

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60TH SESSION

January 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 9:10 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice-Chairman Bremner, Mrs. Cavnar, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Webb.

EXCUSED: Mr. Barengo, due to family illness.

ALSO PRESENT: William Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst.

Chairman Mello stated that the meeting was an organizational meeting. He requested that all members be punctual to keep the Committee on schedule and as a courtesy to those testifying.

Chairman Mello told the committee that passage of Question 6 - by a 3 1/2 to 1 margin - would be the biggest problem.

Chairman Mello said that he, as in the past sessions, would appoint subcommittees. He indicated that the subcommittees provide detailed and close budget oversight by going out into the field to acquire information directly related to a particular department.

Chairman Mello named the subcommittees as follows: Human Resources Subcommittee: Mr. Vergiels, Chairman, Mr. Mann and Mrs. Wagner; Education and WICHE Subcommittee: Mr. Bremner, Chairman, Mr. Hickey and Mrs. Wagner; Capital Improvements Subcommittee: Mr. Glover, Chairman, Mr. Mann and Mr. Rhoads; University Subcommittee: Mr. Mello, Chairman, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Bremner, and Mrs. Cavnar; Prison Subcommittee: Mr. Mann, Chairman, Mr. Barengo, and Mr. Webb; Taxation Matters Subcommittee: Mr. Hickey, Chairman, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Cavnar, and Mr. Mann; Salaries and Fringes Subcommittee: Mr. Barengo, Chairman, Mr. Mello and Mr. Webb; Court System Subcommittee: Mr. Barengo, Chairman, Mr. Glover, Mr. Rhoads, and Mr. Webb. Chairman Mello stated that any additions or deletions of subcommittee members would go through the chairman of the committee in question.

Chairman Mello passed out copies of the proposed Rules to each member. He then introduced Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Judy Buck, his secretary, and committee secretaries, Celine Bruneau, and Mary Phillips to the committee. Chairman Mello further stated that any telephone messages, other than emergency or from families, could be picked up from Judy during the break or after the session. He then asked for any questions on the Rules. There were no questions.

Mr. Webb moved to adopt the Rules, (attached as Exhibit I) and seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mello then asked each member if there were any comments or questions.

Mr. Mann asked to get copies of past subcommittee reports. Chairman Mello stated that they are available: and anyone wishing to see the minutes of any particular subcommittee meeting, should ask Bill or Judy for copies.

Mr. Mann asked if secretarial help would be available for subcommittees. Chairman Mello said that either Celine Bruneau or Mary Phillips would sit in on subcommittee meetings.

Chairman Mello explained the purpose of the Bill Explanation Book. He indicated that after a bill is heard in committee, it may be some

time before floor action is taken. Since it is important to remember pertinent details when the bill is presented on the floor, a Bill Explanation Book is maintained to refresh members' memories.

Chairman Mello indicated that Ways and Means would have a hard session because of the tax problems but felt that this committee will do as good a job as any past committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEERULES1979 SESSION

1. The secretary of the Committee shall call the roll at each meeting and record in the minutes the members present and the members not present. Excused absences will be so recorded.
2. A quorum consists of at least six (6) Committee members.
3. It will require at least a quorum to hear a bill, budget, or resolution.
4. It will require a simple majority (6) of the entire committee to pass or reject a bill, budget, or resolution.
5. It will require a two-thirds majority (7) of all committee members to reconsider an action on a bill, budget, or resolution.
6. Committee members, at all times, shall address the chair for permission to be heard. Witnesses before the Committee will address requests to testify to the chair and will be recognized only by the chair. When Chairman deems necessary, persons wishing to testify will be sworn in before testimony.
7. There will be no Committee action on bills, budgets, or resolutions during a hearing. The Chairman shall be responsible for preparation of the committee's agenda and will determine when final action is to be taken on bills, budgets, and committee reports.
8. The secretary shall record the definite action of the Committee by roll call vote.
9. A minority report can be filed with the Chief Clerk at the same time the Committee action is reported. A minority report must be signed by all members of the Committee disagreeing with the Committee action who are present when the vote is taken. The members who desire to submit a minority report must so indicate in advance, to a quorum of the Committee.