

Committee in session at 9:30 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 (absent during part of voting)  
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

CANCER CONTROL REGISTRY - New Budget

Mr. Sparks said the subcommittee recommends a statewide program at a cost of \$100,000 for each fiscal year.

Senator Glaser said the State would contribute \$25 per registry; hospitals would contribute \$10 per registry.

Assemblywoman Wagner said they decided to fund both northern and southern Nevada. She said \$15 per registry has not been sufficient to allow for followup and collection of data.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve the subcommittee's recommendations.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senator Wilson absent.

SECRETARY OF STATE ARCHIVES - Page 42

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Vergiels.

Motion carried.

STATE TREASURER - Page 44

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

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator McCorkle voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Wilson absent.

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 57

Assemblyman Mello said they decided to take monies deleted by Ways and Means Committee and give it to an agency such as the Budget Office as a contract to hire someone outside government. Regarding the Employees' Relations Officer, they decided to give them \$10,000 for contract services for that position in the second year of the biennium, so they can bring in an expert in that field. Mr. Barrett stated they would not want to contract with someone who represented management. He said there should not be an independent contractor representing management; it has to be a state employee who is directly answerable to management, who represents management's viewpoint.

Assemblyman Mann disagreed that a private contractor would not represent management.

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee agrees with monies in Contractual Services for productivity studies but does not agree with the suggestion regarding the Public Relations Officer.

Budget held.

CRIME PREVENTION - Page 12

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

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senators Lamb, Jacobsen, McCorkle, and Echols voted no.

Motion did not carry.

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Barengo.

Assemblywoman Cavnar, Assemblymen Mello and Assemblyman Mann voted no.

Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Page 110

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee proposes to cut the money in half. He praised the work of the director. He said this would add \$41,000 the first year of the biennium and \$31,000 the second year.

Mr. Sparks said originally the money was to be used for analysts and statisticians to gather information from various parts of Nevada.

Assemblyman Hickey said Winnemucca reported there is a lack of communication between the city and the agency. Senator Lamb said the administration should be given the chance to make the program work.

Senator Gibson explained that the Finance Committee initiated the increase in this budget, not the administrator. He said part of the problem in meeting requests is there are no statistics. Two years from now, the legislators could look at how the State has become more involved in actually seeking opportunities; they are not in a position to do this at this time.

Assemblyman Mann suggested appropriating the Governor's recommendation and have the administrator return in 1 year to the Interim Finance Committee for a supplement. Senator Lamb said this issue cannot be opened in Interim Finance.

(Economic Development - continued)

Assemblywoman Cavnar suggested that this project may be recommended by the Futures Commission; federal money could be used instead of State monies. Senator Lamb said only 2-1/2 people are involved, and a small amount of money.

Assemblyman Mello suggested adding 1 person the first year and 1 more during the second year of the biennium.

Senator McCorkle emphasized that there are three badly depressed areas in Nevada. He said the present staff should be supplemented to take care of these three areas; the money is a good investment.

Senator Glaser moved that the Finance Committee approve Ways and Means Committee's suggestion that 1 person be added the first year and the second person added the second year of the biennium.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator Lamb voted no.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Vergiels moved that the Ways and Means Committee add 1 person the first year and 1 person the second year of the biennium.

Seconded by Assemblyman Webb.

Motion carried.

HEALTH AID TO COUNTIES - Page 279

Assemblyman Bremner stated Ways and Means Committee said they would agree with Finance Committee if the money could go to counties without affecting the cap in the tax legislation.

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - Page 476

Assemblyman Mello said the Ways and Means Committee approved the Governor's recommendation of \$500 the first year and \$525 the second year, with a letter of intent that they can move monies around as they see fit, from 1 year to the other. He said they heard they would not have the number of girls they expect to have. They can move the money if they have fewer girls and go to the \$550 if they have to.

Senator Lamb asked why they don't set it at \$550 and let excess amounts revert.

Assemblywoman Wagner said the subcommittee suggested much less and are now willing to go up to the Governor's recommendation.

Assemblyman Mello suggested \$525 each year.

Assemblyman Webb moved to set this appropriation at \$525 each year.

Seconded by Assemblywoman Wagner.

Motion carried.

Senator McCorkle moved to set this appropriation at \$525 each year.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senators Glaser, Lamb, Gibson and Echols voted no.

Motion did not carry.

(Home of the Good Shepherd - Budget action continued)

Assemblyman Mann moved to rescind their motion.

Seconded by Assemblyman Glover.

Assemblyman Bremner voted no.

Motion carried.

Budget held.

GAMING CONTROL BOARD - Page 598

Assemblyman Mello said Ways and Means put \$50,000 in the unclassified act. The administrator would be able to put these monies in the needed areas to hold people. After the administrator designed a program he would come to Interim Finance for final approval each year.

Assemblyman Barenco said Mr. Trounday thought he could live with the Governor's recommendation plus the additional pay.

Senator Gibson asked what is the effect on the budget. Mr. Bible said the monies would be put in the unclassified bill and in effect Gaming would then be down \$28,805 and \$43,970. He said the first 2 items on the list were technical mistakes in the budget.

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

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION - Page 620

Assemblyman Hickey said he would like to increase the amateur athletic program from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Assemblyman Mann suggested the agency be sent a letter of intent stating that this money not be used for salaries of coaches.

Senator Gibson moved to increase the amateur athletic program from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Hickey moved to increase the amateur athletic fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Seconded by Assemblyman Bremner.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Hickey moved that Ways and Means Committee approve the Senate's action on this budget.

Seconded by Assemblyman Webb.

Motion carried.

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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES - page 640

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Glover.

Motion carried.

COLORADO RIVER RESOURCES - page 697

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson said it was the Finance Committee's intention that the attorney be under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's office. He said he hoped the Attorney General will develop a specialist in these negotiations for the next 8 years.

Assemblyman Mello asked if the attorney will be under the Attorney General in the unclassified pay bill. Senator Gibson said yes.

The Ways and Means Committee concurred with Senator Gibson's statements regarding the attorney.

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND PLANNING - page 689

Senator Gibson asked if Ways and Means felt this program is not needed. Assemblyman Mello said yes.

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

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

RECORD SEARCH - New Budget

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

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Lighting For Track and Practice Field

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee has concurred with Ways and Means on this.

Meeting recessed at 10:05 a.m. Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - Page 476

Assemblyman Mello said the Ways and Means Committee has decided they will go with \$550 per girl (per month) each year, for 30 girls. Senator Lamb asked if they would approve 35 girls the second year. Assemblyman Mello said they would go to 35 girls each year at \$525.

Senator Gibson moved that the Finance Committee approve \$550 per girl for 30 girls.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator Lamb voted no.

Motion carried.

(Home of the Good Shepherd - budget action continued)

Senator Lamb said he likes giving them this amount, but he would like to do more.

Assemblyman Vergiels moved that Ways and Means approve \$550 at 30 girls.

Seconded by Assemblywoman Wagner.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 57

Assemblyman Mello said the Ways and Means Committee holds to their previous action regarding the Employee Relations Officer.

Senator Lamb said the Finance Committee voted to hold.

Budget held.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Page

Lighting of Practice Field

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

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried.

Learning Resources Center

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

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

Henderson Community College

Assemblyman Glover asked why the Finance Committee reduced this project. Senator Gibson explained that the reduction was recommended by Mr. Hancock at the Finance Committee's request.

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Assemblywoman Cavnar voted no.

Motion carried.

New Prison

Assemblyman Mello said there is a new proposed site in Ely which will save money. He said Ways and Means Committee agreed to a 600 man prison. He said the only difference between the two committees on this project is the site. Assemblyman Mello feels that no matter where the prison is built now, it will cost more than estimated. He suggested setting the cost of the prison at \$30,000,000.

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 57

The two committees discussed the Employees' Relations Officer. Assemblyman Mello commented that the Committee does not feel the present person has the proper expertise for this position. He said they felt the Division should bring in someone knowledgeable. Mr. Barrett, remarked that Mr. Laird, the person in question, has done an excellent job.

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(Personnel Division - Budget action continued)

Budget held.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FUND - New Budget

Mr. Bible explained that monies would be removed from individual agency budgets. He said no out-of-state monies were removed from elected officials, or regulatory agencies. The money will be allocated by the Office of the Governor.

Senator Wilson asked if the same limitations still apply to agencies with respect to travel. Mr. Bible answered that, regarding whether the agencies would still be controlled by the amount of travel in their budgets, it would depend on what the two committees express. Mr. Bible said the total amount is less than it was when in the individual budgets.

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

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Barengo said, regarding Senator Wilson's question, the answer is no. If a particular agency makes their case to the Governor's Office, they will be allowed to travel. There will be no monetary limit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.; reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL DIVISION - Page 57

Senator Lamb read a compromise proposed by the Finance Committee: "Transfers the Employee Relations Officer from Personnel to the Governor's Office as an unclassified position at a salary of \$25,000." He said the officer's classified salary is presently \$26,674. "Removes \$5,000 each year from the Governor's budget for local government labor relations. Increased cost to the General Fund would be approximately \$25,000 each year. Reduction in the Personnel Budget would be \$26,674 plus payroll costs, each year. which is funded from the personnel assessment."

Mr. Bible said the Finance Committee reduced unemployment assessment from .4 percent to .25 percent retroactive to January 1, 1979. Mr. Sparks explained why this change was made; the agency overspent their budget. Mr. Barrett explained why costs were greater than expected. He said they needed about \$50,000.

Assemblyman Mello asked if the agency budget will be all right after that. Mr. Barrett said yes.

Assemblyman Bremner moved that Ways and Means Committee adopt the Finance Committee's proposal.

Seconded by Assemblyman Mann.

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

Lieutenant Governor's Secretary

Senator Lamb said the Lt. Governor's secretary is now under contract. The Finance Committee would like to place her under state employment so she can receive state benefits. She would be an unclassified state employee. No decision was made on this request.

NIC Appeals Officer

Assemblyman Mello said Ways and Means Committee already approved the Finance Committee's action.

Mr. Barrett said a conference committee created another division in the Budget Office for the appeals officer and hearing officer. He said this budget is being drafted now.

Assemblyman Bremner moved that Ways and Means adopts whatever comes out of AB 84.

Seconded by Assemblyman Hickey.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved that Finance Committee adopt the results of AB 84.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

New Prison

Senator Lamb said his Committee stands firm that the prison should be built in southern Nevada.

Senator McCorkle suggested that the prison be built in Ely if Ely can keep costs under the \$30,000,000 limit. Senator Lamb disagreed; rehabilitation is also an issue.

Assemblyman Mann and Mello suggested that Jean be made a minimum security prison and put prisoners not eligible for work release programs in an Ely prison. Warden Wolff said this could be a facet of the prison program.

Assemblyman Mello said if the two committees cannot resolve this issue, a prison will not be built.

Assemblyman Mann asked Warden Wolff if he sees problems maintaining the same kind of rehabilitation programs in Ely, that now exist at all the other institutions. Mr. Wolff said not internally; within the prison, rehabilitation programs would be similar. He acknowledged that Jean did not have more than 30 to 40 people in transitional programs. Assemblyman Mann suggested more such prisoners could be moved into the Jean facility.

Assemblyman Mann asked Warden Wolff if he agreed that if transitional prisoners were moved into the Jean facility, rehabilitation wouldn't be hurt at Ely. Mr. Wolff replied "basically".

Senator Lamb said that Warden Wolff is the person who got the Finance Committee really concerned about prisoner's families and rehabilitation programs and their importance to returning people to society.

Assemblyman Hickey said there are problems with rehabilitation programs where there is not community acceptance. Discussion continued regarding rehabilitation of prisoners.

Mr. Wolff commented that about 30 percent of prisoners are out-of-state and receive visits only once or twice a year. Assemblywoman Cavnar suggested these prisoners could be placed in a prison in Ely.

The meeting recessed for 20 minutes.

Dayton Park

Senator Gibson moved to reinstate Dayton Park.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

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Mr. Sparks said Senator Lamb proposed that all issues be cleared up. The only issues holding up the capital improvement bill would be switching of projects for the Fish and Game Division and the prison project could be removed and put in a separate bill.

Assemblyman Mello asked if the Finance Committee moved the priorities in Fish and Game. Senator Gibson said yes.

Assemblyman Mello said then the two committees are together on this item.

Senator Gibson asked if the two committees are together on the Distributive School Fund. Assemblyman Mello said yes.

A 10-minute break was called.

Assemblyman Mello said the Ways and Means Committee decided to draft the capital improvement bill and insert the \$30,000,000 and the prison site when the two committees agree.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Carolyn Y. Mann, Secretary

APPROVED:

Floyd R. Lamb  
Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

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