

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

May 23, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mr. Barengo, and Mr. Mann.

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

Mr. Glover presented the Committee with a new proposed site for the prison which is the Georgetown Ranch in Ely, Nevada. He added that the advantage to the new site is that no new roads will need to be built and it is closer to the city of Ely. Mr. Glover noted that both the Governor and Warden Wolff are in favor of the site. Mr. Glover referred to a letter from the Public Works Board which states that the new location would be a \$1.9 million reduction in construction costs of the prison for a 400 man prison and a \$2.844 million reduction for a 600 man facility.

Motion made by Mr. Glover to adopt the new proposed site for the prison; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Mrs. Wagner voted NO. Motion approved.

MENTAL RETARDATION CENTERS

Mr. Bible said that according to information from the Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation, the Sierra Developmental Center can collect an additional \$189,041 of Title XIX dollars in 1979-80 and \$141,780 in 1980-81. He added that the Desert Developmental Center can collect an additional \$244,183 in 1979-80 and \$179,347 in 1980-81. The affect in these two budgets would be to directly reduce the General Fund appropriations and increase the Medical Care category in the Title XIX budget.

Motion made by Mr. Vergiels to adopt the recommendations to the budgets for the Sierra Developmental Center and the Desert Developmental Center; seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Motion approved.

AB 789

Chairman Mello said that the appropriation in AB 789 had been amended out by mistake. He said that an additional \$40,400 each year of the biennium for the salary of the Executive Director of the department should be included in the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.