

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 5, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman
Senator Eugene V. Echols
Senator Norman D. Glaser
Senator Norman Ty Hilbrecht
Senator Thomas R. C. Wilson
Senator C. Clifton Young

OTHERS: Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Deputy, Fiscal Analysis
Mimi Rodden, Trustee Nevada State Museum
Cy Ryan, UPI
Senator Carl Dodge

Senator Lamb introduced Senator Dodge to speak on A.B. 447.

A.B. 447: Eliminates interest charge on certain deferred taxes against agricultural and open-space property.

Senator Dodge said that when the Legislature enacted the Green Belt implementing legislation two years ago, they provided them with a constitutionally required seven year recapture plus the 6% interest accrual on any time involved where there were differential assessments.

There was a difference in thinking at that time about the 6% interest accrual. The seven year recapture, he felt was fair, but he felt the 6% was punitive.

He said there were two things which he could say in justification of this position. It was his recollection that no state had as long as a seven year recapture, most were three or five years. He felt Nevada's law went further than any other in picking up the tax differential on the change of use. Where the land enjoys the productivity assessment, he felt that the assessors do not have much of a reservation in putting the market value assessment up on a real full value basis. As opposed to a situation where they didn't have a differential assessment he felt the assessor would be on a market value basis, giving a lower assessed valuation to try to give the agricultural operator some break to stay in the agricultural business as far as his taxes were concerned.

The agricultural operator has the opportunity to protest this market value assessment but, assuming that this would be the general trend, the assessments are not all that high. He felt there would be a pickup on recapture, not only of the seven years, but of a higher assessed valuation that would result, as it went along on an open market value, without the differential tax assessment. He felt that the seven year recapture without the 6% interest was a reasonable compromise of equity positions between tax payers.

The Committee asked questions of Senator Dodge and there was a general discussion on the financial impact and the policy changes in the bill. The bill had been referred out of the Senate Taxation Committee and was referred to Senate Finance because of the fiscal note.

Senator Lamb thanked him for appearing.

Senator Lamb reported on the Conference Committee action on S.B. 424. This bill increases annual salaries for elected state officers.

For the Governor they agreed to:	\$50,000
Supreme Court Justices	47,250
District Judges	43,000
Attorney General	40,500
Secretary of State	32,500
State Treasurer	31,500
State Controller	31,500
Lieutenant Governor	8,000

The Committee discussed this action. Senator Glaser moved the Committee approve this action; Senator Wilson seconded and the motion passed, 7-0.

A.B. 121: Requires public hearing for disqualification for laetrile in cancer treatment.

Senator Lamb read the amendments that had been agreed on after the meeting on the previous day.

Senator Hilbrecht moved that these amendments, with an added change, that on lines 32, 35, and 37, the word "tax" be changed to "assessment", be approved; Senator Glaser seconded. The motion carried.

Senator Young raised the question of how the appropriated money would be used. Whether the first applicant would bear the major cost of establishing the testing facilities; does the bill authorize billing an apportionate share of the time on an hourly basis for the applicant who pays a license fee, or does the bill authorize or require an effective insuring payment of the entire amount.

Senator Gibson said the first applicant would get hit pretty heavy because he is going to have to finance the equipment etc. The second applicant probably won't get hit so hard because the equipment is there, but he will have to pay in advance whatever the fees are that will be required to provide for initial testing and whatever is involved there. There will be an ongoing charge for the inspector.

The Committee voted to approve the bill as amended, 7-0. Senator Young said he would oppose the change of the word "tax" to "assessment".

A.B. 723: Transfers certain functions relating to Lost City Museum from Department of General Services to Nevada State Museum. Miss Rodden said when this bill came out there was no quarrel between the Lost City Museum and the Nevada State Museum. The Assembly Ways and Means Committee came to the Nevada State Museum and asked if they might absorb this and work with Mr. Perkins, Director, Lost City Museum, and they were more than happy to do so.

Mr. Perkins has been grandfathered in as Director of that museum. The Nevada State Museum had no intent to change any of the means of operation, they simply intended to work with him.

An amendment was tacked on to the bill, oddly enough, and Miss Rodden said she had been unable to find the source. She could not reach Mr. Perkins on the previous day; she said she knew he was not upset about the original bill, but he may be about the amendment, nevertheless she felt he could live with it.

A Committee from Ways and Means, Messrs. Kosinski, Jeffrey and Bremner, prepared the amendment. Mr. Jeffrey later chose to vote against his own amendment.

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She said the Nevada State Museum would be more than happy to have the Lost City Museum work within the system, it would be a leg on the system of the Museum which she felt was important to the State of Nevada.

Senator Wilson said he gathered that the language applying to the Nevada State Museum managing and controlling the Lost City Museum - that is the same mandate the Board of Trustees presently exercises now over the Nevada Museum.

Miss Roden said that within the Nevada State Museum they are a policy making board, the Lost City Museum Board is an Advisory Board and they seldom meet because Mr. Perkins seldom calls meetings.

Senator Lamb asked if Mr. Perkins would get a pay raise under this. Miss Roden said he would not. She said she thought he would like to have his unclassified employees become classified and this is certainly far too late in the session to do this. But this would be a start which would be good for him and good for the State of Nevada and she asked for the Committee's support to pass the bill as amended.

Senator Lamb thanked her for appearing.

Senator Glaser asked the Committee to look at A.B. 653.

A.B. 653: Establishes legislative committee to review federal administrative policies, rules, regulations and related laws. He said he had been working with Senator Wilson and Assemblyman Rhoads on the bill and would like the Committee to review some amendments that had been prepared. He did not yet have the amendments back, but he read the amendments to the Committee.

The general thrust of the bill would be that the Legislative Counsel Bureau in the intervening time between sessions, because of their research capabilities, could review the federal register and anything that went through there in the way of rules and regulations that might affect the citizens of the State of Nevada, particularly in the area of public lands, would be brought to the attention of this Committee and they would review them and then refer them to the Department of Public Lands. He said this would be an attempt to get a partial handle or control on the practice of being governed by regulations instead of law.

Senator Hilbrecht asked if there would be any involvement in litigation or would it just be a review of comments. Senator Glaser said it would be a review of comments. The fiscal impact was discussed. The money, \$8,600, will come from the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

Senator Hilbrecht moved that, subject to subsequent approval of the amendments, when they are received, this bill be amended and given a do pass; Senator Glaser seconded and the motion carried, 7-0.

A.B. 723: Transfers certain functions relating to Lost City Museum from Department of General Services to Nevada State Museum.

Senator Gibson moved the bill be indefinitely postponed; Senator Hilbrecht seconded.

Senator Wilson asked why they wanted to take that action. Senator Lamb said it was too late in the session to have an opportunity to talk with the people involved.

The motion carried, 6-1, with Senator Wilson dissenting.

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A.B. 447: Eliminates interest charge on certain deferred taxes against agricultural and open-space property.

Senator Echols moved the bill be indefinitely postponed; Senator Hilbrecht seconded and the motion carried, 4-3, with Senators Lamb, Glaser and Gibson voting against it.

A.B. 547: Establishes committee to study local government finances and makes appropriation.

Senator Lamb read the amendments. Senator Hilbrecht moved the bill pass as amended; Senator Gibson seconded and the motion carried, 7-0.

Senator Echols said he had an amendment which he would introduce on this bill when it came up on the floor of the Senate. He said it would be consistent with the one the Committee had just adopted.

S.B. 199: Provides procedure on failure to appear in court on traffic citation.

Senator Lamb read the amendments on this bill.

Senator Gibson moved the amendments be adopted and the bill be given a do pass; Senator Young seconded and the motion carried, 7-0.

Senator Gibson said the ethics bill is being amended today and it has \$5,000 for each Commission, respectively, or \$10,000 impact each year. He asked for the sentiment of the Committee on this. The Committee indicated their approval of this action.

Senator Lamb said on S.B. 233, he understood in the Conference Committee they wanted to take out those people who had been put in by the Senate Finance Committee. The Committee indicated that they wanted to hold firm on their position.

On S.B. 196: Senator Hilbrecht reported that the Assembly had not yet appointed their Committee.

Senator Gibson said that there were presently 19 conferences that they have not had reports from. One of the problems is that the Chairman is not following through the Counsel Bureau to get the report. The Chairman is responsible for this.

Senator Lamb declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


MURIEL P. MOONEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN

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FOURTH REPRINT

S. B. 424

SENATE BILL NO. 424—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 31, 1977

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Increases annual salaries for elected state officers. (BDR 1-1375)

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 salaries and compensation of certain elected state officers; providing for automatic adjustments prospectively; 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 2.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 2.050 1. Until the 1st Monday in January [1973, the justices of the
3 supreme court whose terms of office expire on the 1st Monday in January
4 1973 shall receive an annual salary of \$22,000. From and after the 1st
5 Monday in January 1973, their successors in office shall receive an annual
6 salary of \$28,000.

7 2. Until the 1st Monday in January 1975, the justices of the supreme
8 court whose terms of office expire on the 1st Monday in January 1975
9 shall receive an annual salary of \$22,000. From and after the 1st Monday
10 in January 1975, their successors in office shall receive an annual salary
11 of \$35,000.

12 3. Until the 1st Monday in January 1977, the justices of the supreme
13 court whose terms of office expire on the 1st Monday in January 1977
14 shall receive an annual salary of \$28,000. From and after the 1st
15 Monday in January 1977, their successors in office shall receive an
16 annual salary of \$35,000.] 1979, the justices of the supreme court whose
17 terms of office expire on the 1st Monday in January 1979 are entitled to
18 receive an annual salary of \$28,000. From and after the 1st Monday in
19 January 1979, their successors in office are entitled to receive an annual
20 salary of \$47,250.

21 2. Until the 1st Monday in January 1981, the justices of the supreme
22 court whose terms of office expire on the 1st Monday in January 1981
23 are entitled to receive an annual salary of \$35,000. From and after the

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SENATE BILL NO. 199—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides procedure on failure to appear in court on traffic citation. (BDR 43-5)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: Yes.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to traffic violations; providing a procedure on failure to appear in court on certain traffic citations; making an appropriation; 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 483 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 1. *If a warrant issued for violation of a written promise to appear*
4 *pursuant to a citation issued for violation of a traffic law or ordinance*
5 *other than one governing standing or parking is not executed within 30*
6 *days after issue, and if the citation shows that the violator holds a Nevada*
7 *driver's license, the court shall promptly report the inability to execute*
8 *the warrant to the department on a form to be provided by the depart-*
9 *ment.*

10 2. *For a person so reported, the department shall not reinstate a*
11 *license after suspension, revocation or cancellation or issue a duplicate,*
12 *renewal or changed license until the department has received further*
13 *notice from the court that the applicant or licensee has appeared or the*
14 *case has been adjudicated, appealed or otherwise disposed of as provided*
15 *by law. The court shall give such notice, on a form to be provided by*
16 *the department, within 5 judicial days after the action is taken.*

17 3. *The applicant or licensee shall pay to the court a fee of \$10 to be*
18 *remitted by the court to the department with the notice provided for in*
19 *subsection 2. All fees received pursuant to this subsection shall be depos-*
20 *ited with the state treasurer to the credit of an account within the state*
21 *general fund and may be used by the department with the approval of the*
22 *department of administration to defray the costs of administering the pro-*
23 *visions of this section to the extent that those costs are not covered by leg-*
24 *islative appropriations.*

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FOURTH REPRINT

A. B. 121

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 121—ASSEMBLYMEN DEMERS, SCHO-
FIELD, VERGIELS, HAYES, GOMES AND HARMON

JANUARY 21, 1977

Referred to Committee on Commerce

SUMMARY—Requires public hearing for disqualification of laetrile
in cancer treatment. (BDR 40-362)

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

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

AN ACT relating to substances; providing for the licensing and inspection of manufacturers under certain conditions; imposing certain assessments; providing that prescriptions for these substances by trade name may be filled by the generic equivalents; making an appropriation; 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 41 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto
2 a new section which shall read as follows:

3 *The purchaser of a substance which has not been approved as a drug*
4 *by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department*
5 *of Health, Education and Welfare but which has been licensed for manu-*
6 *facture in this state has a cause of action against the seller or manufact-*
7 *urer for any misrepresentation of its therapeutic effect made directly to*
8 *him or by publication.*

9 SEC. 2. NRS 454.201 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 454.201 "Dangerous drug" means any drug, other than a controlled
11 substance as defined in chapter 453 of NRS, unsafe for self-medication or
12 unsupervised use, and includes the following:

13 1. Any drug which has been approved by the Food and Drug Admin-
14 istration for general distribution and bears the legend: "Caution: Federal
15 law prohibits dispensing without prescription"; [or]

16 2. *Any substance which has been licensed by the state board of health*
17 *for manufacture in this state but has not been approved as a drug by the*
18 *Food and Drug Administration; or*

19 3. Any drug which may be sold only by prescription because of regu-
20 lations adopted by the board because the board has found such drugs to
21 be dangerous to public health or safety.

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SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 653

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 653—ASSEMBLYMAN RHOADS

APRIL 7, 1977

Referred to Committee on Legislative Functions

SUMMARY—Establishes legislative committee to review federal administrative policies, rules, regulations and related laws. (BDR 17-1644)

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 the state legislature; establishing the legislative committee for the review of federal regulations; prescribing its powers and duties; 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 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act.
3 SEC. 2. *The legislature finds and declares that the State of Nevada*
4 *and its citizens are subjected to federal regulations which sometimes are*
5 *unreasonable, arbitrary, beyond the intent of the Congress or the scope of*
6 *the authority of the agency adopting them and that as a result certain*
7 *federal regulations should be subjected to legislative review and comment,*
8 *and judicially tested where appropriate, to protect the rights and interests*
9 *of the State of Nevada and its citizens.*
10 SEC. 3. *As used in sections 3 to 8, inclusive, of this act, "committee"*
11 *means the legislative committee for the review of federal regulations.*
12 SEC. 4. 1. *There is hereby established a legislative committee for the*
13 *review of federal regulations consisting of four members. The chairman*
14 *of the legislative commission shall designate two senators and two*
15 *assemblymen as members of the committee.*
16 2. *The members of the committee shall elect a chairman who shall be*
17 *an assemblyman in odd-numbered years and a senator in even-numbered*
18 *years. If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the chairman of the legis-*
19 *lative commission shall appoint a new member from the same house as*
20 *the committee member whose position is vacant.*
21 SEC. 5. 1. *The members of the committee shall meet throughout*
22 *each year at such times and at such places as shall be specified by a call*
23 *of the chairman or a majority of the committee. The director of the legis-*
24 *lative counsel bureau shall act as the nonvoting recording secretary.*

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A. B. 723

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 723—COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

APRIL 14, 1977

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Transfers certain functions relating to Lost City museum from department of general services to Nevada state museum. (BDR 33-1845)

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

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

AN ACT relating to state museums; providing for the transfer of certain functions relating to the Lost City museum from the division of buildings and grounds of the department of general services to the board of trustees of the Nevada state museum; 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 381.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 381.270 1. [Subject to the provisions of subsection 2, the chief of
3 the buildings and grounds division of the department of general services]
4 *The board of trustees of the Nevada state museum shall manage and*
5 *control the Lost City museum.*
6 2. *The board of trustees, for and on behalf of the Lost City museum,*
7 *may accept gifts, devises or bequests of real or personal property from*
8 *any source and may use [the same] them in any manner consistent with*
9 *the purposes of the museum.*
10 [2. No gift, devise or bequest shall be accepted by the chief of the
11 buildings and grounds division for the Lost City museum, whether or
12 not such gift, devise or bequest may confer a benefit upon the people of
13 the State of Nevada, unless prior legislative approval in the form of a
14 concurrent resolution is obtained.]

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FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 447

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 447—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI, SERPA,
JACOBSEN AND MAY

MARCH 11, 1977

Referred to Committee on Taxation

SUMMARY—Eliminates interest charge on certain deferred taxes against agricultural and open-space property. (BDR 32-1128)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: Yes.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to property taxes; eliminating interest charge on certain deferred taxes against agricultural and open-space property; 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-361A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 361A.260 Each year the tax statement for property receiving agricul-
3 tural or open-space use assessment shall contain:
4 1. The annual valuations based on agricultural or open-space use and
5 on potential use; and
6 2. The deferred tax [and interest] accrued for that tax year and the
7 cumulative amounts potentially due under [NRS 361A.280.] *this chapter.*
8 SEC. 2. NRS 361A.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 361A.270 1. Within 30 days after any property which has received
10 agricultural or open-space use assessment ceases to be used exclusively
11 for agricultural use or the approved open-space use, the owner shall
12 notify the county assessor in writing of the date of cessation of such use.
13 2. If the owner fails to file the notice as required by subsection 1,
14 he [shall be] is liable for the penalty provided in NRS 361A.280 in
15 addition to the deferred taxes. [and interest.]
16 SEC. 3. NRS 361A.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:
17 361A.280 1. When agricultural or open-space real property which
18 is receiving agricultural or open-space use assessment is converted to a
19 higher use, there shall be added to the tax extended against the property
20 on the next property tax statement, an amount equal to the sum of the
21 following:

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A. B. 547

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 547—ASSEMBLYMEN MELLO, HOWARD,
GLOVER, DINI, DEMERS, KISSAM, MAY, JACOBSEN,
WEISE, BREMNER, BARENGO, JEFFREY AND WAGNER

MARCH 25, 1977

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Establishes committee to study local government finances
and makes appropriation. (BDR S-1343)

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

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

AN ACT relating to local governments; establishing a committee to study the
finances of local governments; making an appropriation; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, City and county governments in the State of Nevada are, in
2 an increasing number of instances, unable to maintain adequate levels of
3 water and sewerage service, street maintenance and police and fire protec-
4 tion; and

5 WHEREAS, In the past 4 years, expenditures for all of Nevada's cities
6 and a cross-section of seven counties increased 54 percent, but revenues
7 increased only 41 percent; and

8 WHEREAS, In the past 4 years, the combined fund balance at the end
9 of the fiscal year for those cities and counties declined 71 percent; and

10 WHEREAS, There has been a steady increase in the assessed valuation of
11 property in those cities and counties, but the rates of growth of assessed
12 valuation have diminished; and

13 WHEREAS, These increasing expenditures, declining balances and
14 diminishing rates of revenue growth indicate that Nevada's cities and
15 counties are facing serious fiscal deterioration; now, therefore,

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17 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*
18 *do enact as follows:*
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20 SECTION 1. There is hereby created a committee to study fiscal condi-
21 tions of local governments in the State of Nevada. The committee shall
22 be composed of eight members, four of whom shall be legislators and
23 four of whom shall represent local general purpose government. The
24 governor shall appoint the local general purpose government members

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S. B. 199

SENATE BILL NO. 199—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Provides procedure on failure to appear in court on traffic citation. (BDR 43-5)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: Yes.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 547—ASSEMBLYMEN MELLO, HOWARD,
GLOVER, DINI, DEMERS, KISSAM, MAY, JACOBSEN,
WEISE, BREMNER, BARENGO, JEFFREY AND WAGNER

MARCH 25, 1977

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Establishes committee to study local government finances
and makes appropriation. (BDR S-1343)

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State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Contains Appropriation.



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FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

May 5, 1977

Mr. John R. Gamble, Superintendent
Public Instruction
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Dear John:

In closing the budgets for Education Administration, ESEA Title IV C, Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, and Vocational Education, the money committees reduced these budgets by inserting an amount for "salary savings." The committees did not however, reduce associated costs such as travel, operating, and equipment. The associated costs were specifically not reduced to allow the department flexibility in meeting the dollar reductions represented as salary savings.

It is the intent of the money committees that the department may shift among the various budget categories in order to meet the dollar reductions reflected as salary savings except that there shall be no transfers from "aid to schools" in Vocational Education or "Development and Training" in Comprehensive Employment and Training.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Donald R. Mello in cursive.

DONALD R. MELLO

Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

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May 4, 1977


Dr. Charles R. Dickson, Administrator
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Dear Chuck:

The purpose of this letter is to express the intent of the Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees in closing the budgets of the Division of Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation for the 1977-79 biennium.

1. It is the intent of the committees that future capital improvement projects provide space at the Glendale Road location in Reno for the Division's administrative staff and the Reno Mental Health Center facilities.
2. It is the intent of the committees that, beginning July 1, 1978, only direct care employees providing a service during a meal are to get a free meal at the Mental Health Institute.
3. It is the intent of the committees that the Human Services Educator position of the Division's central office not provide direct supervision to the Lake's Crossing facility. If the Clinic Director is not capable of managing the facility, he should be replaced.
4. It is the intent of the committees that the Rural Clinics program place maximum emphasis on delivery of direct services to recipients of mental health services in rural areas. This emphasis should include stationing Clinical Directors in rural locations instead of stationing these persons at administrative offices in Reno.

Sincerely,


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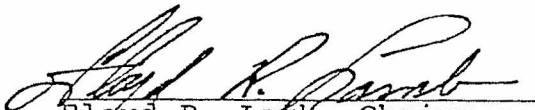
Mr. John L. Meder, Administrator
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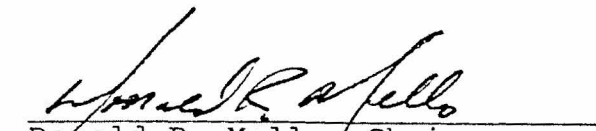
Dear Mr. Meder:

In passing SB 314 authorizing the Nevada Park System to accept and improve the Tule Springs Park, it is the intent of the money committees that you appear before the Interim Finance Committee to review the detailed plans for improvement of the Park.

Before any of the bond proceeds or federal funds are expended for actual improvements please contact the secretary of the Interim Finance Committee for an appearance to review your detailed improvement plans.

Sincerely,


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee


Donald R. Mello, Chairman
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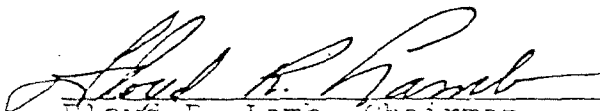
Dear Bill,

As you are aware, construction of additional Community College Campuses has been postponed for the next two years pending a study regarding the need for additional campuses and the development of a long-range plan for the expansion of the Community College Program.

In conjunction with this study, the Public Works Board is urged to undertake a feasibility study of developing Community College Campuses adjacent to high school vocational-technical programs. As an example of this approach, the feasibility of developing a Community College Campus in conjunction with the vocational-technical school in Clark County should be made. Other high school facilities throughout the state should be studied to determine how they might better be utilized in the Community College Program in the future.

This information will serve as a valuable guide to the legislature when considering requests for future development of the Community College System.

Sincerely yours,


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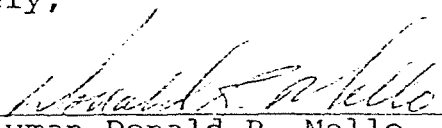
March 15, 1977

Mr. Dick L. Rottman
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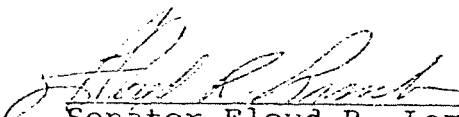
Dear Dick:

In closing the budget for the Insurance Division, the money Committees were quite concerned with the number and length of the vacant positions in the Division. We understood your need to generate salary savings for the unanticipated data processing costs and the problems in recruiting some of the more technical personnel. However, to meet the justified workload and effectively carry out the statutory responsibilities of the Division, it is the desire of the Committees that you actively pursue filling the authorized but vacant positions. If such vacancies persist into the coming biennium, the Committees will look to their elimination from the budget.

Sincerely,



Assemblyman Donald R. Mello
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee



Senator Floyd R. Lamb
Chairman, Finance Committee

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