

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

May 18, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey, Budget Office.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lamb, Vice-Chairman Gibson, Mr. Glaser, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Echols, and Mr. Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst; Gene Pieretti, Deputy Fiscal Analyst.

SECRETARY OF STATE - ARCHIVES

Mr. Sparks said that the Senate Finance Committee added \$5,000 to printing for the Fourth Edition of the Book on the Capitol.

Motion to adopt the Senate Finance Committee's recommendation made by Mr. Glover; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

STATE TREASURER

Mr. Sparks said that the major difference is that the Senate Finance Committee recommends \$66,421 in 1979-80 and \$37,989 in 1980-81 which the Ways and Means Committee does not recommend.

Mr. Gibson suggested starting this program in the second year of the biennium to provide a basis as to how successful this program has been and whether it should be continued.

Chairman Mello stated that the Ways and Means Committee lacks confidence in the necessity of the program that the State Treasurer is requesting. Mr. Mann said that no evidence has been furnished proving that this program will save the State money or enable any reduction of staff.

Motion made by Mr. Glaser to start the program the second year of the biennium; seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion approved.

CRIME PREVENTION

Motion made by Mr. Gibson to return this program to the Attorney General's office; seconded by Mr. Glaser. Motion approved.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Chairman Mello said that the Ways and Means Committee recommends that the funding for the Personnel Division productivity study be allocated instead of hiring an outside ~~contractor~~ <sup>consultant</sup>.

Mr. McCorkle asked who determines which State agencies will be audited. Chairman Mello said that the Legislature should make this determination during the interim.

In addition, Chairman Mello said that the Ways and Means Committee recommends deletion of the position of Employee Relations Officer.

Motion made by Mr. Bremner to allocate the money for the productivity study to contract services; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved.

Motion made by Mr. Glaser to allocate the money for the productivity study to contract services; seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion approved.

Budget was held for further consideration.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Mello said that SB 123 may have the effect of providing additional monies for other areas in Nevada.

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#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 79-7

Motion made by Mr. Glaser to build the medium security prison at Ely; seconded by Mr. McCorkle. Chairman Lamb, Vice-Chairman Gibson, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Echols and Mr. Wilson voted NO. Motion failed.

#### DISTRICT JUDGES SALARY DISTRICT JUDGES AND WIDOWS PENSIONS

Mr. Gibson said that the Senate Finance Committee recommends increasing the widows' pension to \$500 a month at 60 years of age.

Mr. Gibson said that there is legislation pending concerning District Judges salaries.

Mr. Bible said that in the event that this would tie up the general appropriations act, the funds could be placed in the bill as these funds could not be spent for any other purposes.

The Ways and Means Committee concurred with this action.

Chairman Mello requested further information from the Senate Finance Committee concerning an alternative prison site to the Ways and Means Committee recommendation of the Ely site.

Chairman Lamb said that various sites have been discussed in Southern Nevada and furnished the information that there are three possible sites: Section 24 which is seven miles from North Las Vegas; a site to the west of Section 21; and at Indian Springs.

Mrs. Cavnar asked if the Senate Finance Committee has discussed the Indian Springs location with the residents. Mr. Lamb said that they had not had any meetings with the residents in that area.

Chairman Mello said that there must be ample notice to inspect any proposed site as to community acceptance, ownership of surrounding properties, and availability of necessary utilities.

Mr. Mann asked if land is available at Indian Springs. Chairman Lamb said that there is sufficient land available with water and power. Mrs. Wanger asked the location of Indian Springs. Chairman Lamb said that Indian Springs is located 42 miles north of Las Vegas.

Mrs. Cavnar said that Indian Springs is in her district and she had heard no discussion of a tentative prison location in that area.

Chairman Mello said that there seemed no point in meeting until Senate Finance has a definite plan and data regarding the location of the medium security prison. Chairman Mello stated that he thought the Senate Finance is attempting to hold a blackjack over the heads of the Ways and Means Committee. Chairman Mello added that the Senate Finance Committee should present some sort of definite program or the meeting should be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.