the position by the Legislature. Mr. Dolan said that the intent was to get the budget self-contained. Assemblyman Mello said that a letter of intent should be sent making it clear that if System Service funds are to be used for hiring, it should be for instructional positions only.

Senator Gibson - Motion to concur with the letter of intent

Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Wittenberg - Concur with the Governor's recommendation and letter of intent

Assemblyman Bremner - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Intercollegiate Athletics - University of Nevada, Reno:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly

Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Statewide Programs - UNLV:

Assemblyman Mello said that he can't understand how one 1/2 time position can handle the Museum if it is moved to the old gym and the artifacts now stored in a warehouse are brought out for display. Senator Lamb suggested that the Assembly show the cost to the State to add a professor for the Museum, and then the Senate would reconsider. Assemblyman Bremner said that the Museum is used as an educational project for Clark County and the school districts.

Senator Raggio - Concur with the Assembly

Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.

UNR:

Senator Brown - Concur with the increase in postage

Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Senator Brown - Hold with the Senate on the remainder of the budget

Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Brookman - Hold with the Assembly

Assemblyman Glover - 2nd
Assemblymen Weise, Howard - "NO"
Motion Carried.

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University of Nevada - New Programs:

Assemblyman Robinson - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Dreyer - 2nd
Motion did not carry (6 - con and 3 - pro)

WICHE:

Assemblyman Robinson said that if the money was not used for these additional slots, it would not revert, but would be held over, and he added that the annual cost of \$300,000 is less than the operating cost for a law school. Assemblyman Robinson also said that this program would ensure that the money will be spent on just Nevadans, as a law school would be for out-of-state students as well.

Senators Gibson and Brown felt that WICHE should have some criteria for need. Assemblyman Robinson said that WICHE only pays a base cost and the difference in tuition is payed by the student.

Senator Lamb said that he felt that the students should return to Nevada to practice.

Aging Services:

Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Wittenberg - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Brookman - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Health Aid to Counties:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Division of Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Rural Clinics:

There was a general discussion on whether the recoveries would really increase if a 1/2 time clerk was added.

Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate

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Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Wittenberg - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Brookman - 2nd
Assemblyman Howard - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Rehabilitation Division Administration:

Assemblyman Mello said that the two existing Personnel positions were reinstated. Assemblyman Weise said that neither one of the individuals filling these positions were really personnel officers. Senator Raggio asked how does this happen. Mr. Barrett said that the agency provides documentation that this is the work that the individual is doing. There was some general discussion on the numerous reclassifications that may not be justified, and Assemblyman Weise said that 41 out of 178 reclassifications have been in this department alone.

Vocational Rehabilitation:

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Services to the Blind:

Assemblyman Glover said that the Mobility instructor teaches the blind people how to perform necessary daily functions.

Senator Gibson - Motion to concur with the Assembly
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Division of State Parks:

Assemblyman Robinson said to delete any positions would create additional problems in an agency that is already understaffed.

Senator Brown - Hold with the Senate
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Senator Raggio - "NO"
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Howard - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Wittenberg - 2nd
Assemblyman Weise - "NO"
Motion Carried.

State Park Planning and Development:

Assemblyman Robinson said that by adding the two Park Engineers, the consulting fees will be reduced from \$235,000 to \$129,000.

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Assemblyman Mello said that this budget discussion will be held until it is closed by both committees.

Capital Improvements:

75-10:

Assemblyman Weise said that their sub-committee and a contractor went through each project and found a number of errors. Mr. Barrett said that his office never reviews the Planning Board's figures. Assemblyman Weise said that the Board is aware of the differences found by the sub-committee.

Senator Young - Governor's recommendation
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Assemblyman Weise - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Robinson - 2nd
Motion Carried.

75-12:

Assemblyman Weise said that the Board only uses a one-sheet breakdown, and one price is accepted for all projects, and the Board does not put this out for public bid. Senator Young asked what would happen if the Senate approves these reductions and then the bids are high. Mr. Barrett said that the Board could come to the Interim Finance Committee.

Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Senators Brown and Lamb - "NO"
Motion Carried.

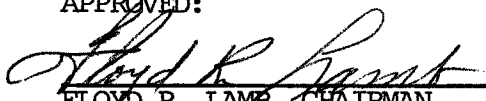
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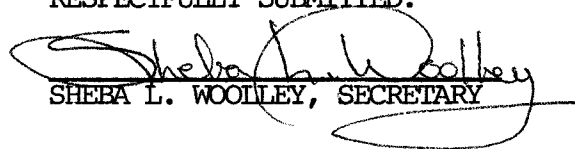
Assemblyman Howard - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Weise - 2nd
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY