

Committee in session at 8:15 a.m. Assemblyman Don Mello 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 Thomas R.C. Wilson
Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen
Senator Clifford. E. McCorkle

Assemblyman Don Mello, Chairman
Assemblyman Roger Bremner, Vice Chairman
Assemblyman Robert Barengo
Assemblywoman Peggy Cavnar
Assemblyman Alan Glover
Assemblyman Tom Hickey
Assemblyman Lloyd Mann
Assemblyman John Vergiels
Assemblywoman Sue Wagner
Assemblyman Doug Webb
Assemblyman Dean Rhoads

OTHERS: Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Senate
PRESENT: Eugene Pieretti, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Senate
Howard Barrett, Budget Director

Bill Bible, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Assembly
Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Assembly
Mike Alastuey, Deputy Budget Director

(See minutes of May 8 and May 16, 1979 in Research Library for copy of Joint Committee budget.)

FOOD STAMPS - Page 399

Ron Sparks reported that the Finance Committee revised this program, to reflect an increase in the caseload and changed the funding structure from 50-50 to a 60-40 program.

Bill Bible said it is his understanding that they do not need to add the additional monies the Senate has added to qualify for the 60-40 ratio. Senator Gibson, referring to a telegram from Secretary Berglund, Dept. of Agriculture, said this is not what he understands.

Mr. Sparks remarked the telegram says the current level supported by the Senate Finance Committee of \$1,400,000 would not hinder the 60-40 funding structure. He said the Finance Committee recommended an additional \$106,000 to the Governor's recommendation of \$1,250,000; which may be the \$1,400,000 the telegram refers to.

Assemblyman Mann said he does not agree with adding money to this program; the program has to be curtailed.

Senator Lamb asked if people would not be hurt. Assemblyman Mann said he does not think so. He thinks the Governor's recommendation is sufficient to provide for the suggested program.

Assemblyman Vergiels said he is against the Governor's recommendation and against the Senate Finance Committee's increasing the program. He said their subcommittee recommends the food stamp program be cut in half. Assemblyman Vergiels said if Proposition 6 passes, programs will have to be cut wholesale anyway; this program is a good one to remove.

Assemblywoman Wagner stated she did not support the other members of her subcommittee on reductions because many eligibility workers would be removed who can provide checks on the program.

Senator McCorkle commented the reason for the increase in the budget is to enhance enforcement policy.

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(Food Stamps - continued)

Senator McCorkle expressed concern about increasing fraud. He asked what evidence Ways and Means has that Mr. Miller is over-staffed.

Assemblyman Vergiels remarked that the only reason given for not reducing the budget was that the 50-50 funding would be lost.

Mr. Barrett said they made their recommendation based on existing caseload at that time; the caseload has increased and they have not changed their recommendation.

Senator Lamb asked why the caseload has increased. Mr. Barrett said because of federal regulations.

Senator Wilson asked if there is a relationship between the level of the administration's budget and ability to enforce. Mr. Barrett said Mr. Miller would say there definitely is; and Mr. Barrett said he would assume there is.

Senator Lamb asked if the case had been presented at the time the budget was made, would the Budget Division have gone along with the Finance Committee's increase? Mr. Barrett said they would have had to agree with most of the increases that the Finance Committee is now recommending; but he would not have agreed with the special ones tacked onto the end: the outreach specialist, the collection specialist, and the terminal operators.

Senator Gibson said he thinks there is a new factor since they last acted; that is the food stamp program is \$600,000,000 short nationally. He said Congress had indicated a disinclination to fund it. Senator Gibson thinks they would be doing a reasonable thing to cut it back and he would be in favor of the Governor's recommendation.

Senator Echols said this is a serious consideration; and he would like to have the Governor's current feeling.

Senator McCorkle moved that the Senate Finance Committee approve the Governor's original recommendation.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Senators Echols, Wilson and Lamb voted no.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Wagner moved that the Assembly Ways and Means Committee approve the Governor's original recommendation.

Seconded by Assemblyman Barengo.

Assemblymen Rhoads, Vergiels, Mann, Hickey and Glover voted no.

Motion carried.

YOUTH SERVICES AGENCY - Page 450

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senator McCorkle voted no.

Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Page 232

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

BUREAU OF HEALTH FACILITIES - Page 265

Mr. Sparks remarked that the Assembly decreased In-State Travel and Operating Costs more than the Senate Finance Committee did. He said the reductions take care of the Youth Services Division and reduced the program more than Finance.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - Page 476

Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee did increase the grant to \$550 per girl per month, which adds \$21,000 of General Fund money the first year and \$10,500 the second year.

Assemblyman Mann said he believes if the increase is given it will wipe out the Home in the future, because it won't have any girls. He said he believes the Assembly has met that problem by getting an adoption to open the home to "hard-core" girls, ones with more problems than the ones the Home has been taking. He recommended that the Assembly stay with its decision.

Senator Lamb recommended that the Finance Committee stay with their position.

Budget held.

GAMING CONTROL BOARD - Page 598

Mr. Sparks said the difference between the two committees is that the Finance Committee increased positions over the Governor's recommendation over the next two years; providing the equipment and training money to go with increased staffing. He said also, the Finance Committee should approve the increase in Communication Board assessment because of the approval of the Communications Board budget.

Senator Jacobsen moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senator Lamb, Gibson, Echols, and Wilson voted no.

Motion did not carry.

Assemblyman Barengo said he has received information that some people are concerned about the Gaming Control Board's effectiveness. One of their problems is that agents do not stay on the job very long; the problem is not with the number of agents but the quality. He suggested raising salaries and reducing the number of agents hired.

Budget held.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - Page 608

Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee closed the budget in accordance with the revised of the Public Service Commission and stipulated that the position status and salaries should be determined by the salary subcommittee. The amounts shown would not necessarily indicate the salary level that would be received by those positions.

Assemblyman Mello said the Commissioners would have to have a large increase in salary to bring on some of the extra chiefs they need or there would be a compaction problem. He said he thought it would be better to make those positions unclassified; then they could be paid even more than the Commissioners if necessary.

Senator Gibson said when the Finance Committee talked to them, they hadn't considered coming to Interim Finance to get an exemption from the 95 percent rule. He said he does not think the Finance and Ways and Means Committees are really apart.

Mr. Sparks commented the Finance Committee reduced salaries of the 3 Auditors V to approximately \$23,000 per position. He added that, regarding funds for reclassification, the Public Service Commission made an error. He said he corrected the error, but Ways and Means has not. Mr. Bible remarked that he and Mr. Sparks will work out these technical corrections.

Mr. Sparks continued that the Finance Committee approved language in the unclassified pay bill, saying that if they could not fill these positions at the classified level, they can come to the Interim Finance Committee, which would set the salaries.

Assemblyman Mello said another problem having these people classified is that they are hard to remove once hired. He said, since the Public Service Commission is a regulatory body, they should be able to choose the people they want to work for them.

Senator Lamb said he is not adverse to putting these employees in unclassified service. Assemblyman Mello remarked that the Auditor V's are important, and he is not sure that \$23,000 is enough.

Senator Wilson moved to place the three Auditor V's in the unclassified salary schedule.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION - Page 620

Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee agreed to the Governor's recommendation.

Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee, in keeping with the an Assembly Bill (AB 439) provided that all monies received by the Athletic Commission will be deposited to the General Fund, including the current reserve.

Assemblyman Hickey said he is not sure AB 439 will pass; the bill is now in a conference committee.

Budget held.

DIVISION OF PARKS - Page 628.

Mr. Bible said the Finance Committee made reductions in Equipment and the Ways and Means Committee increased two existing half-time management assistant positions to full time and added two law enforcement specialists, 1 at Tahoe and 1 at Lahontan, and the equipment for those two positions.

(Division of Parks - continued)

Assemblyman Glover said there is a law enforcement problem at Tahoe and Lahontan. He said Lyon and Washoe counties are having trouble providing law enforcement people to those areas. He said the management assistants free the rangers from the office, so they can be in the parks. Assemblyman Glover said the law enforcement specialists will save money in the long run because he feels the State will lose the first lawsuit they have out there. He added that the parks' equipment is in very bad shape.

Assemblyman Mello said there is a difference in his Committee on whether the half-time management assistant should be full-time. Assemblyman Glover said the other management assistant was recommended to be deleted in a productivity study, but the Parks Division disagreed with that.

Assemblyman Vergiels moved that the Ways and Means Committee approve only the law enforcement equipment items and delete the remaining changes.

Seconded by Assemblyman Webb.

Assemblymen Glover, Bremner, Barengo and Hickey voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved that Senate Finance Committee concur with the Ways and Means Committee action.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES - Page 640

Senator Glaser said prior to 1973, half of the district supervisor's salary was paid from legislative appropriation and half from the Humboldt water users. The employee devoted half his attention to the Humboldt River area at that time. He said although he is still stationed in Elko, he spends time in other areas around the state. He said the State Engineer has been paying him because of his work for the state and the legislature has been appropriating this money. The auditors cited the statute which says the salaries should still be paid half and half. He said SB 436 was an attempt to rectify something which has been done since 1973 and with legislative approval. He urged the Ways and Means Committee to appropriate this money.

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND PLANNING - Page 689

Mr. Bible said the Finance Committee added a new federal grant program for energy audits and materials, to be provided in phase 2.

Senator Glaser moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senators Lamb, Jacobsen, Gibson and Wilson voted no.

Motion did not carry.

COLORADO RIVER RESOURCES - Page 695

Mr. Bible said the Finance Committee added a program on power.

Mr. Sparks explained that the agency is exploring new power sources that may be available from federal sources, and also faced with the renegotiation for the power contracts which expire in 1980. He said it would be funded by interest income and the remaining amount from

(Colorado River Resources - continued)

the General Fund. He said the interest income results from SB 315 which allows them to receive their portion of the interest income earned in the investment pool of the State Treasury.

Senator Wilson said the expiring contracts have to be renegotiated and Nevada will be in a competitive position with other states. If power must be bought from coal-fired sources, costs of power will increase 3 or 4 times. Senator Wilson said he thought the agency should be staffed with people who can negotiate these contracts to buy lead time.

Assemblyman Mann said he could have agreed if the federal government hadn't already decided they are going to give preferential treatment to publicly owned versus privately owned sources. They said that private companies will have little or no chance getting priority or new contracts.

Senator Gibson asked Assemblyman Mann if his information is from a newspaper report. Assemblyman Mann replied his information is based on a couple of calls to Nevada power companies. He said these companies are going to negotiate on their own because they have to increase their base in Clark County if they do not get preferential treatment. Assemblyman Mann said California and Arizona have already filed applications for their publicly-owned corporations to take over Nevada's allotment.

Senator Gibson asked if Assemblyman Mann is suggesting that nothing should be done about this matter. Assemblyman Mann said nothing should be done about it; Nevada is throwing money away. Senator Gibson disagreed saying the State is not throwing money away.

Senator Wilson commented that even if Nevada is going to apply for preferential treatment, Nevada must be as competitive as possible. Assemblyman Mann asked why this could not be done with existing personnel.

Senator Gibson stated all the power, excluding Nevada Power Company, comes through the Colorado River Commission, which is a preference customer. He said the strategy of Nevada is to increase the allotment through the preference customer, which is the State. He said some Senators have dealt with this issue for many years, from the inception of the project. He commented that his father wrote most of the contracts being renegotiated now. He added he thinks it is very short sighted, given the small amount of money involved, to not try to increase Nevada's percentage of that power. The contracts on the dam now are renewable. The federal government has not said how they will abrogate the renewal. Senator Gibson remarked that it is "sheer stupidity" not to try to preserve this asset for southern Nevada.

Assemblyman Mann said that Senator Gibson makes Assemblyman Mann's point. If the Colorado River Commission is treated as a preferential customer, Nevada does not need to negotiate; the State will get the contracts anyway.

Budget held.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME - Page 697

Mr. Bible stated the Finance Committee removed General Fund monies, putting \$104,000 and \$147,000 in SB 333. He said the Assembly deleted the appropriation from SB 333 and provided it in the budget in the amounts that were deleted. Mr. Bible added that also the Assembly added \$1,792 the first year and \$1,545 the second year to pay for Communications Assessment.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee accept the Ways and Means Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried. (Committee Minutes)

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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION - Page 730

Assemblyman Rhoads moved that Ways and Means Committee accept Senate Finance Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Assemblyman Barengo.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - DRIVERS' LICENSE DIVISION - Page 732

Mr. Bible said the conference committee has not yet resolved how these are to be funded. Senator Lamb said the two money Committees are together on the report.

Assemblyman Bremner moved that Ways and Means Committee accept Senate Finance Committee's action on this budget.

Seconded by Assemblyman Webb.

Motion carried.

RECORD SEARCH PROGRAM - New Budget

Assemblyman Wagner said that Mr. Jacka, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, presented information to her which she gave to Mr. Bible. The bottom line is that it will be a "wash" in terms of revenues generated for the Highway Fund.

Senator Jacobsen said the Transportation Committee investigated this program; and he suggested that the Finance Committee talk to Mr. Jacka.

Budget held.

HIGHWAY PATROL - Page 745

Mr. Bible said both Committees have increased Contract Services in the amount of \$6,609 the first year, and \$5,093 the second year. The Assembly also added user's fees for the communications network. They are currently charged such a fee. There is an increase in overtime payments of \$30,000 each year, and an increase in the Communications Board Assessment of \$18,526 and \$15,968.

Senator Lamb remarked that the Senate Finance Committee feels that the Highway Fund is in trouble. They would like to help the Highway Fund.

Senator Gibson noted that if overtime were eliminated, the effect on the Highway Fund is not substantial.

Mr. Barrett said the Personnel Division in December changed the ruling on the amount of time people would be paid when called back to work, for court appearances. The Personnel Division is now going back to the old regulation; therefore this overtime will not be needed.

Assemblyman Bremner moved that Ways and Means delete the overtime.

Seconded by Assemblyman Mann.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee accept Ways and Means Committee's action regarding the communications board assessment and adding the user's fees.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

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ARCHIVES DIVISION - Page 42

Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee recommends \$5,000 for the publication of the book on the capitol. He was asked to contact the agency regarding numbers of books to be published and costs of printing. He found that four years ago a book was published on the capitol; a portion of the money came from the Secretary of State's budget, a portion from Economic Development, and a portion from the Archives budget. There are four copies left and Mr. Sparks added the Division has not yet re-contacted him with the remaining information requested.

Budget held.

AB 293 Makes appropriation to state treasurer to retire all general obligation bonds of the state which are currently outstanding.

BOND INTEREST AND REDEMPTION FUND

Mr. Alastuey described Attachment A.

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Barrett what is the State's total bond indebtedness. Mr. Barrett replied about \$19,000,000. The bill would reduce that plus the interest to \$15,000,000. He said they will not pay the bonds off in total; but continue paying them off as they become due.

Senator Lamb asked what is the rate for Marlette Lake. Mr. Barrett said it is very low, about 3 percent. He said if the bonds are not paid off until due, the \$15,000,000 would be invested, earning interest on the principal and interest.

Assemblyman Mello commented the energy crisis, creating a need for a \$10,000,000 reserve for gas, has changed the bond situation. He said if no further action were taken on AB 293, they would have to appropriate approximately \$4,700,000 for the biennium and then there would be \$10,000,000 to put in an energy fund.

Assemblyman Mello said with the energy crisis a larger surplus is necessary than anticipated. He said if they lock up \$15,000,000, he does not know where they will find \$10,000,000 for energy and have a \$50,000,000 State surplus.

Mr. Barrett said the rationale was to enable the State to pay off the debt, the principal and interest, so they could lower the amount of operating money, lower the income, and have greater tax relief.

Assemblyman Mann said it is better to pay the \$4,000,000 and hold the \$10,000,000 in reserve, rather than commit the whole \$15,000,000 because the State is now in trouble economically.

DRIVERS' LICENSE DIVISION - Page 754

Assemblyman Bremner moved that Ways and Means Committee approve Finance Committee action on this budget.

Seconded by Assemblyman Mann.

Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Page 801

79-1 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee removed the closed circuit TV, reducing the project by \$24,200. This reduction was suggested by Mr. Hancock, of the Public Works Board.

Assemblymen Glover and Mann said they feel the closed circuit TV is necessary for security.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve the Assembly's action on this budget.

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Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senator Echols voted no.

Motion carried.

79-2 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee voted to enlarge the courtyards and provide fencing for the exterior. This change would reduce the project by \$39,400.

Assemblyman Webb said he surveyed Lakes' Crossing to see if it could be fenced with a chain link fence. He was told that an inmate can scale a wire fence in less than 1 minute using metal spoons or other objects. Therefore, a wire fence would be inadequate. He said two bedrooms on each of 3 wings are outside windows without bars. The two courtyards should be pushed out to enclose these windows with a block wall. This leaves only two windows to which bars will need to be added.

Senator Wilson said the Finance Committee was not advised there is a security problem. Assemblyman Webb advised that there is a security problem.

Senator Echols asked how many escapes there have been. Assemblyman Webb said approximately 1 every three months.

Senator Lamb said now there is no fence at all; he would like to try the chain link fence first. He said Mr. Hancock said it would work. Assemblyman Bremner stated the agency testified they would rather have no fence at all than a chain link fence.

Senator McCorkle moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee's action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator Lamb voted no.

Motion carried.

79-10 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee removed, at the suggestion of Mr. Hancock, a sprinkler system near the Nye Building.

Assemblyman Glover moved that Ways and Means Committee approve Senate Finance Committee's action on this project.

Seconded by Assemblyman Webb.

Motion carried.

79-14 and 79-15 Mr. Sparks said that Ways and Means Committee deleted this project (79-14) and the expansion of the education building at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center (79-15).

Assemblyman Mann said a subcommittee reviewed three buildings (79-14, 79-15 and 79-18) and found that space is not being optimally used in two of the buildings, and they can meet educational needs over the next two years. He said the recommendation is that none of the three educational buildings be used. He said the activity room being built at the women's prison can be used for education. The Warden has agreed to eliminating one of the structures; it was part of a trade-off.

Senator McCorkle asked how deletions of education buildings would affect vocational education. Assemblyman Mann said it would not affect it at all; existing facilities can be used. In four years 1 building might be necessary. He said there is some thought of using the third floor of the remodeled maximum prison facility for vocational education, instead of adding a new building in four years.

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(79-14 and 79-15 continued)

Assemblyman Mann added that they use the maritime classroom only once a day for 15 people; space is not being utilized to its fullest extent.

Senator Lamb said he wanted to hear further testimony on this from Warden Wolff and Mr. Hancock.

Meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Wolff, Mr. Hancock and Bryn Armstrong provided testimony regarding vocational education projects in prisons.

Mr. Wolff testified that he had agreed that the academic education building was not as important as restitution centers. He agreed that if restitution centers were supported, he would eliminate certain educational facilities. Mr. Wolff continued that they are thinking of activating 100 additional beds in the honor camp; and extra beds in restitution centers. He said they should hold off building educational facilities until they can see who will use these types of facilities. He added that multiuse can be made of the activity building at the women's prison. Mr. Wolff said most of the women can work outside the prison.

Senator Lamb asked why the Warden had not notified the Finance Committee of these changes. Mr. Wolff said he thought the changes were negotiated through the Ways and Means subcommittee. He originally objected to deleting the two vocational buildings because he did not have the space to put people to work. Today, with the addition of restitution centers and honor camps, the situation has changed.

Senator Glaser asked if increased population in four years would cause these facilities to be needed. Mr. Wolff said it depends on the final master plan. If they have adequate vocational training in the next institution then they should have adequate vocational training areas in these institutions if honor camps, etc. are expanded. He said they have planned to use the third floor at the maximum security prison for vocational education.

Assemblyman Mann apologized for not notifying Senate Finance Committee of the prison changes.

Senator Lamb asked if rehabilitation programs have been successful. Assemblyman Mello said he had read many reports that rehabilitation programs are "a flop". Mr. Armstrong said it is a matter of opinion; in his opinion they do not work for everyone.

Senator Wilson asked on what percentage of prisoners does rehabilitation work. Mr. Wolff said 50 percent of prisoners do not return to prison. He said most rehabilitation depends on the individual, not something the State does.

Senator Wilson asked, of the 50 percent, how many are responsible to a rehabilitation program. Mr. Wolff said most of them. In-house programs prepare them for transitional programs in the community. Mr. Wolff mentioned that AB 346 allows them to work in private enterprise and could change the work situation a great deal in the next four years. He said it is difficult to make projections now regarding vocational education.

Mr. Armstrong testified that rehabilitation works with particular cases. He pointed out that many of Nevada's prisoners are young and without work and academic experiences. He described case histories of such prisoners.

Assemblyman Hickey asked how Nevada recidivism and rehabilitation rates compares with the national average. Mr. Wolff said Nevada is about average. Assemblyman Hickey said then it doesn't matter if there is a rehabilitation program, there will still be 40 percent

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recidivism. Assemblyman Hickey continued that he is not suggesting rehabilitation programs be eliminated; however, emphasizing them does not seem to make a difference.

Mr. Armstrong commented that if this legislature does not fund at least 1 prison in the 400-man range it will be a mistake. Mr. Wolff concurred. Mr. Armstrong added that the deficit right now is in the 320 to 420 bed range. He said unless something is done to relieve some pressures there will be bad problems.

Assemblyman Mello asked Mr. Wolff where in Nevada the prison should be located. Mr. Wolff said wherever the legislature says; he needs a prison.

Senator Lamb commented that the Senate Finance Committee has never decided anything different.

Senator McCorkle asked if the prison will still be able to work with private businesses under AB 346 without the vocational buildings. Mr. Wolff said many prisoners who would have used these buildings will now be placed in honor camps and restitution centers. He said he thinks most objectives could be accomplished without the buildings.

Senator Echols asked what other rehabilitation projects there are and how are they conducted. Warden Wolff described the vocational education programs.

Assemblywoman Wagner asked, when Mr. Armstrong mentioned a 400-bed prison, did he consider the restitution centers and honor camps. Mr. Armstrong answered that is the present deficit. He said he did not say the State needed a 400-man prison, that is for the legislature to decide.

79-14 Senator Glaser moved that the Finance Committee accept the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

79-15 Senator McCorkle moved that the Finance Committee accept the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senators Glaser, Wilson and Jacobsen voted no.

Motion carried.

79-18 Senator Echols moved that the Finance Committee accept the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senator Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

79-17 Mr. Bible said this is the adolescent facility for the Las Vegas Mental Health Center. He said the Finance Committee approved the project as recommended. If Fleischmann funds do not materialize, the project would either be scaled back or come to the Interim Finance Committee. Ways and Means action is that the project is contingent upon receipt of Fleischmann funds; if there are no funds, the project would be stopped.

Assemblyman Glover moved that Ways and Means Committee approve the Finance Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Assemblyman Bremner.

Motion carried.

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79-19 Assemblyman Glover said they went through this project, item by item, deleting such things as the elevator, to reduce the costs.

Senator McCorkle moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

79-20 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee scaled the project back to accommodate growth over a 10-year period.

Assemblyman Glover moved that the Ways and Means Committee approve the Finance Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

79-21 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee removed the repair work on the floor which was needed to reduce noise. He said completing the walls to the ceiling should take care of the noise problem.

Assemblyman Glover moved that Ways and Means Committee approve Finance Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

79-25 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee removed the ROTC function of the building; Ways and Means Committee reductions were more substantial.

Mr. Bible said 3 projects were approved by the last legislative session: Desert Research Institute-southern Nevada facility; the addition to the Fine Arts Building-UNR; and the addition to the Chemistry and Life Science Building-UNLV. These projects were allocated HECC monies last session; however, they were not given approval to be continued. The Assembly deleted these projects and applied HECC monies to the Mackay School of Mines and a lighting project at UNLV. Assemblywoman Wagner added that they also removed the ROTC from the building.

Senator Gibson asked if the two committees are together on the Mackay School of Mines. Assemblyman Mello said yes, the action is the same.

Senator Gibson moved the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

79-30 Senator Gibson moved the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

79-31 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee approved the design and engineering of this project, and called for the appropriation for construction to be approved by the 1981 legislature.

Assemblyman Glover said they suggested a building for \$5,910,000. The University agreed that this is enough to satisfy their needs. The building can be added on to. He said the problem with the Finance Committee suggestion is that in two years the inflation costs will be much greater. Senator Gibson said it could be funded later without interrupting the schedule.

Assemblyman Glover said this is one of the worst buildings on campus. There have been generous donations from citizens of Clark County; they feel the project should move ahead.

Assemblyman Mann said by going with 1 building for about \$5,000,000 it might satisfy their whole needs and the legislature won't have to fund another \$5,000,000 in 1981.

Assemblyman Glover remarked that the money donated by citizens would be used to equip and furnish the building; original contributions were aimed at this end. He said it is not easy to justify spending State money on pianos, harps, etc.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried.

79-35 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee removed the parking.

Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee deleted similar items.

Assemblyman Glover said they were not sure why the Senate had deleted drapes and carpeting. Mr. Hancock said they estimated they can do this work at the same quality for a lower price.

Assemblyman Bremner moved that the two committees approve each other's action on this project.

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved that the two committees approve each other's action on this project.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

79-38A Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee recommends that they use building 9 and remodel it, instead of building a new cottage.

Assemblyman Webb said they have an empty building that is 40,000 square feet which was built in 1948. He said it looks adequate for an adolescent facility and would yield 4 times the space for the same number of dollars. He reported the heating and cooling system in this building was renovated about 2 or 3 years ago.

Senator McCorkle moved that the Finance Committee approve the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

79-41 Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee approved the project as recommended; the Ways and Means Committee deleted it except for the wells.

Assemblyman Glover said they were willing to give up on this project, with the exception of the wells, because of water rights.

Senator Echols moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MAY 16, 1979

Capital Works Project 77-49 - Henderson Community College

Mr. Sparks: The Finance Committee merely reduced the project for construction economies. The construction economies by Ways and Means appear to be deletion of the project in total. (Laughter.)

Senator Gibson: It is a satellite campus. They're losing their existing space next year.

Assemblyman Mello: Of course we've heard that your Committee realizes we need a prison. But that's not what we're reading in the paper. Frankly we feel that if we're going to cut out a prison, perhaps then we're going to cut out some of the other programs along with it.

Senator Lamb: I don't know where you got that.

Assemblyman Mello: Well it's been in the paper.

Senator Lamb: Don (Mello), let's get the record straight and quit kidding each other. Maybe someone said that maybe we wouldn't build a prison at all. There's never been any formal action taken in the Finance Committee. In fact the only formal action you'll find is that we did need a prison.

Senator Glaser: I think a study indicated that there was a need for some satellite campuses and one out toward Boulder City Henderson area would serve a purpose. It's far enough removed from the main campus, North Las Vegas, to be of service to the kids and certainly with the energy crisis if we could save the commuting back and forth, this would serve the need for that area.

Assemblyman Hickey: The prison was never asked to be placed in North Las Vegas that your Committee saw fit to do. And I think that our concern of course was that there was a recognition that there will be a prison in North Las Vegas or no Prison. At least that's the rumors that are directed ...

Senator Lamb: Tom (Hickey), you're just making statements you know aren't true. It's (the prison) not in North Las Vegas. It never was even considered to be in North Las Vegas. It's seven miles from North Las Vegas.

Assemblyman Hickey: It's in Section 24.

Senator Lamb: Yes, almost to Apex.

Assemblyman Hickey: And it (the site) will be considered North Las Vegas.

Senator Lamb: Well that's a misnomer. I don't care where they put it (the prison) -- in Section 24, Indian Springs, Jean, wherever they put it.

Assemblyman Hickey: All I'm saying is Clark County also indicated they didn't want it.

Senator Lamb: Mr. Chairman, this is a club to move the prison so let's move on.

Assemblyman Mello: Well, I'm not so sure it's a club.

(VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT CONTINUED)

- Senator Lamb: Well, a hostage or holding it.
- Assemblyman Mello: Well, I'm not so sure that it was proven to us that there was a necessity for another community college in Clark County.
- Senator Lamb: Well, on that basis go ahead and listen, but to just hold it to twist somebody ...
- Assemblyman Mello: I think the whole problem was we built the one (Community College) we have there now, in the wrong place.
- Senator Glaser: I might not agree with that. (Laughter.)
- Assemblyman Mello: I know you wouldn't agree with that but if it had been more sensibly built in the area then we wouldn't be looking to build one in every city.
- Senator Lamb: Well, I don't think there's any sense in arguing about this, unless Jim (Gibson) wants to.
- Assemblyman Mello: No, I think we can work on this. Let's move along.

79-55 Mr. Sparks said this project is not in the Governor's budget. It was part of the Public Works Board's recommendation; it is the Learning and Resources Center for Clark County Community College. Mr. Sparks said the Committee approved the design and engineering with construction to be approved by the 1981 legislature. The source of funding for the design and engineering of the Center is from student fee funds, not the General Fund.

Mr. Bible said the Assembly approved the entire project. It has \$1,586,000 in consolidated fee funds and \$2,200,000 in student fee bonds. They recommend that the project go forward. There are no General Fund monies in the project.

Project held.

New Project - Roof on Sage Building

Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee added a \$15,750 general fund project to add a roof to the Sage Building for DRI.

Assemblyman Webb said the original request was for \$1,300,000 to rehabilitate the Sage Building. He said the only thing they thought necessary at this time is the roof.

Senator Glaser moved the Finance Committee accept the Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CLINIC - RENO - New Project

Mr. Bible said this is a new project that the Assembly recommends at General Fund expense of \$800,000.

Assemblywoman Wagner stated there is a need for this building; the present structure is intolerable.

Senator Glaser moved that the Finance Commission approve the Ways and Means Committee action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried.

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LIGHTING OF THE TRACK AND PRACTICE FIELDS, UNLV - New project

Mr. Bible said the lighting is necessary to make the field available for night activity. The project costs \$419,000; and they propose to fund it with some HECC monies.

Senator Gibson asked if this has a higher priority than a community college (Henderson).

Project held.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Page 811

Dayton Park - Mr. Sparks said Ways and Means Committee deleted Dayton Park.

Assemblyman Glover said they did this because no actual construction has yet occurred. He said since that time they have learned that they really need a park.

Senator Gibson moved that Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this project.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senator Jacobsen voted no.

Motion carried.

Fort Churchill - Mr. Sparks said the Finance Committee moved to approve general funds in the same amount as the federal funds available. Ms. Matteucci said Ways and Means Committee also equate state and federal funds. There is a slight difference in figures. Senator Lamb suggested the intent is the same, and the figures should be adjusted.

Consultants - Mr. Sparks said reductions in this category reflect reductions in the projects. He said Ways and Means figures are probably more accurate because of the deletion of Dayton Park.

Senator Glaser moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means action on consultant fees, the final amount to be adjusted according to projects.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried.

STATE TREASURER - Page 44

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee voted unanimously to hold on this budget.

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 57

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee discussed placing the productivity study section in the Budget Division.

Assemblyman Mello did not approve this suggestion.

Budget held.

CRIME PREVENTION - Page 12

Senator Wilson moved that Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Senators Lamb, McCorkle, Echols, Jacobsen voted no.

Motion did not carry.

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WICHE - Page 230.88

Mr. Bible said the Ways and Means Committee closed the stipend amounts in agreement with the Senate; but they reduced Other Building Rent by \$1,950 the first year, and \$2,100 the second year, because of testimony which indicated that WICHE would be able to continue being quartered in the Office of the Chancellor. Mr. Bible said Other Contract Services were increased to \$104 the first year and \$110 the second year.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried.

Grants to Nonprofit Agencies

Senator Gibson said this is an effort to put seed money in private agencies who work with youth, to do preventive work with juvenile delinquency. He said he favors this program. One of the problems with school districts is severe vandalism and other destructive acts by juveniles. He said after two years, the program can be documented to see if it should continue.

Assemblyman Barengo suggested that the money should be put in elementary counseling instead of this program.

Senator Echols expressed displeasure with the public educational system.

Senator Echols moved that Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee action on this budget.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Senators Lamb and McCorkle voted no.

Motion carried.

CANCER CONTROL REGISTRY - New Budget

Senator Glaser said he is for the program if it can be uniformly distributed across the state.

Senator Echols moved to put money for this program into contractual services only; and that the program be reviewed in 2 years for continuation.

Senator McCorkle said this program must be a long-term commitment; about 10 or 20 years. Senator Echols replied this money would be to start the program; if private enterprise cannot take it over, the program dies.

No second.

Senator Glaser suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to work with Ways and Means to work on this program. Assemblyman Mello appointed Assemblymen Vergiels and Wagner; Senator Lamb appointed Senator McCorkle and Senator Glaser.


Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Y. Mann, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

ATTACHMENT A

May 14, 1979

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assemblyman Don Mello, Chairman
Assembly Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Mike Alastuey

SUBJECT: Proposed Redraft of AB 293

Please find attached a copy of the redraft of AB 293, a proposed appropriation for the Special Bond Retirement Account.

MRA/md

Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

2002

Sec. 1 - (1) Chapter 349 of the Nevada Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding
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the following provisions, of subsections 2 through 6 of this
SECTION

(2) There is hereby created in the Consolidated Bond Interest and Redemption Fund in the state treasury the Special Bond Retirement Account which is to be administered by the State Treasurer. The purpose of the Special Bond Retirement account is to provide for advance reserves of money to be used to pay principal and interest when due on State General Obligation Bonds which are secured only by State General Fund taxes and which are not additionally secured by pledged revenues or other sources of money. Money in the Special Bond Retirement Account shall be provided by legislative appropriation and from interest income realized through the investment and reinvestment of legislative appropriations and interest income.

(3) Investment and reinvestment by the State Treasurer of money in the Special Bond Retirement Account shall be in such investments as the Treasurer is permitted to make under the Nevada Constitution and the Nevada Revised Statutes and shall be either through the purchase of investments exclusively with money available in the Special Bond Retirement Account or through combining cash balances in the Special Bond Retirement Account with other cash balances in the State treasury for purposes of investment. All proceeds of investments made exclusively with monies in the Special Bond Retirement Account shall be credited to the Special Bond Retirement Account. Proceeds of investments made with money in the Special Bond Retirement Account combined with other money in the State treasury shall be credited to the Special Bond Retirement Account in proportion to the amounts of money so invested.

- (4) As payments of interest and principal come due for bonds supported by the Special Bond Retirement Account, the State Treasurer shall perform the necessary transactions to allow payment of interest and principal on such bonds.
- (5) In addition to payment of principal and interest, the money in the Special Bond Retirement Account may, with the approval of the Board of Examiners, be used to pay call premiums, if any, for those bonds which may be redeemed prior to their respective maturity dates and to pay reasonable costs incurred in the acquisition and sale of investments in the Special Bond Retirement Account.
- (6) Money in the Special Bond Retirement Account may be used to pay principal, interest, call premium, and other costs only with respect to those bonds approved by the Legislature for funding through advance reserves in the Special Bond Retirement Account.

Sec. 2 - (1) There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund in the State treasury to the Special Bond Retirement Account the sum of \$15,000,000 which is to be administered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and which sum together with investment and reinvestment income shall be used, for payment of principal, interest and other costs for the following outstanding General Obligation Bond issues.

1963 - Marlette Lake Bond

1965 General Obligation Bond

1965 General Obligation Improvement Bond

1972 General Obligation Refunding Bond

1974 General Obligation Refunding Bond

1975 General Obligation Park Bond

1976 General Obligation Refunding Bond

1977 General Obligation Capitol Renovation Bond

1977 General Obligation Park and Recreation Bond

(2) The State Treasurer shall report to each Session of the Legislature the status of the Special Bond Retirement Account, including statements of return on investments in the account and the sufficiency of reserves therein.

(3) Any Balance remaining in the Special Bond Retirement Account after the bonds specified in subsection (1) of this section have been fully retired shall revert to the General Fund.

Sec. 3 - This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.