

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 3, 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 B. Mahlon Brown  
Senator William J. Raggio  
Senator Clifton Young  
Senator Warren L. Monroe  
Senator Lee E. Walker

ABSENT: Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman

OTHERS: Bob Gagnier, SNEA  
James Guinan, District Judge  
Keith Hayes, District Judge  
Jim Wittenberg, Personnel Department  
Carl Dodge, Senator  
Tom Cooke, Virginia City Historic District  
Manual Cortez, Taxicab Authority Director  
John Meder, State Land Use Planning  
Gene Milligan, Independent Realtor's Assn.  
Howard Barrett, Budget Director  
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Ryan, UPI  
Bruce Arkell, State Land Use Planning

SB 195

Mr. Bob Gagnier said that this bill will increase the current amount of Health and Life coverage, plus add dental coverage and coverage for the first dependent. Mr. Gagnier said that the Dental coverage could be made permissive, however the adverse selection would be lost if the first dependent is included.

Senator Lamb asked what the fiscal impact would be for the Biennium. Mr. Gagnier said that 100% would take part in the program, excepting the dental which would be permissive.

Senator Young asked how many now receive coverage. Mr. Gagnier said 7,200, and he estimated that 60% of the 7,200 will take coverage if the dependent is included. Senator Young asked who the dental insurance will cover. Mr. Gagnier said just the employee, and the cost of one bid received was \$4.50 per month. Mr. Gagnier said that the total estimated cost of the entire package is \$4,440,000.

SB 367

Mr. Gagnier said that this bill could be added to SB 195 as a permissive alternative.

Senator Monroe asked what the cost of this will be. Mr. Gagnier said 1% of payroll, or \$1 million per year.

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SB 367 (Cont.)

Senator Young asked what this provision adds to the existing benefits. Mr. Gagnier said at this time there is no long-term disability unless an individual has ten years of service, and this will be coordinated with Social Security.

Mr. Gagnier said that neither recommendation comes from the Administration.

SB 305

This bill is necessary, Mr. James Guinan said because it is necessary to attract good men to the bench away from private practice, and it encourages retirement at the time needed, not just because of a mandatory age.

Senator Lamb asked why this was a 3 1/2% increase for the Judges and there was only a 1% increase for the other State employees. Mr. Guinan said that Judges were a special case and this will allow retirement with apportioned benefits prior to 20 years of service. Mr. Guinan also said that benefits will be based on current wages instead of the salary base with which the individual retired.

Senator Brown asked if it wasn't appropriate that the judges contribute to the fund. Mr. Guinan said that he did not think that the judges would object to this, and he would provide information to the Committee concerning what is done in other states about this.

SB 306

Mr. Guinan said that this bill currently applies to two special cases, and that use of this would rarely occur.

Senator Young asked if other states have this. Mr. Guinan said yes, and he would provide information to the Committee on this.

Mr. Keith Hayes stood from the audience and said that in behalf of Clark County justices he gives his support of SB 305 and SB 306.

SB 265

Mr. Gagnier said that the new language in Sub-section two is necessary in order to curb any abuses. Senator Young said that it seemed paradoxical that "continuous" should be given a definite definition, and then it is left to the Commission to interpret that definition. Mr. Gagnier said that there are some exceptions to this with the National Guard, and the Commission has the power to determine these exceptions.

Mr. Jim Wittenberg said that they would like Lines 3 and 5 to be amended to 8 years, instead of 5. Senator Lamb asked how much money

SB 265 (Cont.)

would be saved by doing this. Mr. Barrett said that this would mean a \$100,000 savings to the general fund for one year.

Mr. Wittenberg said that thirteen political sub-divisions have a similar program. Mr. Gagnier said that Clark County has a five-year program which cost \$1,600 versus our cost of \$600.00. Senator Raggio asked if Reno and Washoe County have a longevity program. Mr. Wittenberg said that he knew that Sparks and Washoe County have one.

Mr. Wittenberg said that the amount on line 5 should be amended to read \$75.00, and on line 8 the years should read 17, and the amount should read \$300.00. Senator Lamb asked that these changes be brought back to the Committee in an amendment.

AB 377

Mr. Barrett said that this would change to \$28.00 for In-State travel will mean that the room allowance will be \$17.00 instead of \$14.00. Mr. Barrett also said that the reimbursement allowance for the employees will be increased to .17¢/mile, and if their private car is used, the reimbursement will be .10¢ instead of .08¢.

Senators Lamb and Raggio requested that Mr. Barrett find out what the rate schedules are in other political sub-divisions.

SB 189

Mr. Gagnier said that this bill is intended to apply to appointed and elected officials, yet reads so that it applies to State employees as well. Mr. Gagnier said that if the State employees were included, then this appropriation would not be enough.

The Senators felt that an Interim Study Commission may not have the expertise to adequately prepare such a report. Senator Raggio said that he would like to see the public employees studied as well.

SB 368

Mr. Tom Cooke said that it would be better if this bill were amended to read that the \$30,000 matching be done on a \$1.00 for \$1.00 basis.

Senator Young asked what will the 4th Ward School be used for. Mr. Cooke said for art shows and tours in the summer months.

Senator Young asked if this project received any local contributions. Mr. Cooke said they receive a small amount.

TAXICAB AUTHORITY

Mr. Manual Cortez said that the Authority is making progress as

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TAXICAB AUTHORITY (Cont.)

there are now airconditioned taxis, the airport is regulated, and a hearing officer has been hired.

Senator Lamb noted that there was a proposed 5% increase for Control Officers. Mr. Cortez said that this has been amended now, but was to be used for uniforms.

Senator Raggio asked if there was any move to increase the number on the Board. Mr. Cortez said that SB 191 asks for five, but he feels that three is sufficient.

Senator Brown asked if the complaints were actually registered with the Authority. Mr. Cortez said that they usually complain to the hotel managers, the complaint is passed to the authority, and an attempt is made to reach the individuals before they leave the area.

Senator Walker asked about the revenue received. Mr. Cortez said that the bulk of the funding comes from the consumer, and the Authority is primarily self-funding.

Senator Monroe asked about the Out-of-State travel. Mr. Cortez said that the Authority sends investigators to seminars and conferences.

Senator Brown asked about the Legal and Court expenses. Mr. Cortez said that this is an attorney assigned by the Attorney General's office.

SB 360

Mr. John Meder said that \$10,000 will be transferred.

Senator Raggio asked why this was limited to counties with less than 100,000 population. Senator Young said that we thought that those with a higher population had the expertise for planning. Senator Young stated that he is disappointed with the results of this agency.

Mr. Bruce Arkell said that the study on Storey County was the first one done on sub-division lots. Senator Lamb said that the smaller counties resent the intrusion of State planners.

Mr. Gene Milligan said that most realtors and developers feel that the \$10,000 will not be used, as most companies have their own consultants.

BUDGETS CLOSED ON APRIL 3, 1975

Commerce Department Director:

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

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Division of Insurance:

Senator Brown - Amend and Do Pass to read that both the Life and Casualty Actuary positions will get \$19,625 for the first year, and \$19,550 for the second year.  
Senator Walker - 2nd  
Motion Carried.

National Association of Insurance Commissioners:

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

Insurance Examiners:

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

Fire Marshal:

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

Banking/Savings and Loan Division:

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

Consumer Affairs Division:

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

Real Estate Administration:

The Senators felt concern that this Administration was not self-supporting. Mr. Barrett said that the fees are set by law.

Senator Monroe asked why so many employees are needed. Senator Young said that the Land Sales Act caused an increase in workload.

Senator Raggio felt that there is a need for this type of regulation, but would also like to see this become self-supporting.

Senator Monroe felt that regulations were being imposed on legitimate developers.

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Real Estate Administration (Cont.):

The budget vote was held until more information could be gathered on the possibility of changing the fees in order to make this Administration self-supporting.

Real Estate, Education, and Research:

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

Real Estate, Recovery:

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

Racing Commission:

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

Labor Commission:

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

Regional Plumbing Boards:

Senator Lamb questioned the need for general fund monies, as he felt this Board should be self-supporting.

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation  
Senator Raggio - 2nd  
Senator Lamb - "NO"  
Motion Carried.

Athletic Commission:

Senator Young - Approve the Governor's recommendation  
Senator Walker - 2nd  
Senator Lamb - ABSENT  
Motion Carried.

PSC Regulatory Fund:

Senator Raggio - Amend and Do Pass to include the position of Principal Clerk Steno in the New Positions.

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PSC Regulatory Fund (Cont.):

Senator Walker - 2nd  
Senator Lamb - ABSENT  
Motion Carried.

Taxicab Authority:

Senator Walker - Approve the Governor's recommendation  
Senator Raggio - 2nd  
Senator Lamb - ABSENT  
Motion Carried.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN