

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

March 22, 1979

Vice-Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Vergiels

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey, Deputy Budget Director; Don Hataway, Carson City Manager; David Small, Carson City District Attorney; Stein Moen, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs; Lester Fry, Mr. Raman, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Art Ferrel, Disabled American Veterans; Mr. Gillis, representing World War I Veterans; William X. Smith, Executive Director, Dairy Commission; and Joseph McNamara, Dairy Commission Supervising Senior Accountant. See attached Guest List.

CARSON CITY TAXES

Mr. Hataway explained that NRS 361.055 requires that each county maintain a separate tax list for real property owned by the State of Nevada. When the value of the State-owned property exceeds 17% of the total value of the county, that portion of the State value in excess of 17% may be taxed by the county at the same rate other property is taxed. Vice-Chairman Bremner asked the amount of money Carson City would be entitled to if the formula of 17% was followed instead of the Governor's recommendation of \$150,000 each year of the biennium. Mr. Hataway said that the amount would be \$50,085 based on assessed valuation. Mr. Hataway said that the 17% formula is not the proper method to use and the amount of money requested is an average of monies received by Carson City in past years. Mr. Hataway added that a committee of State and Local officers and legislators could evaluate this situation and propose a more logical approach to the formula.

Mr. Bremner inquired as to the revenue that is generated due to State buildings and the State Capitol being in Carson City. Mr. Hataway said that Carson City is only considering the institutional costs impacted on the City and overtime for the Sheriff's Office for assistance at the prison. Vice-Chairman Bremner asked if the City is reimbursed for District Court costs. Mr. Hataway said that a bill now in the legislature and the amount in this budget would offset City expenses.

Mrs. Wagner asked the percentage of State owned land in Carson City. In terms of assessed valuation, Mr. Hataway said, 16% of the City is State owned land. Mr. Hataway furnished the Committee with a handout (Exhibit "A") detailing assessed valuation, alternatives to the 17% formula, services provided, financial impact, and other information. Mr. Hataway said that in 1977 a study was made in terms of the direct service costs due to State activities and the total amount was \$177,000.

Mr. Webb asked the total amount of the current ~~county~~ budget. Mr. Hataway said that the General Fund amount is \$9.5 million and five years ago was \$4.8 million.

Vice-Chairman Bremner asked if the Chamber of Commerce or any other group has ever estimated the revenue coming into Carson City due to the State Capitol being located in Carson City. Mr. Hataway said that he did not know. Vice-Chairman Bremner commented that he felt that Carson City is more than reimbursed by having the Capitol located here. Mr. Hataway said that the City is looking into the amount of time that is spent in servicing the State institutions.

Mr. Barengo pointed out that a district judge was approved by the last legislature for the Carson City Judicial District because the judge currently in Carson City could not handle the workload partially due to the cases from the State prison. Mr. Small said that State business did require one full-time judge whether this individual was a State judge or a Carson City judge.

Mr. Hickey asked if Carson City advocates removal of the Capitol and its resources due to the financial impact on the city. Mr. Hataway said that the City is looking at these expenses from a cost accounting point of view and does not advocate removal of the Capitol from Carson City. Mr. Small reiterated that Carson City is not advocating the Capitol's removal.

Mrs. Wagner referred to the list of services provided by the City, contained on page 3 of Exhibit "A", as not being unique to services provided to any community. Mr. Hataway said that these services are provided to State buildings, some services are mandated and if there is a riot at the prison, Carson City provides assistance.

Mr. Barengo commented on the number of State employees living in Carson City who buy homes and support local businesses. Mr. Hataway said that Carson City would prefer that some specific charge for services be established instead of the in-lieu of taxes used presently.

Mr. Mann asked the amount of money spent providing sheriff department personnel for riot suppression in the last two years. Mr. Small did not have the exact figures but estimated that several thousand dollars were spent, and said that these figures would be provided. Mr. Small pointed out that a trial was recently completed costing \$5,000, concerning two people who assisted in the escape of a prison inmate.

Mr. Mello asked the amount of State funds being requested to support Carson City's second judge. Mr. Hataway said that the budget request is for \$100,000 each year. Mr. Alastuey said that this amount is not recommended in the Governor's budget.

CLEAR CREEK YOUTH CENTER

Mr. Alastuey said that the Clear Creek Youth Center was built by the Federal government as a Job Corps Center and in the past 10 years has been available to the State on a renewable agreement.

Mr. Glover asked if the Parks Department office is located at Clear Creek. Mr. Alastuey said there are some garage and storage facilities located at Clear Creek but most of Parks has moved out.

Mr. Rhoads asked about a new item for prison meal service of \$54,000. Mr. Alastuey said that this is for the Young Adult Conservation Corps at the facility.

BOND INTEREST AND REDEMPTION FUND

Mr. Alastuey said that the one-shot request is for a General Obligation Bond Retirement in the amount of \$16,500,000 which is recommended for the purpose of retiring all current outstanding State of Nevada General Obligation Bonds which are currently supported by General Fund appropriations. The interest calculations in the request assume a 7% rate of return.

Mr. Bible asked what effect a higher rate of interest would have on investment income. Mr. Alastuey said that the 7% interest income was relatively safe and that they had not considered investments paying a higher rate.

COMMISSIONER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. Stein Moen, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, said that this office assists veterans and their dependents in the preparation, submission, and presentation of any claims against the United States or any state with assistance rendered for compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, training, rehabilitation, education or any other benefits. Mr. Moen said that in 1978 this office handled 19,000 various forms, 38,6000 interviews, 80,000 telephone calls, 84,000 pieces of incoming mail, 32,000 outgoing pieces of mail, made 12,000 hospital visitations, and 36 jail contacts. The number of veterans in Nevada, said Mr. Moen, total over 94,000 composed of 41,000 World War II veterans, 28,000 Viet Nam veterans, 19,000 Korean veterans, and 1,000 World War I veterans, and some dual service veterans who served in more than one war.

Mr. Lester Fry, Veterans of Foreign Wars, said that more services are urgently needed and that the recommended budget is not adequate. He said that veterans problems are becoming more acute and that the federal government does not arbitrarily take care of these veterans, in fact they have to file claims, compare claims, be processed, appear before a hearing board, and may have to go on appeal to Washington D. C.. He said that the veterans of Foreign Wars keeps four attorneys in Washington to handle appeals. Mr. Fry said that the Veteran's Administration furnishes the forms for the veterans which are very complicated and that the service officers aid in filling out these forms. Mr. Fry said that the total budget of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is \$13,300 per year, of which \$8,000 comes from the State Veterans of Foreign Wars and \$5,300 from the national Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Fry said that veterans represent about 1/6 of the total population of Nevada and that the state ranks about 47th in the amount of money spent for veterans. He suggested a \$3 appropriation for each member of the various veteran's organizations (10,500 members) to supplement the amount in the Commissioner for Veterans Affairs budget.

Mr. Mann said that he is a veteran drawing disabled benefits and has used organizations like this to file claims. He added that when filing for educational benefits in 1964, the Military Order of the Purple Heart assisted him in filling out claim forms. Mr. Moen said that he represents the Military Order of the Purple Heart, AMVETS, World War I, Jewish War Veterans, and the Nevada Commission for Veteran Affairs. Mr. Mann said that the 100,000 figure for total number of veterans cannot realistically be used as some of these persons' rights have expired. Mr. Moen said that many of these veterans do not require any help at this time but that the World War II veterans comprise a very large group with an average age of 60 and also a very large number of widows require assistance in filing claims. Mr. Mann said that he felt that any appropriation should not be based on membership in just a few organizations but should be based on service performed by the assisting organization. Mr. Fry said that services are provided for any veteran or dependent regardless of whether that person belongs to any organization.

Mr. Mann said that it would be more equitable to draw money from a revolving fund based on the number of people served. Mr. Moen furnished these membership figures for the Committee: V.F.W. 5,500, American Legion 3,600, D.A.V. 1,600 and World War I 350.

Mr. Art Ferrel, Disabled American Veterans, said that only three of the veterans organizations have service officers.

Mr. Raman, Commander of American Legion, said that he travels throughout the state visiting and assisting veterans and their dependents. He added that any appropriation made would be greatly appreciated and many of these people are in desperate need of assistance. Mr. Raman said that a bill will be introduced in the legislature requesting funds for a Veteran's Home in Las Vegas which is urgently needed.

Mr. Gillis, Commander World War I, said that this organization has 300 members and that their greatest need is assisting widows in filling out the required forms for benefits. He also said that some of these widows' benefits have been reduced to very small amounts. Mr. Gillis said that there is not sufficient room at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Reno to care for the veterans, some of whom are not ambulatory.

Mr. Moen said that the reason only four organizations are represented is that these are the only ones with departments within Nevada. Mr. Moen added that there is a recurring situation concerning veterans who need to be in a nursing home which the V. A. pays for six months under contract and then these people have nowhere else to go with no one to take care of them. Mr. Moen furnished the Committee with a handout detailing services performed, membership in various organizations, and other information which is included in Exhibit "B".

DAIRY COMMISSION

Mr. William X. Smith, Executive Director Dairy Commission, said that the Commission administers the stabilization and marketing of fluid milk, fluid cream, and dairy products and is concerned with transportation, processing, and marketing including fixing minimum prices of milk and cream to be sold. Mr. Smith pointed out that A. B. 152 of the 1977 Session provided that the Dairy Commission is subject to a "sunset" provision on June 30, 1981. Mr. Smith said that an audit of the Dairy Commission had not been conducted from 1971 to 1976 but that after completion the audit found that 35 companies doing business in Nevada had never paid assessments to the Dairy Commission. He said that these audits have resulted in collection of \$25,000 and that the surplus fund now totals \$180,000. Mr. Smith said that discrepancies were found where stores were violating dairy laws with sales being made below cost, unfair business practices, and other violations. Mr. Smith said that milk coming into Nevada from other states is being given an unfair advantage over domestic distributors. Mr. Smith said that the Commission has two investigators to cover Nevada and assists the farmer, the distributor, and also the consumer. Mr. Smith said that milk prices in Nevada are among the lowest in the nation with a 86¢ per half gallon price as compared to \$1.21 in other states.

Mr. Glover asked what the subsequent result would be if the Dairy Commission went out of existence. Mr. Smith said that the effect to the farmer would be very great and the result to the consumer would be higher milk prices.

Mr. Hickey said there have been many complaints in Southern Nevada as to the Commission not doing enough for the distributors and farmers. Mr. Smith said that the Commission has had a problem in Southern Nevada due to the Federal Milk Marketing Order over which they have no control.

Mr. Mann observed that in the past history of the Dairy Commission, surplus funds have not been returned to the consumers in the form of reduced shelf prices.

Mrs. Wagner asked the effect of the Federal Milk Marketing Order. Mr. Smith said that this Order increases the price of milk to the consumer because the distributor has to pay a higher price for the raw product.

Mr. Hickey said that the legislature created the Dairy Commission and stated his satisfaction with the work they have done but said that the emergencies and pressures in Southern Nevada are great and the Commission should investigate the problems in that area.

Mrs. Wagner asked about the suggested licensing fee raise from \$3 to \$10. Mr. Smith said that this would represent about \$1000 in revenues and would still not cover the cost of licensing.

BUDGETS

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Mr. Bible explained that when the Committee approved the bill for remodeling the Octagon, the Controller's rent of \$55,886 in the first year could be reduced by \$11,500 and the \$60,041 in the second year could be reduced by \$26,750.

Motion to amend the budget to provide for the rent decreases made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion approved; budget closed.

GROUP INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

MERIT AWARD BOARD

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Glover; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed.

EMPLOYEE-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Mr. Bible said the testimony indicated that the Administrative Aid II position could be eliminated, the longevity salary could be eliminated, and the Advisory Committee expenses could be reduced by \$720 each year of the biennium.

Motion to adopt these amendments made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mrs. Wagner.

Motion approved.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation, as amended, made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Webb. Motion approved; budget closed.

INDIAN COMMISSION

Motion to amend travel to \$6500 each year made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Mann. Motion approved. Mr. Barengo voted no.

Motion to amend the host fund to \$1,500 each year made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion Approved. Mr. Glover, Mr. Barengo, and Mrs. Wagner voted no.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation, as amended, made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Mann. Motion approved; budget closed.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

Mr. Alastuey said that the special project expense of \$10,000 the first year and \$15,000 the second year is to modernize the library loan program to cover the cost of tapes and data processing costs. Mr. Bible asked for the continuing implications of this program. Mr. Alastuey said that he did not know. The Committee agreed to hold this budget open pending Mr. Alastuey providing further information.

LIBRARY SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bible said that the State Library had requested a 1979-80 authority for funds of \$345,792 and Title III funds of \$48,062 and in the second year of the biennium the numbers appearing in the Governor's recommendation are requested to replace with those numbers appearing in the Agency request due to changes in Federal legislation.

Motion to approve these budget changes made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Glover; seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion approved.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Barengo; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed.

REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATIVE FUND

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

REAL ESTATE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Mr. Bible explained that there is requested legislation to revert some of the budget's balance.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed.

REAL ESTATE RECOVERY ACCOUNT

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman Mello suggested changing some positions to unclassified to add the expertise necessary to be on the same level as the employees of the utilities. Chairman Mello named a Subcommittee consisting of Mr. Barengo as Chairman, Mr. Mello and Mr. Webb to explore this question. Chairman Mello requested that Mr. Barengo contact the PSC for suggested salaries and titles regarding unclassification.

TAXICAB AUTHORITY

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Webb; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed. Mr. Mann voted no.

LABOR COMMISSION

Mr. Bible said that the amount for other contract services in 1980-81 was requested to be changed. Mr. Alastuey said that the original amount is too low and the amount should be \$3,324 in 1980-81.

Motion to adopt the amendment made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Bremner; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed. Mr. Webb voted no.

DAIRY COMMISSION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Bremner. Motion approved; budget closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

DATE: 3-22-19

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

REPRESENTING:

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Our Lady of Las Vegas School

JOSEPH VERDIRAMO

Our Lady of Las Vegas School

Joseph Verdiramo

Our Lady of Las Vegas School

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Emile Clark

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V.F.W.

James W. Smith

V.F.W. DAVE

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CARSON CITY IN LIEU OF TAX

1. Assessed Valuation - Mill Levy Data

<u>Item</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>
Non-State AV	\$171,850,731	\$201,506,288
State AV	24,908,360	32,380,868
Total Mill Levy	4.8339	4.5705
Urban District ML	2.7050	2.4310
Ormsby District ML	1.5220	1.5311
Assembly Tax Modifications:		
Total Mill Levy		3.2100
Urban District		2.3210
Ormsby District		1.4211

2. 1979-80 In-Lieu of Tax Computations

a. <u>Total Method</u>		
(1) Non-State AV		\$201,506,288
(2) 17% Non-State AV		34,256,069
(3) State AV		32,380,868
(4) Taxable Difference		-0-
(5) In-Lieu of Tax - Total		<u>\$ 0</u>
b. <u>Urban District Method</u>		
(1) Non-State AV		\$109,023,429
(2) 17% Non-State AV		18,533,983
(3) State AV		20,594,232
(4) Taxable Difference @ 2.4310		2,060,249
(5) In-Lieu of Tax - Sub Total		<u>\$ 50,085</u>
c. <u>Ormsby District Method</u>		
(1) Non-State AV		92,482,859
(2) 17% Non-State AV		15,722,086
(3) State AV		11,786,636
(4) Taxable Difference		-0-
(5) In Lieu of Tax - Sub Total		<u>\$ 0</u>
d. Total District In-Lieu-of-Tax		<u>\$ 50,085</u>

3. Alternatives to 17% Formula

a. State In-Lieu-of-Tax payment be the amount calculated at the time state properties are reassessed. In the interval between reassessments, the calculated amount would be paid.

b. State would pay property tax at full value:

(1) State Assessed Valuation	\$32,380,868
(2) Tax @ 4.5706 Mills	<u>\$ 1,480,000</u>

(2)

- c. State would pay property tax at a predetermined percentage of the full value, e.g., the state properties are currently 16% of the total, thus that percentage applied to the full value would represent the in-lieu of tax:

(1) State Assessed Valuation	\$32,380,868
(2) Full Value Tax @ 4.5706 Mills	1,480,000
(3) In-Lieu-of-Tax @ 16% of FV	<u>\$ 236,800</u>

- d. The existing 17% formula would be modified to reflect an 8.5% factor:

(1) <u>Total Method</u>	
(a) Non-State AV	\$201,506,288
(b) 8.5% Non-State AV	17,128,034
(c) State AV	32,380,868
(d) Taxable Difference @ 4.5705	15,252,834
(e) In-Lieu of Tax - Total	<u>\$ 697,130</u>

(2) <u>Urban District</u>	
(a) Non-State AV	\$109,023,429
(b) 8.5 Non-State AV	9,266,991
(c) State AV	20,594,232
(d) Taxable Difference @ 2.4310	11,327,241
(e) In-Lieu of Tax - Sub Total	<u>\$ 275,365</u>

(3) <u>Ormsby District</u>	
(a) Non-State AV	\$ 92,482,859
(b) 8.5 Non-State AV	7,861,043
(c) State AV	11,786,636
(d) Taxable Difference @ 1.5311	3,925,593
(e) In-Lieu of Tax-Sub Total	<u>\$ 60,105</u>

(4) Total District In Lieu of Tax	<u>\$ 335,470</u>
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- e. The existing formula be modified to reflect any other percent factor in order to generate a desired dollar amount.
- f. A new approach be developed to reflect a true payment for the services rendered by the City for the state facilities.
- g. Recommendations: Approve the proposed \$150,000 budget for the next biannum to reflect alternative #1 with the goal for the 1981 Legislature of developing an alternative to the current 17% formula.

(Exhibit "A")

4. Services Provided by City

a. Sheriff

- (1) Prison
 - (a) Disturbances
 - (b) Crime Investigations
 - (c) Security for Trials
 - (d) Housing at Local Jail
- (2) Courts
 - (a) Investigations for Attorney General's Office
 - (b) Security for Trials - NIC
- (3) Other
 - (a) Investigations for Welfare Office
 - (b) Bomb calls to State Buildings
 - (c) Classes for State Agencies
 - (d) Traffic control and assistance
 - (e) Disturbance control
 - (f) Alarms to Governor's Office and Treasury
 - (g) Nevada Children's Home Problems.

b. Fire

- (1) Fire Calls to State Buildings - 55
- (2) Notifier System for 15 State Bldgs.
 - (a) Supervised - 8760 hours per year
 - (b) Testing - 16 hours per month
- (3) Fire Prevention Inspections
- (4) Plan Review - New and Remodel
- (5) Standby Service - 80% of Budget

c. Dog Control

- (1) Children's Home Calls
- (2) State Property Calls

d. Public Works

- (1) Tree Care
- (2) Street Lights
- (3) Street Sweeping
- (4) Street Repairing and Patching
- (5) Storm Drain Maintenance
- (6) Street Signs
- (7) Leaf Pickup
- (8) On Street Parking for Judges
- (9) Plan Review - New and Remodels

e. District Court

- (1) 60% of Time on State Criminal Cases
(Crimes, Habeas or Post Conviction Writs)
- (2) 20% of Time on Other State Cases
(Public Service Commission, Nevada Industrial
Commission, Employment Security, Highway Dept., etc.)

- f. Juvenile Division - District Court
 (1) 8% of Caseload.- Children's Home
 (2) Referrals - 120 cases
- g. Justice of the Peace
 (1) Prison Cases
 (2) Small Claims Cases
 (3) Coroner Cases
- h. Health
 (1) Investigations for Welfare Foster Homes
 (2) Snack Bar Inspections
 (3) Plan Review - New and Remodels
- i. Public Health Nurse
 (1) Referrals from State Welfare
 (a) Health Profiles
 (b) Family Planning
 (c) Immunizations
 (d) Well Baby Clinics
 (e) Preschool health screening
 (f) Communicable Diseases
 (2) Services to Children's Home
- j. Library
 (1) Reference Services
 (2) Free Services of Normal Rentals
- k. Welfare
 (1) Children's Home Assistance
 (2) Foster Home Assistance
 (3) Medical Welfare
 (4) Prescriptions

5. Financial Impact

- a. In 1977 a detailed financial impact study was prepared by the City. The study reflected the direct financial impact for the support services outlined in item #4 and was calculated to be \$177,869. If the factoring method suggested by the Assembly were used to update this figure for the 1979-80 year, the following revisions would occur:

(1) 1977-78 impact			\$177,869
(a) Population	Jan. 77	27,370	
	Jan. 78	31,018	
	% Inc.	13%	200,991
(b) CPI - 7.48%			216,025
(c) Population	Jan. 78	31,018	
	Jan. 79	34,667	
	% Inc.	12%	241,948
(d) CPI - 7.48%			<u>260,046</u>
(2) Projected 1979-80 Impact			<u>\$260,046</u>

The Veterans' Commissioner and office is funded by the State of Nevada. The cost of which is approximately \$170,000.00 a year. Your committee will have the figures. The Commissioner is appointed under the provisions of Nevada Statutes, Chapter 417. The appointment of the Veterans' Commissioner is made by the Governor. The Commissioner's duties are outlined in the statutes. Generally he does some service work, and handles some 90 to 100 guardianships pursuant to statute.

The Disabled American Veterans, an organization of disabled veterans, maintains a Service Officer who takes Powers of Attorney to represent veterans who need assistance in processing claims and for other veterans' entitlements. Their Service Officer's salary and expenses are paid by their National Organization for their organization is well financed.

The American Legion has never paid for or had a Service Officer in this State, but has always claimed that the Veterans' Commissioner has been their representative.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has maintained a Service Officer in this State. The State V.F.W. Organization pays \$8,000.00 annually toward the V.F.W. Service Officer's office and the National Organization pays \$5,350.00 to supplement the office expense. To run the V.F.W. office requires the salary of the Service Officer, travel expenses as required to service veterans, telephone, stationery and a secretary to type claims, appeals and correspondence.

The Veterans' Administration serves in an advisory capacity to veterans.

The Veterans' Commissioner's office services approximately 2,000 claims a year for the American Legion and about 500 other claims, plus the guardianships.

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The Veterans Of Foreign Wars Service Officer services approximately 6,500 active cases requiring continuing service.

All of the above figures are on an annual basis.

The Veterans' Administration served in advising veterans.

All of them are extremely busy and overworked with limited staffs. They are all needed. It should be noted that a veteran seeking assistance can give a Power of Attorney to the American Legion or the Service Officer of the D.A.V. or the V.F.W. He has this freedom of choice. This procedure is followed in every State in the United States, and with the approval of the Veterans' Administration. The Veterans' Administration furnish office space, free of charge, to the Veterans' Commissioner (even though his budget is paid by the State of Nevada) the D.A.V. Service Officer, and the V.F.W. Service Officer.

The V.F.W. Service Officer is operating alone, without a secretary, with some volunteer help. He alone brings in over \$2,000,000.00 dollars to veterans in the State of Nevada annually. See copy of report attached. The V.F.W. Service Officer is accredited by the V.A. and at the expense of the V.F.W. National Organization, is put through a school twice a year to keep him up-to-date on the changing laws.

The D.A.V. train their Service Officers.

The Veterans' Commissioner does not receive any specific training for service work. He does attend a conference about once a year.

The problem is that the V.F.W. Service Officer's work load is increasing rapidly due to the increasing number of veterans in the State. He is working without a secretary, thus he answers telephone inquiries, does his own typing of claims and appeals and appears before hearing boards. His salary is inadequate. The V.F.W. is not in a position to pay any more from its State Organization and the National Organization has reached its limit to assist. There is at present over 100,000 veterans in the State of Nevada, with many Vietnam veterans needing help and an increasing number of aging veterans and more widows. These people need help.

Four years ago some \$38,000.00 was added to the budget of the Veterans' Commissioner on a contract basis, thus the cost of retaining the V.F.W. Service Officer was thereby subsidized for two years.

(Exhibit "B")

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For the past two years the State of Nevada gave no assistance, however, the V.F.W. was able to obtain help from the C.E.T.A. program. The C.E.T.A. program is no longer available. Thus, the V.F.W. is without assistance from the State, is threatened with the possibility of closing the Service Office.

The three veterans' organizations consisting of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Of Foreign Wars have agreed on an equitable program, that is request the State to add to the Veterans' Commissioner's budget \$3.00 per member to each veterans' organization or a total of \$32,100.00 a year, this would equally assist all veterans organizations. See Exhibit "A" attached.

I will be available to appear before the committee to answer any questions.

In the event you require any further information, please call 329-8646.

I may add not too many veterans are acquainted with the actual Service Work for veterans.

It is a specialized field by reason of the changing laws and regulations. The veteran is incapable of keeping up with law or filling out the claims or processing appeals. For example, the V.F.W. National Organization retains four attorneys in its Washington office to handle appeals. The V.F.W. Service Officer prepares and sends his appeals for veterans to the V.F.W. attorneys in Washington D.C. Private attorneys are incapable of handling veterans cases - in particularly all cases.

I am personally aware of the problem and needs, for as Past Commander-In-Chief of the National Organization, V.F.W., I get telephone calls daily for help. In the event the V.F.W. Service Office is closed, then these calls are going to the legislators and Governor, for I will not have the answer or know where to send them.

I do hope you will see fit to assist in solving a growing problem.

Very truly yours,

Leslie M. Fry

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VETERANS FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE

11 MONTH

CE	REno		REPORT FOR MONTH OF	7/1/77-5/31 1978
INTERVIEWS	4,090	8.	POWERS OF ATTORNEY FILED	825
CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED.	4,061	9.	APPEALS FILED	67
CORRESPONDANCE ORIGINATED	4,569	10.	ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS FILED	0
CLAIMS FILED	705	11.	TREATMENT APPLICATIONS FILED	0
CASE FILES REVIEW	1,652	12.	EDUCATION APPLICATIONS FILED	0
RATING BOARD APPEARANCES	62	13.	HOSPITALIZED VETERANS VISITED	1,712
INFORMAL CONFERENCES	Many	14.	INCOMING TELEPHONE CALLS	14,326

MILITARY BENEFITS :		LUMP SUM AND	ANNUAL	TOTAL
F.	U.	RETROACTIVE	AMOUNT	
COMPENSATION	162	155,024.53	818,608.80	973,633.33
C & C	521,	1,319.30	610,781.83	612,101.13
PENSION	227	54,993.19	333,566.81	388,560.00
INSURANCE				
CIVILIAN BENEFITS :				
DIC	32	24,429.84	85,600.08	110,029.92
PENSION	68	10,056.36	39,307.95	49,364.31
INSURANCE	24	86,367.53		86,367.53
BURIAL	115	42,854.91		42,854.91
OTHER BENEFITS :				
VR & E.	371		550,687.19	550,687.19
MISCELLANEOUS:				
TOTAL	1520	375,045.66	2,438,552.66	2,813,598.32

V.F.W. DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

(Exhibit "B")

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CONTRACT WITH VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS FOR SERVICES TO VETERANS
\$32,100.00 PER YEAR

At the ratio of \$3.00 per member, note the following breakdown:

VFW:	5500 members @ \$3.00 per	\$16,500.00
The American Legion:	3600 members @ \$3.00 per	\$10,800.00
DAV:	<u>1600 members @ \$3.00 per</u>	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>
TOTALS:	10,700 members.	\$32,100.00

This money is proposed to be used as an assistance program by the combined veteran's organizations of Nevada to reach out and assist veterans in local communities where there is now no such service because of lack of funding.

The DAV plans to utilize their funds to place part-time help in the Las Vegas area including administrative office supplies, travel, etc.

The American Legion plans to utilize their money in a similar manner by providing help not only for benefits with the government but also to enchant veterans into training opportunities as well as to job development and referral to employment.

The VFW (being the largest organization with the largest membership and the greatest number of files with the VA for disability claims) would utilize their funds in providing full time assistance and/or clerical help in their main office in Reno at the VA Center as well as for certain travel and incidental office expenses.

No governmental agency at the present time is adequately serving these veterans, and, with this small amount of money, it would be of great help to the veterans and their dependents in providing them with income so desperately needed.

The combined veterans organizations feel (and have gone on record) that there should be a home of some type for elderly veterans and we support the Legislative Counsel Bureau's recommendation from findings they made regarding need for such a facility.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
STATE OF NEVADA
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
JANUARY 31, 1979

DISTRICT NO. POST LOCATION	POST NO.	1978 MBRS	1979 MBRS	PERCENT OF QUOTA	LIFE MBRS	DISTRICT & POST COMMANDERS & Q.M.
District #2						Abalos - Williams
Wells	958	13	1	.076	1	Widmer - Rodquez
Elko	2350	270	270	100.00	45	Aldaya - Byers
Winnemucca	2696	34	34	100.00	2	Rankin - Gilbraith
Ely	3547	145	133	91.72	31	Thomas - Byrnes
Caliente	7114	55	49	90.00	2	Maio - Herrington
Eureka	8194	35	23	65.71	0	Mc Kay - Hammond
Battle Mtn.	9165	34	20	58.82	1	Faulk - Mauldin
Totals		586	530	89.93	82	
District #3						Smith - Newell
Reno	407	300	251	83.66	45	Diemert - Ayres
Sparks	3396	152	123	80.92	27	Mc Gee - Felt
Carson City	3726	187	195	104.27	28	Lowry - Newell
Crystal Bay	7077	58	40	68.96	9	Wilson - Rich
Virginia City	8071	22	20	90.90	0	Turney - Marks
Gardnerville	8583	56	46	82.14	1	Herzog - Cordes
Dayton	9085	35	14	40.00	0	Witz - Andrews
Reno	9211	673	551	81.87	121	Curran - Kirkland
Gerlach	10031	36	28	77.77	5	Enlow - Paschall
Verdi	10053	53	45	84.90	4	Richter - Himes
Stateline	10055	27	20	74.07	4	Williams - Hertl
Sun Valley	10058	53	36	67.92	8	Wiggin - Clark
Fernley	10247	80	61	76.25	11	Spiteri - Usnick
Reno	10271	40	20	50.00	3	Blundell - Tryon
Stead	10367	77	48	62.33	17	Grunstead - Mills
Totals		1849	1498	81.01	282	
District #4						Rarick - Johnson
Fallon	1002	270	253	93.70	69	Hagfeldt - Sloan
Yerington	1094	41	38	92.68	0	Marshall - Parr
Tonopah	1103	102	88	85.27	31	Thomas -
Hawthorne	2313	65	56	86.15	6	Chenca - Boice
Mina	2668	98	85	86.73	17	Parry - Matheny
Gabbs	3677	113	107	94.69	17	Mayfield - Washburn
Lovelock	3697	15	13	86.66	0	Meck - Lang
Schurz	6825	22	16	72.72	4	Sammaripa -
Smith Valley	8084	26	26	100.00	23	Smith - Giomi
Austin	9065	35	19	54.28	1	Williams - Zastawny
Siver Springs	9098	28	6	21.42	0	Closson - Liebel
Totals		815	707	86.74	168	
District #5						Culpepper - Ratajczak
Las Vegas	1753	839	657	78.30	140	Chase - Benneman
Boulder City	3574	115	76	66.08	26	Knox - Grinsted
Henderson	3848	239	180	75.31	57	Martinez - Marinez
Beatty	6826	43	41	95.34	4	Newth - Humphries
N. Las Vegas	7078	131	142	108.39	33	Decker - Crespin
Overton	8336	53	38	71.69	4	Robison - Perkins
Las Vegas	8774	135	106	78.51	7	Partridge - Ritter
Indian Springs	8857	39	29	74.35	0	Richmond - Johnson
Las Vegas	9774	180	155	86.11	14	Kopacz - Hummer
Ulam	9906		28			
Las Vegas	10039	16		charter surrendered		
N. Las Vegas	10047	623	546	87.64	119	Cowles - Foster
Shoshone	10054	109	154	141.28	37	Cosner - Clement
Las Vegas	10057	84	60	71.42	3	Amos - Richard
Total		2606	2212	84.88	444	
Department Totals		5856	4947	84.42	976	Sutton - Hatfield

(Exhibit "B")



"BE COUNTED AGAIN FOR AMERICA"

BE A LEGIONNAIRE

Headquarters

The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

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31 January 79

TO: DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT AND POST OFFICERS--FROM THE DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

YOUR AMERICAN LEGION

IT'S GREAT TO BELONG

BULETIN NUMBER EIGHT

MEMBERSHIP:

T'S EVERYONE'S JOB

The Department of Nevada as of this bulletin is short 250 members compared to last year ~~at~~ this time and it should not be because this year like last year National has sent out two dues notices both years and the third dues notice will be out February 1 so if every member goes out and gets at least 1 member either new or renewal the Department and each Post will make its quota and the Department Commander will be able to get his way paid to the Nat. Conven.

It keeps coming back like an old saw. Membership, membership, membership. Seems like every other word at a Post, District or Department meeting deals with membership and its necessity.

The American Legion is not funded by any governmental purse, and the programs of The American Legion are dependent directly upon membership.

Human nature being what it is tells us some of the story. People only buy benefits! That is to say: "If the Legion can help me get a bonus, or a higher pension, then I'll gladly join." How often have we all heard this same old line.

What membership in The American Legion boils down to is caring. Caring about the service and rehabilitation of the veteran, his widow and dependent children. Caring for the youth of America with Boys State, Oratorical and American Legion Baseball and Scouting.

It is not the job of the Commander to take it upon himself to PUSH membership-it is the responsibility of each and every member. Press the flesh. Get to know those who are eligible, who do not belong, and ask them to join.

If you don't do anything else today, at least sign up one new member.

Oratorical Contest

The District Oratorical Contests should be held prior to March 1 and the Department Oratorical Contest will be held in Las Vegas on March 11 and the Regional Oratorical Contest will be held in the Reed High School, Sparks on April 23. Please make arrangement to attend the contests in your area and let the contests know that the American Legion is behind them all the way.

BACK TO MEMBERSHIP AGAIN

This is the standings for the District Commanders as of 31 December 1978.

District number 1, 78% District number 2, 81% District number 3, 61%
District number 4, 84% District number 5, 70%

District Number 3 has Post number 48 with no members, District number 4 has has Post number 18 and District number 5 has number 20 with no members

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MEMBERSHIP

REPORT

AS OF 31 January 70

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PCST	78 QUOTA	78 MEMBERS	79 QUOTA	79 MEMBERS	QUOT
DARRELL DUNKLE # 1	300	307	300	234	
ELMER J BELL # 2	14	15	14	15	*
WHITE PINE # 3	85	82	85	74	
CAPITOL # 4	90	91	90	90	*
VERNON ROBINS # 5	90	99	90	89	
LOVELOCK # 6	20	15	20	10	
REED GREGORY # 7	35	36	35	25	
LAS VEGAS # 8	1105	1190	1105	919	
VERNON E WYATT # 9	40	36	40	35	
H J Mac SHERRY # 10	15	13	10	10	*
CARSON VALLEY # 11	25	22	25	19	
DAT SO LA LEE # 12	40	36	40	36	
SILVER SPRINGS # 13	30	20	30	22	
FRANCIS MUNCEY # 15	25	53	35	32	
CHURCHILL # 16	250	307	250	256	*
BIG SMOKEY VALLEY # 18	25	27	25		
MINERAL COUNTY # 19	75	98	75	90	*
EUREKA # 20	20	16	20		
DENNIS DOTSON # 21	45	52	45	50	*
LINCOLN COUNTY # 23	15	12	15	10	
CHARLES BEAUHANNON # 28	15	15	15	13	
Mc Gill # 29	15	11	15	11	
DUBY REID # 30	135	109	120	94	
BOULDER CITY # 31	140	136	140	121	
W W MANNING # 32	60	48	60	41	
RUTH # 33	35	33	35	27	
COMSTOCK # 34	25	25	25	19	
PIOCHE # 35	45	46	45	42	
MOUNTAIN CITY # 36	22	40	22	22	*
MOAPA VALLEY # 38	20	38	20	27	*
BASIC MAGNESIUM # 40	70	49	70	48	
PYRAMID # 41	10	7	10	7	
POSTAL EMPLOYEES # 44	45	86	60	67	
JOHN F HISKEY # 45	25	25	25	19	
JACK HANKS # 48	10	16	15		
JOSEPH SHAPRIO # 51	299	308	299	236	
DAYTON # 53	10	1	10	1	
J EDGAR HOOVER POLICE # 55	120	99	120	81	
	3445	3445	3455	286	