

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 1, 1977

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 Eugene V. Echols
Senator Norman D. Glaser
Senator Norman Ty Hilbrecht
Senator Thomas R. C. Wilson
Senator C. Clifton Young

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Senator James I. Gibson

OTHERS: Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Deputy, Fiscal Analysis
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI
Bill Hancock, Secretary-Manager Public Works Board
John Meder, Administrator of Parks
Assemblyman John Serpa
John Richardson, Assistant Administrator of Parks

Senator Lamb asked the Committee to consider A. B. 452.

Amend Section 2, Page 1, Lines 6 and 7, Delete "Chancellor of the University of Nevada System: and insert "Commissioner".

Amend Section 2, Page 1, Delete lines 14 and 15 and insert "the date when the student receives the fund".

Amend Section 3, page 2, line 5, delete "each" and insert "Except as provided in sub section 2, each".

Amend Section 3, page 2, line 10 after "completion" insert "or termination".

Amend Section 3, page 2, line 12 after "2" insert "the Commission may adopt regulations which establish a period of less than two years for persons who practice their profession in rural areas of this state and a period of more than five years for persons who are obligated to serve periods of service as repayment of scholarship".

Senator Young questioned the limitations of a loan a student may receive. Senator Lamb said he did not think it was an open end loan. Mr. Sparks cited: "line 2, page 2 says "Before July 1, 1979, no student loan may exceed 25 per cent of the student fees for any academic year. Thereafter, no student loan may exceed 50 percent of the student fees for any academic year." Senator Wilson moved that the Committee amend and do pass; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed.

The Committee moved on to consideration of the C. I. P. BUDGET:
77-45; 77-46; 77-1; 77-G1 projects were all covered in a bill.

77-2: was covered in a bill that is already law.

77-3: Classroom Addition, Women's Correctional Center, Carson City:
Senator Young moved for approval; Senator Glaser seconded and the motion carried.

77-4: Sierra Development Center, Reno: Senator Wilson moved the Committee approve; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed.

77-5: Special Children's Clinic Addition to the Human Resources Building, Las Vegas: The Committee asked Bill Hancock to talk to them about this project. He said it was to be a strictly administrative facility and it was in the area of the rest of the Human Resources Complex. Senator Young moved they approve; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed with Senators Lamb and Glaser dissenting. Senator Glaser said he felt it was in competition with private enterprise.

77-6: Replace Parking Lot, National Guard Armory, Las Vegas: Senator Hilbrecht moved that the Committee approve provided there was not another armory built. He felt if this was to be the only one, they needed to improve the facilities. Senator Young seconded and the motion passed.

77-7: Improvements to the State Museum, Carson: Senator Young moved the Committee approve; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried.

77-8: Re-roof Historical Society Building, Reno: Senator Young moved for approval; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-9: Site Clearance and Fencing, State Administration Complex, Las Vegas: Removal of existing debris, grading and the fencing of the site. Senator Echols moved the Committee approve; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion carried.

77-10: Fencing, Children's Home, Carson City: Senator Hilbrecht moved the Committee pass; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed.

77-11: Entrance Security, State Computer Facility, Carson City: Senator Young moved the Committee Approve; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-12: Water Tank and Treatment System, State Water System, Carson City: Senator Young moved for approval; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-13: Effluent Treatment Systems, Three Fish Hatcheries: This project was discussed and the Committee decided to postpone action until there was a full committee present.

77-14: Miscellaneous Improvements, Mental Health Institute, Sparks: Senator Young moved the project be approved; Senator Glaser seconded and the motion carried.

77-15: Campus Improvements, University of Nevada, Reno: This budget was discussed. Mr. Barrett said there was no general fund money in the project. Senator Hilbrecht moved for approval; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried.

77-16: Remodel Tonopah Hall, University of Nevada, Las Vegas: Senator Wilson moved that this project be deleted; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed.

77-17: Rehabilitate Buildings, Youth Training Center, Elko: Senator Glaser moved for approval; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried.

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77-18: Remodel Drivers License Area, Department of Motor Vehicles Building, Carson City: Senator Echols moved the Committee approve; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion carried.

77-19: Remodel Water Resources Building, University of Nevada Reno: Senator Hilbrecht moved for approval; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

77-20: Remodel Buildings and Grounds Building for State Archives, Capitol Complex: Senator Glaser moved the project be approved; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed.

77-21: Campus Improvements, University of Nevada, Las Vegas: Senator Hilbrecht moved the project be amended by adding \$75,000 to the budget for a master plan; Senator Young seconded and the motion passed. Mr. Hancock said the project would be carried out by a contractor.

77-22: Additional Program Facilities, Southern Nevada Correctional Center, Jean: Senator Hilbrecht said this was included in S. B. 50 and was already approved, However he would move to approve the project; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-23: Highway Patrol Offices, Jean: Senator Wilson moved they approve; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-24: State Office Building, Battle Mountain: Senator Hilbrecht moved that this project be deleted from the C.I.P. budget; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

77-25: Western Nevada Community College, Phase III, Reno: Senator Young moved for approval; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried, with Senator Lamb dissenting.

77-26: Addition to Dickinson Library, University of Nevada Las Vegas: Senator Young moved the project be approved; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried with Senator Echols dissenting.

77-27: State Office Building, Elko: Senator Glaser moved that this project be deleted; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried.

77-28: Maintenance and Construction Shop, Division of Forestry, Reno: There was a problem on this project due to its proximity to the entrance of the new MGM hotel in Reno. The Division of Forestry had indicated to the Committee a desire to make a change in the location of the building. Senator Hilbrecht moved that this project be held; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Hancock asked if the Committee took this action, if they would give the Public Works Board a letter authorizing them to do a study so they could come back to the Committee with a recommendation.

77-29: Lee Canyon Guard Station, Division of Forestry, Mount Charleston: Senator Glaser moved that the project be approved; Senator Hilbrecht seconded. The motion was defeated with Senators Echols, Lamb, Young and Wilson dissenting. Discussion followed on this project and Senator Echols moved that this project be reopened; Senator Hilbrecht seconded, and the motion passed. Senator Echols then moved that the project be approved; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed.

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77-30: Office Building Addition, Parks, Forestry and Fish and Game, Las Vegas: Senator Young motioned that the project be approved; Senator Wilson seconded. The motion was defeated with Senators Hilbrecht, Glaser, Lamb and Echols dissenting. This project was discussed with Mr. Hancock and he said he would take a look and report back to the Committee.

77-31: Plant Materials Center, Tule Springs, Clark County: This project was discussed as to whether there would be any conflict between Forestry and the Park System, now that the state had taken it over as a park. Mr. Hancock said he saw no conflict and the Committee agreed. Senator Hilbrecht moved that the project be approved; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried.

77-32: College of Business Administration Building, University of Nevada Reno: Senator Young moved that the project be approved; Senator Wilson Seconded and the motion passed.

77-49: Clark County Community College, Henderson: Senator Hilbrecht moved that this project be deleted; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion passed with Senator Lamb dissenting. Senator Glaser said there were three of these expansion units and he felt they should all three be deleted and perhaps pass a resolution to review or have the Legislative Commission make a study to determine a policy with regard to the Community College Expansion. Senator Lamb said he would be agreeable to the suggestion. Mr. Barrett said that the priorities had been changed on these projects as the Governor felt if there was any expansion made in the Community College System, it should be done in those areas which they are presently serving, and complete those areas before opening up a whole new unit.

77-56: Addition to Western Nevada Community College, Carson City: Senator Glaser moved that this project be approved; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried.

77-57: Western Nevada Community College, Fallon Campus: Senator Wilson moved that this project be deleted; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed with Senator Lamb dissenting.

77-33 Clark County Community College, West Charleston Campus, Las Vegas: Senator Echols moved that this be deleted; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion carried.

77-34: Aviation Armory, National Guard, Stead: Senator Hilbrecht moved this project be approved; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion carried.

The Committee decided to adopt Senator Glaser's suggestions that they request a plan for Community Colleges, whether to put them in every community or whether to hold to what they have presently and expand the services. Senator Hilbrecht suggested that in the letter to the Board of Regents it be spelled out that the Committee would declare a moratorium until the Board came back with a plan. Senator Lamb said that a letter would be drafted and brought back to the Committee for approval.

77-35: Armory National Guard, North Las Vegas: Senator Wilson moved the project be deleted; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion carried with Senator Echols dissenting.

77-36: Armory National Guard, Sparks: Senator Echols moved the Committee delete the project; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed.

77-37: Addition to Armory National Guard, Elko: Senator Glaser moved that this project be approved; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion passed.

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77-38: Organizational Maintenance Shop, National Guard, Carson City: Senator Glaser moved the project be approved; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

Senator Lamb read a letter which the Committee was directing to Mr. Hancock regarding the Museum at Las Vegas. The Committee indicated their approval and the letter was delivered to Mr. Hancock at that time.

77-39: Warehouse and Garage, Division of Forestry, Elko: This project was discussed. Senator Glaser suggested that the project be held until next week for further information.

77-40: Desert Research Institute, Southern Nevada Facility, Las Vegas: Senator Wilson moved that this project be approved; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried with Senators Echols and Lamb dissenting.

77-41: Addition to Fine Arts Building, University of Nevada Reno: Senator Wilson moved that this project be approved; Senator Echols seconded and the motion carried.

77-42: Fish Brood Station, Gallagher Hatchery Ruby Valley: The Committee withheld action pending more information.

77-43: Additions to Chemistry and Life Science Buildings, University of Nevada, Las Vegas: Senator Glaser moved the project be approved; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

77-44: Rehabilitation of Capitol Building: The Committee withheld action pending more information.

77-G2: Additions to Mackay Stadium, University of Nevada Reno: Because this project had not received high priority from the Board of Regents, it was determined that this would be held up until the Committee had made a decision on the Mackay School of Mines. They would then reconsider this budget.

A. B. 183: Provides for program of grading and certifying meats. Assemblyman John Serpa came in to talk on this bill. He explained that there are presently no federal meat graders in Nevada. He said that very few of the cattle slaughtered in Nevada were graded, therefore it narrows the market for the cattle from those slaughterhouses. He said one company brought a grader in from California but he said these costs made the cost of beef prohibitive and he could not continue doing that. Under this bill, they would get a grader and he would be working with the University, or the Department of Agriculture, and spending part of his time in the field working at two slaughterhouses, one in Fallon and one in Yerington. It is estimated that within three to five years, the state will no longer have to put money into it. The fiscal impact for the rest of this year is \$2,170 and next year it will be \$10,296; then \$10,957. This is on the basis of the actual commitments they presently have from the two slaughterhouses. They felt that other slaughterhouses in the state would follow along with the program once a federal grader was available in the state.

Senator Lamb thanked him for appearing. Senator Glaser moved that the bill be given a do pass; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed.

S. B. 388: Establishes multipurpose service programs for certain homemakers in later life. Senator Hilbrecht moved that the bill be passed Senator Echols seconded, Senator Echols said he would not approve of the

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amount of money in the bill, but he felt the bill had merit as there were people who needed help. He wondered if Mr. Trounday or someone in his department could make suggestions as to what could be done to help people in this situation who have a problem. The Bill was defeated with Senators Glaser, Young, Lamb and Wilson dissenting.

Senator Lamb next asked John Meder, Administrator of Parks to review the Park Improvements Budget with the Committee.

Park Improvements: A part of this budget had been acted on previously so the first project to be considered was:

Kershaw-Ryan in Lincoln County: The Committee approved this project.

Lahontan (Lyon-Churchill): This project was discussed briefly. A Senate Finance Sub-Committee had visited this site and they asked for an extension until they could meet and bring a recommendation to the Committee.

Red Rock in Clark County: Senator Lamb asked what they were spending money for in Red Rock. John Richardson said that most of their requests related to repairs to existing facilities; up-dating the Ranger residence; adding a septic system to the house which has no septic system at this time; road improvements, some funds were allocated to start work on the main entrance road at the last session, it was graded and graveled; this session they are asking for funds to pave it and put in proper drainage. They were also asking for water system improvements from the main feeder from the canyon up above the ranch down to the reservoir. He said the reservoir itself was not up to state engineer's standards and they were asking for funds to bring that up to the safety standards of the safety engineer and they were asking for money to do spring development on the existing springs; there are approximately 48 springs throughout the entire area. This would be for materials only, as they would be using CCC crews to go in and make improvements for wildlife and for recreation. Senator Young asked if the federal government was spending any money in the Red Rock area. Mr. Richardson said there was an official federal program being conducted by the BLM. One was a scenic route that was being developed, also the visitor's center was being redesigned. He said the two political entities were working more toward a cooperative joint venture in management.

Senator Lamb read the Tule Springs operating budget. There were six positions and the budget for the first year was \$107,000; second year \$113,000; equipment of \$48,000; a total operating budget, \$191,805 for the first year; \$157,247 for the second year. He asked Mr. Meder if the division was geared to move on this park right away. Mr. Meder said they were ready to go on July 1, if the budget was approved. Senator Lamb said the city had been kind enough to give them the land for a park. He discussed priorities and said he was going to be watching the progress of the park very closely. He said this budget could go into Park Operating budget, contingent upon the passage of the Tule Springs bill. Senator Young moved that the budget be incorporated into the Parks Operating Budget; Senator Echols seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 A. M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



MURIEL P. MOONEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

A. B. 183

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 183—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI AND SERPA

JANUARY 27, 1977

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

SUMMARY—Provides for program of grading and certifying meats.
(BDR 51-704)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to meat; requiring the state department of agriculture to establish a program for grading and certifying meats, prepared meats and meat products; 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 583 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 1. *The state department of agriculture shall establish a program for*
- 4 *grading and certifying meats, prepared meats and meat products in con-*
- 5 *formity with federal practice.*
- 6 2. *The department may enter into cooperative agreements with the*
- 7 *Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agri-*
- 8 *culture and the college of agriculture of the University of Nevada and*
- 9 *adopt appropriate regulations to carry out the program.*