

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 5, 1975

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The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
(Entered at 9:05 a.m.)
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Doug Byington, Morrill Hall
Larry Struve, Morrill Hall
Larry McCracken, E.S.D.
Dick Rottman, Insurance Director
Bob Gagnier, SNEA
Terry Sullivan, Purchasing
Bill Hancock, Public Works Board
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

AB 680

Mr. Doug Byington said that Morrill Hall dates back to 1887, and is listed with the national register of historic buildings which allows it to qualify for Federal funding. Mr. Byington said that he can envision Morrill Hall as an information center. Mr. Larry Struve said that perhaps Morrill Hall could be an Alumni Headquarters, and a museum for University artifacts, as well as housing a memorial room for Walter T. Clark. Mr. Struve said that the cost of restoration should be around \$500,000, and the \$50,000 State funding would be contingent on the University's guarantee of the remaining \$450,000.

AB 479

Mr. Larry McCracken submitted a written testimony, (see attached), and said that this involves Federal money, and just changes the authorization.

AB 227

Mr. Dick Rottman said that the Insurance Division is in favor of this legislation. Mr. Gagnier said that the Employee's association would like for disability insurance to be included, and for the 90 day eligibility to be waived. Senator Brown wanted to know how much money was involved. Mr. Howard Barrett said that the Governor's recommendation is for \$3,072,000, and the current amount being spent is \$2,269,000, which means a 35% increase in the amount of the premium. Mr. Barrett said that the Administration does not have any objection to waiving the 90 days. Mr. Rottman said that his Division also concurs with these amendments. Mr. Barrett said that even if the ninety days are waived, individuals still can't be covered for pre-existing conditions.

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Senator Young asked if this type of insurance was standard for state employees in other areas. Mr. Rottman said that it is fairly standard throughout the industry.

Senator Lamb asked how many people will be coming under the coverage with the ninety days alleviated. Mr. Jim Wittenberg said 600 or 700 will be coming in, in the course of a year. Senator Young asked if this covers the family. Mr. Barrett said yes, if the employee pays for this. Senator Monroe asked do employees pay for this insurance. Mr. Rottman said only for the dependent coverage.

AB 745 (See attached bill)

Mr. Terry Sullivan discussed the type of decals to be used. Senator Raggio asked where would these be placed. Mr. Sullivan said on the front and back window. Senator Walker asked if this would eliminate the door designations. Mr. Sullivan said that if these were desired by the agency, the decals would not preclude them. Senator Young asked what was the purpose of this. Mr. Sullivan said that in his opinion the license plate was adequate. Senator Lamb said that this would deter individuals from using the State cars for personal use. Mr. Barrett said that he supports this bill, because removing the current seals ruins the paint job on the cars.

Senator Monroe - Do Pass
 Senator Young - 2nd
 Senator Gibson - Absent
 Motion Carried.

AB 227

Mr. Barrett said that this bill does not change the benefits, it just covers expenses such as increased room rates, as semi-private rooms did cost \$65.00 and this is now \$80.00. Senator Monroe said this is a 35% increase. Mr. Barrett said 35% for the first year in premium increase, and 10% for the second year.

SB 187 (Reprint)

Introduction of amendments to be voted on.

Senator Walker - Motion to concur
 Senator Raggio - 2nd
 Senator Lamb and Gibson - Absent
 Motion Carried.

Mr. Sparks said that this amendment incorporates everything in AB 301 into SB 187.

SB 285

Introduction of amendment to be voted on.

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Senator Raggio - Concur with this amendment
Senator Walker - 2nd
Senators Lamb and Gibson - Absent
Motion Carried.

Mr. Barrett said that AB 227 is the Administration's bill. Mr. Sparks said that the ninety day waiver is the only part of SB 195 that the Governor would accept.

AB 680 (See attached bill)

There was a general discussion about where the Committee stands in relation to the surplus. Senator Lamb said that if the 5% for the second year is adopted for the classified pay raise, then the appropriations will be over the Governor's budget by \$1.2 million.

Senator Raggio - Do Pass
Senator Young - 2nd
Senators Lamb, Walker, Monroe - "NO"
Senator Gibson - Absent
Motion did not carry.

AB 479 (See attached bill)

Senator Monroe - Do Pass
Senator Walker - 2nd
Senator Gibson - Absent
Motion Carried.

AB 452 (See attached bill)

Senator Brown - Do Pass
Senator Walker - 2nd
Senator Gibson - Absent
Motion Carried.

Senator Gibson entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

AB 161 (See attached bill)

Mr. Ron Sparks said that if the Committee should choose the 15% and 0% classified pay raise, then the appropriations are \$1.8 million under the Governor's budget. Senator Raggio said that on Page 2 of the first re-print, lines 3 and 4, the word "complete" should be struck, and at the end of the sentence it should read, "subject to approval by the Legislative Commission".

Senator Raggio - Amend and Do Pass
Senator Walker - 2nd
Senators Monroe and Lamb - "NO"
Motion Carried.

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AB 227 (See attached bill)

Senator Young asked how a pre-existing disease is determined. Senator Raggio said that this is done in the policy language. Mr. Barrett said that the provision for disability coverage is in SB 195, not AB 227.

Senator Monroe - Amend and Do Pass to include the 90-day waiver.
Motion did not receive a second.

Senator Brown - Amend the motion to hold the bill until passage of AB 211.

V and T Railroad

Senator Monroe asked about storing the trains in the Carson City Roundhouse. Senator Lamb said that he would like to see them have some type of carport storage area. Mr. Bill Hancock said that he would check on the Roundhouse, and also see if Mr. Bill Harrah will house them. Senator Walker asked what was the ultimate plan. Mr. Hancock said that the State owns about eleven acres by the roadside rest on the south end of Carson City, and maybe they could be housed there in the future. Senator Lamb said that the trains could be re-painted and then Mr. Hancock along with the Historical and Museum people could come back in two years with a plan for permanent restoration.

Senator Monroe - Motion to eliminate the \$220,000 for this project.
Senator Walker - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 359 (See attached bill)

Senator Young - Hold in Committee
Senator Gibson - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 172 (See attached bill)

Senator Gibson - Hold in Committee
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.

SB 171 (See attached bill)

Senator Walker - Hold in Committee
Senator Young - 2nd
Motion Carried.

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SB 168 (See attached bill)

Senator Young - Hold in Committee
Senator Monroe - 2nd
Motion Carried.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Senator Gibson - Motion to no longer
have this item as a separate budget,
but to have it included as part of the
UNR and UNLV appropriations.
Senator Brown - 2nd
Senator Raggio - "NO"
Senator Monroe - Absent
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

TESTIMONY FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 479
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND (REED ACT) NRS 612.617
APRIL 7, 1975

I AM LAWRENCE O. McCRACKEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT, HERE TO TESTIFY ON ASSEMBLY BILL 479.

THIS BILL REFERS TO FEDERAL LAW SECTION 903 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AS AMENDED WHICH RELATES TO FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THESE FUNDS ARE FROM THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX FUND, THAT EXCEEDED STATUTORY LIMITS IN 1956, 1957, AND 1958, PAID INTO BY EMPLOYERS FROM EVERY STATE TO COVER ADMINISTRATION COSTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OPERATIONS. BECAUSE SOME STATES HAVE MUCH BROADER ECONOMIC BASES, HIGHER POPULATION FIGURES, AND SMALLER AREAS, THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION PER INDIVIDUAL SERVED IS LESS THAN IN A STATE SUCH AS NEVADA. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF OPERATIONS IN NEVADA HAS EXCEEDED THAT WHICH NEVADA EMPLOYERS HAVE PAID TO THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX FUND. ANY EXCESSES DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT TAX FUND IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT NEVADA HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN IT HAS PAID INTO THE FUND. DURING THE 1973 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THESE FUNDS WERE APPROPRIATED AND A FEDERAL MANDATED CHANGE TO NRS 612.617 WAS APPROVED. AFTER THE STATE LAW WAS CHANGED IN 1973 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE WORDING OF THE LAW AND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT HAD TO SATISFY THE FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES BY PROMISING NOT TO USE THE FUNDS UNTIL THE LAW COULD BE AMENDED IN THIS SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE NEW WORDING IN ASSEMBLY BILL 479 HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 2 OF THE BILL ASKS FOR APPROVAL TO EXPEND MONIES THAT WERE NOT SPENT UNDER THE 1973 APPROPRIATION. THE REQUEST IS FOR \$54,000 THAT WILL BE PUT WITH OTHER MONIES (FEDERAL DOLLARS, \$61,000, AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND DOLLARS, \$35,000)

TO REMODEL THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE LAS VEGAS 8TH STREET OFFICE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION HAS CONTRACTED FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO HELP THE STATES IMPROVE OFFICE FACILITIES SO THAT THE EXPANDING POPULATIONS AND RESULTANT INCREASES IN NUMBERS OF PEOPLE SEEKING SERVICES CAN BE SERVED MORE EFFICIENTLY IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

THESE SAME FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED IN THE PAST FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION IN LAS VEGAS AND CARSON AND THE FUNDS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REIMBURSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT - APPROXIMATELY \$90,000. THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED IN MANY STATES, PARTIALLY AS A REVOLVING FUND, PERMITTING PROPERTY/FACILITY ACQUISITION, WITH THE FUNDS BEING REIMBURSED BY FEDERAL DOLLARS AS THE PROPERTY IS AMORTIZED OR EARLIER.

THE AMOUNT OF \$228,606.78 IS REQUESTED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTY IN CARSON CITY. MY AGENCY IS NOW RENTING 16,226 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE IN THIS CITY AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$97,356 PER YEAR. I HAVE RECEIVED TWO PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL FIRMS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN CARSON CITY. EACH TIME ESD HAS CONSIDERED BUILDING A NEW FACILITY PARKING SPACE HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN PREVENTING PROGRESS. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF ASKING FOR THE \$228,606.78 IS TO BUY PROPERTY FOR PARKING. THERE IS NOW A RECENT PLAN TO EXCHANGE A SCHOOL YARD TO THE EAST OF ESD FOR A LANDSCAPED BLOCK AT 5TH AND STEWART WHICH WILL COST ESD LESS THAN IF THE AGENCY WENT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BUY PROPERTY. THESE FUNDS WILL ALSO BE USED TO LOWER THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ON THE BUILDING IF THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS NEED TO BE LOWER. FINAL OUTCOME WILL DEPEND ON PROPERTY EXPENDITURES, INTEREST RATES, CONTRACT PRICE, AND REPAYMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FINANCE FIRMS AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

IN ANY EVENT A CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR REPAYMENT OF AMORTIZED COSTS PAID OUT OF THIS FUND WILL BE ATTEMPTED IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THESE FUNDS REPLENISHED AS IN THE PAST.

A. B. 745

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 745—COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

APRIL 28, 1975

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Provides for flexible identification of state-owned vehicles.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 27-1886)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public purchasing; providing for flexible identification, as pre-
scribed by the department of general services, for state-owned vehicles; and
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 334.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 334.010 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, and in
3 subsections 2 and 3, and except for automobiles to be used as ambulances,
4 any automobile purchased by or on behalf of the State of Nevada, any
5 department, office, bureau, or official or employee thereof, shall cost a sum
6 of money not to exceed \$5,000 as the entire purchase price thereof,
7 whether to be paid for entirely in money or part by exchange of another
8 automobile traded in. The state board of examiners, however, may
9 approve the purchase of an automobile costing more than \$5,000 if the
10 purpose of the automobile is to carry [7] *seven* or more passengers or if
11 it is a multipurpose automobile.

12 2. Any automobile purchased by or on behalf of the governor shall
13 cost a sum of money not to exceed \$9,000 as the entire purchase price
14 thereof, whether to be paid for entirely in money or part by exchange of
15 another automobile traded in.

16 3. Any automobile purchased for use as a highway patrol vehicle shall
17 cost a sum of money not to exceed \$6,000 as the entire purchase price
18 thereof, whether to be paid for entirely in money or in part by exchange of
19 another automobile traded in.

20 4. No automobile [shall] *may* be purchased by any department,
21 office, bureau, official or employee of the state without prior written con-
22 sent of the state board of examiners.

23 5. All such automobiles shall be used for official purposes only.

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SECOND REPRINT

S. B. 187

SENATE BILL NO. 187—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 12, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases motor vehicle registration fee designated for supplementary patrolmen. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 43-796)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vehicle registration; increasing motor vehicle registration fee designated for supplementary patrolmen; limiting the total number of patrolmen; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 481.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 481.145 1. The Nevada highway patrol shall be composed, in addition
 3 to the personnel provided by NRS 481.140, of supplementary patrolmen
 4 to the extent permitted by the moneys which are available for such
 5 purposes in the special fund created by subsection 10 of NRS 482.480
 6 *[.]*, but at no time may the total number of highway patrolmen exceed
 7 151.
 8 2. The director shall appoint such additional patrolmen as soon after
 9 the beginning of each fiscal year as he can determine the amount of
 10 moneys which are available for this purpose. Salaries, travel and sub-
 11 sistence payments shall be as provided in NRS 481.170.
 12 SEC. 2. NRS 482.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 13 482.480 There shall be paid to the department for the registration
 14 or transfer of registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers,
 15 fees according to the following schedule:
 16 1. For each stock passenger car, bus and each reconstructed or
 17 specially constructed passenger car, regardless of weight or number of
 18 passenger capacity, a registration fee of \$5.50.
 19 2. For every motorcycle, the sum of \$3.50.
 20 3. For every motortruck having an unladen weight of 3,500
 21 pounds or less, as shown by a public weighmaster's certificate, a regis-
 22 tration fee of \$9.
 23 4. For every trailer or semitrailer having an unladen weight of
 24 1,000 pounds or less, a flat registration fee of \$2.50. For every trailer

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A. B. 680

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 680—ASSEMBLYMEN MELLO, WEISE, DINI, HEANEY, BREMNER, GLOVER, BARENGO, HOWARD, MURPHY, DEMERS, JACOBSEN, ROBINSON, WITTENBERG, DREYER, CHRISTENSEN, GETTO, MOODY, WAGNER, BROOKMAN, MANN, LOWMAN, COULTER, BENKOVICH AND POLISH

APRIL 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation toward restoration of Morrill Hall at University of Nevada, Reno. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR S-1872)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the University of Nevada; making an appropriation toward the restoration of Morrill Hall; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions prescribed in section 2 of this
2 act, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treas-
3 ury the sum of \$50,000 to the state public works board for the purpose of
4 preparing plans and contributing to the work of restoration of Morrill Hall
5 on the Reno campus of the University of Nevada. Such preparation and
6 work shall be done in cooperation with the executive committee of the
7 University of Nevada Alumni Association, Inc., for the purposes set forth
8 in paragraphs (2) and (4) of Resolution No. 73-7 of the board of
9 regents of the University of Nevada.
- 10 SEC. 2. This appropriation is conditioned upon the raising from other
11 sources of an amount sufficient, together with this appropriation, to total
12 \$500,000. When the Morrill Hall Trust Committee of the University of
13 Nevada Alumni Association, Inc., certifies to the state board of examiners
14 that it has:
- 15 1. On deposit or invested in liquid negotiable securities; and
 - 16 2. Available with certainty as matching funds from the Federal Gov-
17 ernment or any other source, after the making of this appropriation,
18 a combined total of \$450,000, the state board of examiners shall direct
19 the controller to make this appropriation available to the state public
20 works board.

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A. B. 479**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 479—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

MARCH 25, 1975

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Clarifies administration of moneys from federal unemployment trust fund and authorizes expenditure therefrom. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 53-1454)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Unemployment Compensation Law; clarifying the administration of moneys from the federal unemployment trust fund; authorizing certain expenditures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 612.617 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 612.617 1. Money credited to the account of this state in the
 3 unemployment trust fund by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United
 4 States of America pursuant to section 903 of the Social Security Act, as
 5 amended (42 U.S.C. § 1103), may be requisitioned and used for the
 6 payment of expenses incurred for the administration of this chapter,
 7 pursuant to a specific appropriation by the legislature, if the expenses are
 8 incurred and the money is requisitioned after the enactment of an appro-
 9 priation law which:
 10 (a) Specifies the purposes for which such money is appropriated and
 11 the amounts appropriated therefor;
 12 (b) Limits the period within which such money may be expended to a
 13 period ending not more than 2 years after the date of the enactment of
 14 the appropriation law; and
 15 (c) Limits the amount which may be used during a 12-month period
 16 beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year to an
 17 amount which does not exceed the amount by which the aggregate of the
 18 amounts credited to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of
 19 the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1103), during the same
 20 12-month period and the 24 preceding 12-month periods, exceeds the
 21 aggregate of the amounts used pursuant to this section and charged against
 22 the amounts credited to the account of this state during any of such 25
 23 12-month periods.
 24 2. For the purposes of subsection 1, amounts used during any such
 25 12-month period shall be charged against equivalent amounts which were

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A. B. 452

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 452—ASSEMBLYMEN ROBINSON,
ASHWORTH, DEMERS AND GETTO

MARCH 21, 1975

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Establishes consumer division within public service commission.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1309)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the public service commission of Nevada; establishing a consumer division to handle complaints made against public utilities; providing procedures for handling complaints; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 704 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 1. *A division of consumer relations is hereby established within the*
4 *commission.*

5 2. *Pursuant to regulations adopted by the commission, the division*
6 *of consumer relations shall:*

7 (a) *Receive and investigate complaints made against any public utility;*

8 (b) *Conduct appropriate investigations of utility company service prac-*
9 *tices; and*

10 (c) *Perform such other functions as the commission deems appropriate*
11 *and necessary.*

12 SEC. 2. NRS 704.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 704.450 1. Upon a complaint made against any public utility by any
14 [mercantile, agricultural or manufacturing society or club, or by any body
15 politic or municipal organization, or by any person or persons, firm or
16 firms, corporation or corporations, association or associations, the same
17 being interested.] *interested natural person or partnership, corporation,*
18 *association, any form of business organization or any governmental entity,*
19 *that any of the rates, tolls, charges or schedules, or any joint rate or rates*
20 *are in any respect unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or that any*
21 *regulation, measurements, practice or act [whatsoever] affecting or relat-*
22 *ing to the transportation of persons or property, or any service in connec-*
23 *tion therewith, or the production, transmission or delivery or furnishing of*

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A. B. 161**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 161—COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Establishes state communications system. Fiscal Note:
No. (BDR 18-336)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to communications; establishing a state communications system; creating the state communications board and its technical advisory committee; providing for a state communications director; providing for a state communications fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Title 18 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16,
3 inclusive, of this act.
- 4 SEC. 2. As used in this chapter, the terms defined in sections 3 to 6,
5 inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in such sections.
- 6 SEC. 3. "Agency" means an officer, board, commission, council,
7 department, division, bureau or any other unit of government except the
8 political subdivisions of this state.
- 9 SEC. 4. "Board" means the state communications board.
- 10 SEC. 5. "Communication" means any transmission, emission or recep-
11 tion of signs, signals, writings, images or sounds which convey intelligence
12 of any nature by wire, radio, optical or other electromagnetic systems.
13 "State communications system" means:
- 14 1. Communication equipment and associated facilities owned, leased
15 or used by state agencies; and
- 16 2. Mobile radio systems of the political subdivisions of the state and
17 any other participating agency.
- 18 SEC. 6. "Director" means the state communications director.
- 19 SEC. 7. The legislature finds and declares that a statewide system of
20 communications is vital to the security and welfare of the state during
21 times of emergency and in the conduct of its regular business, and that
22 economies may be realized by joint use of the system by all agencies and
23 political subdivisions of the state. It is the purpose of the legislature that
24 a statewide system of communications be developed whereby maximum

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A. B. 227

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 227—COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 7, 1975

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Increases amount allowable for payment of state employee group
insurance premium. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 23-769)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to state employee group insurance premiums; revising amounts allowable for payment by state employer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 287.044 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 287.044 1. A part of the cost of the monthly premiums of such
 3 group insurance, not to exceed [\$21.49 for the fiscal period beginning
 4 January 1, 1973, and ending June 30, 1974,] *\$23.64 for the fiscal year*
 5 *1975-1976*, or \$23.64 for the fiscal year [1974-1975,] *1976-1977*,
 6 applied to both group life and group accident or health coverage, for
 7 each state or other participating officer or employee electing to partic-
 8 ipate in the group insurance program, may be paid by the department,
 9 agency, commission or public agency which employs the officer or
 10 employee in whose behalf such part is paid from funds appropriated to
 11 or authorized for such department, agency, commission or public agency
 12 for such purpose.
 13 2. No department, agency, commission or public agency shall pay any
 14 part of such premiums if the group life insurance or group accident or
 15 health insurance is not approved by the committee on group insurance.

S. B. 359

SENATE BILL NO. 359—SENATORS BLAKEMORE,
MONROE AND DODGE

MARCH 20, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Removes requirement for county contribution to state aid to
medically indigent. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-1327)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.AN ACT relating to state aid to the medically indigent; removing the requirement
for county contributions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 428.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 428.050 1. The board of county commissioners of a county shall, at
 3 the time provided for the adoption of its final budget, levy an ad valorem
 4 tax for the purposes of providing aid and relief to those persons coming
 5 within the purview of this chapter. Such levy shall not exceed that adopted
 6 for the purposes of this chapter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.
 7 [, exclusive of that required by NRS 428.370.]
 8 2. No county shall expend or contract to expend for purposes of
 9 such aid and relief a sum in excess of that provided by the maximum ad
 10 valorem levy set forth in subsection 1, together with such outside resources
 11 as it may receive from third persons, including, but not limited to, expense
 12 reimbursements, grants-in-aid or donations lawfully attributable to the
 13 county indigent fund.
 14 3. No interfund transfer, short-term financing procedure or contin-
 15 gency transfer may be made by the board of county commissioners for the
 16 purpose of providing resources or appropriations to a county indigent
 17 fund in excess of those which may be otherwise lawfully provided pursu-
 18 ant to subsections 1 and 2, except that if the health of the poor is placed
 19 in jeopardy and there is a lack of moneys to provide necessary medical
 20 care under this chapter, the board of county commissioners shall declare
 21 an emergency and provide additional funds for medical care only from
 22 whatever resources may be available.
 23 SEC. 2. NRS 428.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 24 428.090 1. When any nonresident or any other person who meets the

S. B. 172

SENATE BILL NO. 172—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes state supplementary assistance payments and state aid to the medically indigent available to certain needy disabled persons. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-91)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public welfare; providing for state supplementary assistance payments to certain needy disabled persons; including persons receiving state supplementary assistance payments as eligible for state aid to the medically indigent; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 1. *State supplementary assistance payments shall be provided to*
- 4 *disabled persons who are receiving supplementary security income benef-*
- 5 *its under Title XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1381 et*
- 6 *seq.), or who would but for their income be eligible to receive such*
- 7 *benefits. The level of state supplementary assistance payments for disabled*
- 8 *persons shall be the same as the state supplement provided to aged per-*
- 9 *sons in equivalent circumstances and shall not be otherwise affected by*
- 10 *the availability or nonavailability of federal participation in funding such*
- 11 *payments.*
- 12 2. *The department, through the welfare division, may enter into*
- 13 *agreements with the Federal Government as necessary to effect the provi-*
- 14 *sions of subsection 1 and shall make rules and regulations for the*
- 15 *administration of state supplementary assistance payments for eligible*
- 16 *disabled persons.*
- 17 SEC. 2. NRS 428.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 18 428.270 1. State aid to the medically indigent shall be in effect in
- 19 all of the counties of the state for individuals specified in subsection 2.
- 20 2. [Until December 31, 1973, any individual is eligible for assistance
- 21 who:
- 22 (a) Qualified for aid or service under chapters 425, 426 or 427 of

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S. B. 171**SENATE BILL NO. 171—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS**

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Establishes a program of state reimbursement to hospitals for care provided nonresident indigents injured in motor vehicle accidents. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-102)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to indigents; establishing a program of state reimbursement to hospitals and physicians for care provided nonresident indigents injured in motor vehicle accidents in this state; providing application procedures; prescribing certain duties of district attorneys in connection therewith; providing the powers and duties of the state welfare division in administering the program; creating a motor vehicle accident indigent fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 428 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 16, inclusive; of this act.
3 SEC. 2. *There is hereby established a program of state reimbursement*
4 *to hospitals and physicians for care provided nonresident indigent indi-*
5 *viduals injured in motor vehicle accidents in this state.*
6 SEC. 3. *As used in sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act, unless the*
7 *context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 to*
8 *11, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in such*
9 *sections.*
10 SEC. 4. *"Applicant" means a hospital which has applied for assistance*
11 *under sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act.*
12 SEC. 5. *"Assistance" means state reimbursement for all or part of the*
13 *cost of inpatient hospital care provided to an indigent.*
14 SEC. 6. *"Division" means the welfare division of the department of*
15 *human resources.*
16 SEC. 7. *"Hospital" means an establishment which is staffed and*
17 *equipped to provide for diagnosis, care and treatment of all stages of*
18 *human injury and illness and which provides 24-hour medical care.*
19 SEC. 8. *"Indigent" means a nonresident of the State of Nevada who*

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S. B. 168

**SENATE BILL NO. 168—COMMITTEE ON HEALTH,
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS**

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Expands aid to dependent children program to include dependent children of unemployed fathers. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 38-94)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to aid to dependent children; expanding definition of "dependent child" to include needy child deprived of parental support or care by reason of unemployment of his father; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 425.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 425.030 As used in this chapter:
 3 1. "Applicant" means any person who has applied for assistance
 4 under this chapter.
 5 2. "Assistance" means money payments with respect to, or medical
 6 care in behalf of, or any type of remedial care recognized under state law
 7 in behalf of, a dependent child or dependent children, and includes money
 8 payments or medical care or any type of remedial care recognized under
 9 state law for any month to meet the needs of the relative with whom any
 10 dependent child is living if money payments have been made with respect
 11 to such child for such month.
 12 3. "Board" means the state welfare board.
 13 4. "Department" means the department of human resources.
 14 5. "Dependent child" means:
 15 (a) A needy child under the age of 18 years, or under the age of 21
 16 years if found by the department to be regularly attending a school, col-
 17 lege or university, or regularly attending a course of vocational or tech-
 18 nical training designed to fit him for gainful employment, who has been
 19 deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued
 20 absence from the home, [or] physical or mental incapacity of a par-
 21 ent [.] or unemployment of his father, and who is living with his father,
 22 mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother,
 23 stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece, in a