

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HEALTH,  
WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

MARCH 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M., in Room 323 on Monday, March 7, 1977, with Senator Jack Schofield in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Jack Schofield  
Vice-Chairman Joe Neal  
Senator William Raggio  
Senator Richard Blakemore  
Senator Wilbur Faiss  
Senator William Hernstadt

GUESTS: Senator Clifton Young  
Mr. John Meder, State Parks Division

S.B. 269

Senator Clifton Young, sponsor of S.B. 269, spoke in behalf of the need for this legislation. Senator Young stated that last session approximately \$60,000 had been appropriated towards reconstruction of historical sites in the State, using prison labor. However, Senator Young stated, the particular project of Fort Churchill was halted, and never even begun, because \$30,000 was needed to conduct an archeological survey first.

Senator Neal asked Senator Young if he thought that such re-construction would actually be beneficial? Senator Young said yes for two reasons: (1) the esthetic value to the State of Nevada, and (2) providing the needed work projects for the inmates.

Senator Raggio said that he would like to amend the bill on Line 16, Page One (following the italics) to read, " and in accordance with any legislative plan or program."

Mr. John Meder of the State Parks Division commented that any project that includes Federal funding must have an archeological survey. Senator Raggio questioned if a contract had been drawn to conduct such a survey? Mr. Meder answered that he believed that it had. Senator Raggio wanted to know the exact date that re-construction was to begin? Mr. Meder said possibly in April.

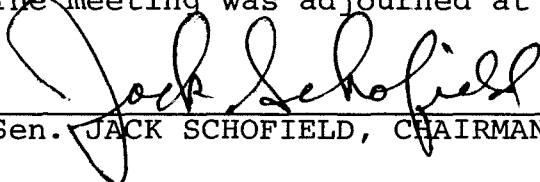
Senator Hernstadt asked Mr. Meder if he felt that prisoners could be trained to do the tedious archeological work? Mr. Meder said that this was a possibility.

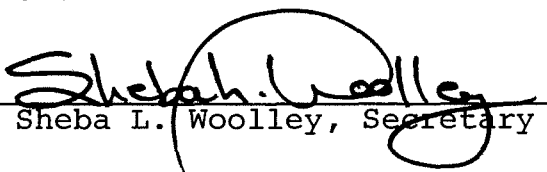
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Chairman Schofield and Senator Raggio both asked Mr. Meder to contact all parties involved in the Fort Churchill project and have them appear before the Committee on Friday, March 11, 1977, at 8:00 A.M. Senator Raggio emphasized that he wanted to get to the bottom of the problem and find out what was causing the delay.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

  
Sen. JACK SCHOFIELD, CHAIRMAN

  
Sheba L. Woolley, Secretary