

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 1, 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: William Morris, Intercollegiate Athletics
Peter Simon, Jean, Nevada
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Bill Bible, Budget Office
John Dolan, Fiscal Analyst
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
All members of the Assembly Ways and Means
Committee
Bill Ireland, Inter- Collegiate Athletics

Senate Session

- 75-10: Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senators Young and Walker - Absent
Motion Carried.
- 75-14: Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senators Young and Walker - Absent
Motion Carried.
- 75-15: Senator Raggio - Hold with the Senate
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senators Young and Walker - Absent
Motion Carried.
- 75-16: Negotiate with Ways and Means.
- 75-18: Motion will be made to only remove \$60,000 from both Caliente projects.
- 75-20: Ask for an explanation from Ways and Means for the \$733,000 and the \$5,000.
- 75-27: Senator Gibson thought that one-half of the request for the tunnel should be retained in the appropriation, and the tunnel deleted.
- 75-32: Hold for discussion.
- 75-36: Second Caliente project.
- 75-37: Hold with the Senate
- 75-39: Go with the Assembly
- 75-43: Hold with the Senate
- 75-45: Hold with the Senate

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75-46: Hold with the Senate
75-51: Hold with the Senate

N. Nevada Community College - Go with the Assembly
Museum Toilets - Go with the Assembly
Repair Mansion steps - Go with the Assembly

Beaver Dam - Hold with the Senate on this and all Park Improvements, excepting:
V and T - Hear the Assembly
Contracting Services - Hear the Assembly

Mr. William Morris spoke in behalf of revising the request for the Inter-collegiate athletics for the University of Nevada system. Mr. Morris said that the revised request for the Biennium for U.N.L.V. would mean \$1,333,835; and for U.N.R. \$1,281,309.

Joint Session

75-10: Assemblyman Dreyer - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Wittenberg - 2nd
Motion Carried.

75-14: Assemblyman Weise - Hold with the Assembly
Assemblyman Wittenberg - 2nd
No vote was taken on this motion.

Chairman Mello felt that a motion should be heard for the Ways and Means to hold with the Assembly on all Capital Improvement projects.

Assemblyman Robinson - Hold with the Assembly on all Capital Improvement projects.
Assemblyman Weise - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Fort Churchill: Senator Raggio explained that this was a project where the prisoners could be involved to make adobe bricks for restoration projects. No vote was made on this.

Valley of Fire: Assemblyman Howard - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Dreyer - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Washoe Lake: Assemblyman Robinson - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Wittenberg - 2nd
Assemblymen Glover, Weise, Mello, Brookman and Bremner - "NO"
Motion did not carry.

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V and T: No vote was held on this project.

Contract Services: Senator Brown - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Washoe Lake: Senator Gibson - Hold with the Senate on
removal of the horse facility
Senator Brown - 2nd
Motion Carried.

75-16: Senator Lamb asked Mr. Peter Simon who was involved in this project with him. Mr. Simon said no one, and the longest lead time on the start of construction would be ten weeks on the sewer.

Mr. Hancock said that some of the advantages of this site are the gift-deeded land, freeway and railroad access, surrounded by purchasable BLM property, and Mr. Simon is providing the utilities. Mr. Hancock said that the disadvantages are that the entire project evolves one person (Peter Simon), the water needs treatment, the operating costs will be somewhat increased, and the shipment and construction costs are fairly high. Mr. Hancock said that they recommend that there be a performance bond signed, that the legal work be completed by July 1, 1975, and that the construction be completed by January 1, 1976.

Mr. Hancock said that the alternate site would be the one in North Las Vegas, that will require the 17,000 lineal feet of utilities.

Assemblyman Robinson asked about the availability of schools. Mr. Simon said that bus service is available for schools to Goodsprings and Las Vegas.

The two Committees decided to wait for further discussion on this, until Mr. Hancock had walked the site.

Secretary of State - Archives:

Senator Gibson - Motion to tag a supplemental
to the General Appropriation Act for the
Secretary of State, Archives, in the amount
of \$455.00.
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.

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

Supreme Court: Both Committees held on this.

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Desert Research Institute:

Assemblyman Mello said that he felt DRI should be able to obtain Federal funding for this cloud-seeding, especially since approval of the budget means a 50% increase in their budget. Senator Monroe said that budget appropriations are for specific items. Senator Gibson said that the increase in the budget primarily goes to the Solar energy project.

No vote was held on this project.

University of Nevada, Reno; No vote was held on this.

Clark County Community College:

Senator Lamb felt that there should be some responsibility for the increased enrollment. Assemblyman Mello said if something is done here, then something should be done about the nursing ratio in Northern and Western colleges. Mr. Barrett said that if the Budget Office had known what the enrollment was going to be, they would have recommended 200 more FTE's and the associated funding.

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

University of Nevada - New Programs:

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

Capital Improvement:

75:20 - Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Senator Raggio asked how the sub-committee arrived at the reduction amount of \$733,000. Assemblyman Robinson said this was done on a percentage basis, but the Institute will have to set their own priorities as to what will have to be deleted.

75:22 = Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

75:18 and 75:36 - Assemblyman Robinson - Concur with the Senate
to delete \$81,000 general fund monies from
both of these projects.
Assemblyman Weise - 2nd
Motion Carried.

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- 75:27 - Assemblyman Weise - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Bremner - 2nd
Motion Carried.
- 75:39 - Senator Gibson - Concur with the Assembly
Senator Raggio - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Museum Toilets - N.N. Comm. College - Mansion Steps --

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

75:32 - Senator Raggio said that the prisoners do not have a place to exercise, so it was suggested that the industrial building be divided and one-half would be a recreation area. Senator Gibson added that this would also be a moveable building, if maximum is phased out. Assemblymen Robinson and Weise questioned the cost of just the initial plan, without the added recreation area. Senator Raggio said that if the Assembly agrees with the concept, then the cost could be checked and reviewed.

75:45 - Senator Raggio asked if there was an actual proposal for a lease. Assemblyman Weise said that the sub-committee talked to a veterinarian in Reno who is engaged in the study of animal science, and he thought that a laboratory could be leased in Elko, and that having a location near the college was not too important. Senator Monroe said that it was important to have the laboratory near the stables at the fairground, so the animals could be housed, but he knew of no space that was available in that area.

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Assemblyman Robinson - Concur with the
Senate
Assemblyman Bremner - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Aging Services - No vote was held on this item.

Rural Clinics - No vote was held on this item.

Food Stamp Program Assemblyman Wittenberg - Concur with the Senate
Assemblyman Weise - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Rehabilitation Division Assemblyman Weise - Concur with the Senate
This motion did not receive a second.

Regional Plumbing Boards - No vote was held on this item.

Public Service Commission Regulatory - Vote was held for A.B. 452

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Division of State Parks - No vote was held on this item.

75:15 - There was a general discussion on the safety aspects of this. Assemblyman Robinson said that since the pipe was installed, it has never been tested for operability.

Senate Session

Senator Raggio and Brown felt that if the Senate concurred with the Assembly on the Rural Clinics, then the Senate would go with them on Aging Services. Senator Lamb felt that the negotiations could be dealt with by the two fiscal analysts and the two Committee chairmen.

Regional Plumbing Boards - Agreement to concur with the Assembly.

75:14 - Agreement to concur with the Assembly.

75:15 - Agreement to concur with the Assembly.

75:32 - Need cost figures for this item.

75:43 - Hold with the Senate.

75:51 - Hold with the Senate.

V & T Railroad - Hold with the Senate.

Inter-Collegiate Budget

Senator Raggio made the suggestion that \$150,000 be added to each of the budgets, as the women's program will be cut back. Mr. Bill Ireland said that the universities must have the women's program by Federal mandate, or a great deal of Federal funding will be lost. Senator Walker noted that the \$150,000 would replace the \$75,000 each that was lost by the decision to discontinue student fees for this purpose. It was decided that the Governor should be contacted for his position on this matter.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY