

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
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The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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 Clifton Young
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator Lee E. Walker

ABSENT: Senator William J. Raggio

OTHERS: John Koontz , Nevada State Museum
Robert York, Archaeologist for BLM
Robert Elston, Director of the Nev. Archaeological
Survey
Mary Rusco, Archaeologist
Sheilagh Brooks, Dept. of Anthropology at UNLV
Mrs. Robt. K. Myles, Nevada Archaeological Assoc.
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

AB 210 (See attached bill)

Mr. John Koontz read a statement that explained the need for this type of work, and the new legislation that has affected this change. Mr. Koontz said that the Museum has to pay the field employees, but they don't have the staff or financing to do this.

Mr. Robert York said that in order to do Federal work on Federal land, an archaeological survey for clearance is required. Mr. York said that BLM is encouraged to work with the State on these matters, but in Nevada they are forced to use outside staff to do this work. Mr. Robert Elston said that much new legislation requires archaeological surveys, and this causes pressure on the State and local governments who desire Federal funding.

Senator Brown asked what areas will be developed and require this work. Mr. Koontz said that there are 46 contracts in operation at this time. Senator Brown asked if one of them was Tule Springs. Mr. Donald Tuohy said that work was done in 1963 on this by the Nevada State Museum. Senator Gibson asked what happens to the money from these contracts. Mr. Koontz said that this money pays for the hiring of the employees that go with the archaeologists, the gas and trucks, i.e., it covers the contract, plus the overhead costs.

Mary Rusco said that this money pays for direct costs and partially for indirect costs, and this program is largely self-supporting. Mrs. Rusco said that the requested appropriation is for 4 and 1/4

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professional positions, 2 and 1/2 clerical positions, and operating and travel funds for the expansion of this survey program. Mrs. Rusco said that 30% of the funds will be for State and local governments to do an environmental impact study on each project, when Federal funds are not available for this, and another portion will be for scientific research.

Senator Lamb asked how much money is being spent now. Mrs. Rusco said that one professional (FTE) position, her own time and Mr. Tuohy's, plus one-half of Dr. Richard Brook's time. Senator Lamb asked how much of BLM's time. Mr. York said all of his time, as he is the only archaeologist hired. Mrs. Rusco said that their time is spent on the large, stratified sites.

Mrs. Sheilagh Brooks said that there are a few grants at the University for archaeology, ~~however State support would provide stable staffing.~~

Senator Young asked what the \$100,000 in State money would mean to the program. Mrs. Rusco said that this would be the equivalent of one and one-half FTE, plus clerical, and that the program should evolve into one of \$1/2 million per year. Mr. Koontz said that the contracts will eventually pick up many of the salaries.

Mrs. Robert Myles said that the Federal government prefers not to have private enterprise enter into this type of work, because it puts a price on the discovered artifacts.

SB 330

Senator Lamb said that this bill resolves a conflict with A.B. 122 and S.B. 74. Senator Gibson asked why "direct legislation appropriation" should be removed from the legislation. Mr. Barrett asked that he have time to study this bill, and then he would comment on this at a later date.

AB 210

Senator Brown - Do Pass
 Senator Young - 2nd
 Senator Lamb, Gibson, Monroe - "NO"
 Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


 FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN


 SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

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A. B. 210

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 210—ASSEMBLYMEN FORD
AND BREMNER

FEBRUARY 4, 1975

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Environment and Public
Resources and Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Establishes Nevada archeological survey and makes
appropriation. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 33-270)

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

AN ACT relating to the Nevada archeological survey; establishing the survey; providing for its organization, functions, housing, staffing, membership, contracts and publications; providing for intergovernmental cooperation; providing definitions; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, The objects and localities of Nevada's historic and prehis-
2 toric heritage are limited in occurrence and fragile in character and the
3 unrecorded information they represent is threatened by the effects of
4 population growth, changes in the status of certain federal lands and
5 increased accessibility to previously remote areas; and

6 WHEREAS, There is an immediate need for a sustained and coordinated
7 statewide program to survey, record, study and preserve or salvage infor-
8 mation and objects from localities of historic, prehistoric and paleoen-
9 vironmental significance and to provide statewide consulting and field
10 services to private and governmental organizations in order to mitigate
11 adverse impact to these limited resources; and

12 WHEREAS, There presently exists a cooperative association named the
13 Nevada Archaeological Survey which has been coordinated by the Nevada
14 state museum and established between the Nevada state museum, Uni-
15 versity of Nevada System, Nevada historical society and the Lost City
16 museum for the purposes of recovering information on objects and local-
17 ities of historic and prehistoric significance, coordinating statewide arche-
18 ological research efforts and maintaining standards for archeological
19 reporting; and

20 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the purposes of the Nevada archeo-
21 logical survey be more effectively accomplished; now, therefore,

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