

Committee in session at 7:30 a.m. Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman (absent during some votes)
Senator Eugene V. Echols
Senator Norman D. Glaser
Senator Thomas R.C. Wilson (absent during some votes)
Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen
Senator Clifford E. McCorkle

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Sam Mamet, Management Analyst, Clark County
Dr. Wm. L. Thompson, Chief, Dental Health Division
Mimi Rodden, Administrator, Historic Preservation and Archeology
Roland Westergard, Director, Conservation and Natural Resources
Ted Sanders, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Hal Mathers, Department of Education
Jim Costa, Federal Liason, Department of Education
Cy Ryan, United Press
John Rice, Associated Press

S.B. 370 - Supplemental appropriation to special fund of attorney general.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" on S.B. 370.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senators Wilson and Gibson absent

S.B. 372 - Appropriation to contingency fund for purpose of satisfying a judgement.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass" on S.B. 372.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senators Wilson and Gibson absent.

Four Corners Budget

Senator McCorkle gave a summary of all the money that was spent last biennium. From the description of the programs given, Senator McCorkle feels that \$533,000 of the money was used well; \$634,000 was unnecessary because it was either spent administering or in a function which could be better handled by a local community with their own money; and \$463,000 was used in areas which he considered questionable and not obviously worthwhile.

Senator Lamb asked Senator McCorkle what his recommendations were. He stated that they have a policy decision to make. Whether the Committee wants to keep the whole program and only efficiently use half of it, or should they cut back the monies. Senator Lamb added that the problem is that the money needs monitoring.

Senator McCorkle said the personnel behind the program is very questionable in his mind. He thinks those people should be replaced, but that is not the Committee's job. The person running the program is Carol Hawks; the Governor is supposed to be responsible for the money and she administers it.

Senator Wilson asked if this is a problem that Interim Finance can address. Senator Lamb stated someone is going to have to slow down and more credibility is needed as to where that money goes. These projects should be reviewed to see if they are feasible.

Senator Echols said that in addition to the report that Senator McCorkle presented, that amount of money can be doubled because the federal government is spending an equal amount in administering that program. Everyone of the projects goes through a laborious process before they are approved. Senator Echols stated he is not totally convinced of the administration of this program and the reliability of this program. There are some questions that should be answered. They should be given an opportunity to defend what has been done.

Predatory Animal Control

Senator Lamb asked for the advice of the Committee on the Predatory Animal Control budget. In view of what has happened, he wanted to know if they should be called back in to the Committee. Senator Lamb stated he has someone coming in from the Attorney General's office and perhaps that would be sufficient. Senator Wilson asked if he knew that the bottom line was. Senator Lamb said he does know that they picked up a check for \$35,000 in the last two weeks. Senator Wilson commented that they should be returned for a Committee hearing.

S.B. 278 - Requires the health division of the department of human resources to maintain certain records to aid in identification of dead bodies.

Sam D. Mamet, Management Analyst for Clark County, spoke for the county. He said this bill was composed by their office of planning coordinator. (See Attachment A.)

Dr. William L. Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Dental Health, testified. He stated they have no opposition to this bill.

Senator Wilson moved to change line 8, "shall" to "may".

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen

Senator Lamb dissented.

Motion carried.

Senator Wilson moved "Do Pass as Amended".

Seconded by Senator Gibson

Senators Lamb, Echols and Jacobsen dissented.

Motion carried.

S.B. 147 - Provides for a state register of historic places.

Mimi Rodden, Administrator, Historic Preservation and Archeology, testifying for the bill, stated that it was sent to the bill drafter as two bills. However, they were combined by the bill drafter's office.

Ms. Roden stated that S.B. 298 transfers the responsibility of recommending the designation of historic places from the Division of Parks to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology.

Senator Jacobsen moved to return S.B. 147 to the Human Resources Committee.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.B. 329 - Provides salary for members of oil, gas and mining board.

Roland Westergard, Director, Conservation and Natural Resources, testified on behalf of this bill.

Senator Wilson asked if the policy was uniform with respect to payment of members of boards and commissions. Senator Wilson asked if it was the general practice to pay the salary plus per diem. Mr. Westergard agreed that not all boards are paid salaries.

Senator Gibson moved "Do Pass" on S.B. 329.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senator Echols dissented.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Page 740

Senator Glaser moved to add \$1,500 to the budget for office furniture.

Seconded by Senator Lamb.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Glaser moved "Do Pass" this budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.B. 341 - Makes appropriation to state department of education for testing proficiency of pupils.

Ted Sanders, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jim Costa, Federal Liason for the Department of Education, and Hal Mathers, also of the Department of Education, testified for this bill. (See Attachment B.)

Ron Sparks asked Mr. Sanders if this is a one-shot appropriation as it is appropriated for 2 separate fiscal years and the remaining balance at the end of each of those years will revert to the General Fund. Mr. Sparks asked if this was going to cause a problem. Mr. Sanders didn't think so; he said once they have the tests in place, they can maintain and back up their regular effort. They do intend to take a very close look at standardized tests; especially in grades 3 and 6, where there is not much development work. They will take the test items and match the ones they have studied in Nevada; once through the biennium, they can maintain the routine as part of their activities. There will also be expenditures by school districts for forms, paper, etc.

Senator Glaser moved "Do Pass" on S.B. 341.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senator Jacobsen dissented.

Motion carried.

S.B. 281 - Increases allowance of state officers and employees for travel by private vehicle.

Sam D. Mamet, representing Clark County, testified on behalf of the bill. (See Attachment C.)

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(S.B. 281 - Bill action continued)

Senator Gibson moved to amend the bill by increasing the allowance for special use vehicles to 22 cents.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Jacobsen moved "Do Pass as Amended" on S.B. 281.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM - Page 180

Senator McCorkle moved to reduce the school lunch program by the amount of the breakfast program (\$679,843) each fiscal year.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion lost.

Senator Gibson moved to set the In-State Travel at the 1978-79 Work Program.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved to approved the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senator McCorkle dissented.

Motion carried.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM - Page 184

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Senator McCorkle dissented.

Motion carried.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT - Title IV-C - Page 190

Senator Jacobsen moved to amend Out-of-State Travel to \$12,000; and In-State Travel to \$27,200.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

CARE OF DEAF AND BLIND - Page 193

Senator Jacobsen moved to approve the budget.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried unanimously.

CSEA - TITLE VI - Page 194

Senator Wilson moved to amend Out-of-State Travel to \$4,800 the first year, and to \$3,840 the second year; In-State Travel to \$28,400 each year.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved to approved the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - Page 202

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

FLEISCHMANN SCHOLARSHIPS - Page 204

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOAN FUND - Page 228

Senator Gibson moved to amend the budget by removing the state funds each year.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Page 742

Senator Gibson moved to add \$10,800 to the budget for other building rent in Fallon.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

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HIGHWAY PATROL - Page 744

Senator Gibson moved to increase Other Contract Services to \$25,560.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee agreed to withhold further action on this budget until the overtime problem can be resolved.

HIGHWAY PATROL SPECIAL - Page 750

Senator Gibson moved to adjust vehicle operation to \$292,190 and \$365,190.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved to add \$50,000 each year to this furniture and equipment.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator McCorkle moved to reduce the new patrolman positions to 5 the first year and 5 more the second year.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senators Jacobsen, Wilson and Gibson dissented.

Motion carried.

HIGHWAY PATROL GRANT ACCOUNT - Page 753

Senator Glaser moved the budget be approved as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried unanimously.

DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION - Page 754

Senator Gibson moved to fund the drivers license division from the general fund.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved for legislation to be drafted changing the funding of the drivers license division to the general fund.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved to add the keypunch operator and drivers license technician to the drivers license division (from the failure to appear in the budget).

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Drivers License Division - budget action continued)

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION - Page 758

Senator Jacobsen moved to approve the budget as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTRATION DIVISION - Page 762

Senator Gibson moved to increase the duplicating and printing to \$78,496 and \$89,210.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Wilson moved to reduce furniture and equipment to \$7,450 the first year and to zero the second.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Wilson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried unanimously.

AUTOMATION DIVISION - Page 767

Senator Gibson moved to add \$18,768 each year to the In-house data processing category.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Gibson moved to adjust facility charges to the amounts required to fund the adjusted computer facility budget.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Wilson moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

FAILURE TO APPEAR - Page 770

Senator Glaser moved to abolish this budget.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTOR VEHICLE POLLUTION CONTROL - Page 772

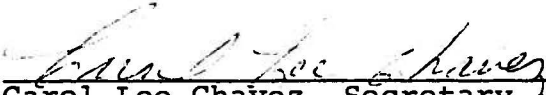
Senator Glaser moved to approve the budget as recommended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried unanimously.


Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lee Chavez, Secretary

APPROVED:



Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

Date Tuesday, March 27

Time 8:00 a.m. Room 231

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

Subject

Counsel
Requested*

S.B. 147 ✓	Provides for a state register of historic places.	
S.B. 278 ✓	Requires health division of the department of human resources to maintain certain records to aid in identification of dead bodies.	
S.B. 281 ✓	Increases allowance of state officers and employees for travel by private vehicle.	
S.B. 329 ✓	Provides salary for members of oil, gas and mining board.	
S.B. 341 /	Makes appropriation to state department of education for testing proficiency of pupils.	

*Please do not ask for Counsel unless necessary.

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ^{Finance} ~~HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES~~

FROM: SAMUEL D. MAMET, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

SUBJECT: S.B. 278

DATE: MARCH 26, 1979

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EXHIBIT A

Before your committee Tuesday morning is legislation proposed by our office of county coroner. The bill would require local law enforcement agencies to provide the state bureau of dentistry with dental charts for all persons missing over 10 days along with a missing persons report and it would be a requirement to inform the bureau when missing persons are located. The coroner's office would be responsible for supplying the state division of health with dental charts of unidentified dead bodies. In essence, therefore, the state health division would be charged with a new responsibility of maintaining these files. There would, of course, be a fiscal impact to the state which the fiscal note indicates to be less than \$1,000 to maintain a centralized record keeping system.

To the best of our knowledge, there has never been prior legislation on this issue in Nevada, however, California law mandates that this type of system be used by that state's bureau of dentistry.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

SDM/mg



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Capitol Complex
Carson City, Nevada 89710

March 26, 1979

TED SANDERS
Superintendent

HERBERT R. STEFFENS
Director
Technical Services Division

TESTIMONY:

TO: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: Ted Sanders, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: S. B. 341

In 1977 the Legislature passed A.B. 400 (NRS 389.015), a bill governing proficiency examinations. In order to meet the uniform testing procedures prescribed by the bill, tests must be developed which match closely the components of the Nevada Elementary Course of Study, the document upon which instruction in arithmetic, reading, and writing is based in the State. Analysis of existing examinations has shown that there is no good match between actual instructional components and available tests. Accordingly, a ninth-grade test was developed over the past year, using federal funds, and will be administered in March and April, 1979. Since A.B. 400 did not contain any fiscal note, an additional sum of \$110,000 will be required to implement NRS 389.015. The appropriation is needed for funding the following tasks and products:

Estimated Costs of Tests and Related Items for FY80 and FY81

FY80 - It is imperative that the development of twelfth-grade tests occur in fiscal 1979-1980. The reason for this is that if districts are to administer this test as early as the eleventh grade (and that seems the logical thing to do to give the student every chance to pass it for his diploma), the test will have to be ready for use by the fall of 1980. This gives the Department the fall of 1979 to develop the test, and the spring of 1980 to pilot the test.

1.1 Develop Twelfth-Grade Test

1.1.1	Item writing, 10 days x 15 people x \$75	\$ 1,250
1.1.2	Per diem for item-writing groups, 10 days x 15 people x \$32	4,800
1.1.3	Travel for item-writing groups	3,550

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1.1.4	Technical consultation	4,500
1.1.5	Test formatting, technical edit, answer sheet development, pilot testing, equating	20,500
1.1.6	Final test formats	1,000
	Subtotal	\$45,600

At this point there is no way of knowing whether or not the Stanford Achievement Test, or any other standardized instrument, is suitable for measuring the instructional components in arithmetic, reading, and writing in grades three and six. Again, our intent is to convene statewide task forces and ad hoc committees to make that determination. The technical assistance noted in 1.2.1 would be for consultative services of test companies to determine what correlations exist between the instructional components in grades three and six and available shelf instruments. In order to develop a good and useful bank of items for the ninth-grade test we will have to create new piloted items for that bank. In addition, we will have to begin the process of test equating, since the ninth-grade tests to be given in 1980 and subsequent years will have to relate very highly to those given in 1979. Otherwise, the critics would say that one test was harder than another and thus unfair.

1.2	Compile third and sixth grade tests (if necessary)	
1.2.1	Technical assistance	\$10,000
1.2.2	Test formatting, technical edit, pilot test, answer sheet development	9,000
	Subtotal	\$19,000
1.3	Advisory Task Force--Ad Hoc Committee Costs	
1.3.1	Per diem, 15 people x 4 days x \$32	\$ 1,920
1.3.2	Travel	4,000
	Subtotal	\$ 5,920
1.4	Development of alternate forms of ninth-grade tests in arithmetic and reading	
1.4.1	Item writing, 5 days x 15 people x \$75	\$ 5,625
1.4.2	Per diem, 5 days x 15 people x \$32	5,120
1.4.3	Travel	2,215
	Subtotal	\$12,960
	FY80 TOTAL	\$83,480

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In addition, Department staff, with the assistance of Educational Testing Service, designed ninth-grade writing tests which were also field tested in 1978. Sixty teachers were trained in the scoring of the writing tests and sixty more will be trained prior to the spring testing. These teachers will read and score a total of 26,000 writing samples for grade nine alone.

FY81

1.5	Development of alternate forms of ninth-grade examinations in all three areas and eleventh-grade writing examination	
1.5.1	Honoraria	\$ 5,150
1.5.2	Per diem	3,900
1.5.3	Travel	2,550
	Subtotal	\$ 11,600
1.6	Same as 1.2.2	9,000
1.7	Same as 1.3	5,920
	FY81 TOTAL	\$ 26,520
	Total for Test Development and Related Costs, FY80 and FY81	\$110,000

Many more items will need to be validated for grades 9 and 12. In analyses conducted in conjunction with the minimum competency high school diploma program it was found that in the arithmetic section, of the 35 subskills defined in the program, only four (4) were measured by using the appropriate level Stanford Achievement Test (TASK). Eleven (11) other nationally standardized tests were examined with similarly poor results. The best correlation with the arithmetic subskills was found in the Nevada Elementary Course of Study which listed 30 of 35 defined subskills. Thus the development of a test which measures the defined subskills is clearly indicated.

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C**COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 245.065**

245.055 Salary deductions for county employees' service as volunteer firemen prohibited. All county employees shall be paid their salaries as fixed by law, ordinance or resolution without diminution on account of any time spent away from county employment while acting as volunteer firemen of any regular organized and recognized fire department in the protection of life or property during working hours or fractions thereof which should otherwise have been devoted to county employment.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 43; A 1971, 223)

245.060 Travel expenses.

1. When any county or township officer or any employee of the county shall be entitled to receive his necessary traveling expenses for the transaction of public business, such expenses shall include actual living expenses, but the amount allowed for traveling by private conveyance shall not exceed the amount charged by public conveyance. Where it appears to the satisfaction of the board of county commissioners that travel by private conveyance is more economical, or where it appears that, owing to train, airplane or bus schedules or for other reasons, travel by public conveyance is impractical, or in case a part of the route traveled is not covered by public conveyance, the board of county commissioners, in its discretion, is authorized to allow for traveling by private conveyance an amount not to exceed the maximum per-mile allowance for travel by private conveyance of state officers and employees specified in subsection 3 of NRS 281.160.

2. All claims for traveling expenses and subsistence allowances shall be approved by the board of county commissioners before payment.

[1:16:1928; A 1939, 31; 1953, 69; 1955, 596]—(NRS A 1965, 238; 1967, 453; 1969, 1470; 1973, 1675)

245.065 Public hearings for dismissed employees.

1. When an employee of a county other than a department head, county manager or county administrator who has been employed by the county for 12 or more months is dismissed from employment he may request within 15 days of the date of dismissal a written statement specifically setting forth the reasons for such dismissal. Within 15 days of the date of such request he shall be furnished such a written statement. Within 30 days after receipt of such written statement, the dismissed employee may, in writing, request a public hearing before the board of county commissioners to determine the reasonableness of such action. The board of county commissioners shall grant the dismissed employee a public hearing within 15 days after receipt of the written request. At the public hearing, technical rules of evidence shall not apply.

2. Boards of county commissioners are authorized to enact ordinances necessary to make effective the purposes of this section.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply in counties having a population of 100,000 or more, as determined by the last-preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

(Added to NRS by 1965, 308; A 1969, 829, 1545; 1973, 1139)



FROM THE DESK OF

ROBERT STEWART

DIRECTOR
CLARK COUNTY AUTOMOTIVE

12/13/78

TO: SAM MAMET

RE: NATIONAL COST PER MILE FOR VEHICLE OPERATION

The cost per mile expenses indicated below, were extracted from a recent issue of the Fleet Manager's Newsletter, and originated as the result of a survey completed by the American Automobile Association.

NEW ENGLAND	21.02¢
*WESTERN STATES	20.58¢
GREAT LAKES	19.29¢
SOUTHEAST	19.17¢
MIDWEST	19.14¢
MID-ATLANTIC	19.12¢
SOUTHWEST	18.78¢

The cost contains all fixed and running expenses including depreciation, insurance, taxes, registration, gasoline, and maintenance for a mid-size class four-door sedan with a V-8 engine.

*More information to follow. Call if you have any questions.

BOB

Office of the Comptroller

CLARK COUNTY COURT HOUSE
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BRUCE W. SPAULDING
County Manager

DARREL R. DAINES
Comptroller
Phone: 386-4011

March 15, 1979

E X H I B I T C

To: Bruce W. Spaulding, County Manager

Subject: S.B. 281 - Increases Allowance of State Officers
and Employees for Travel by Private
Vehicle

Increasing the mileage allowance from the present 17¢ per
mile to the allowable 20¢ per mile, as stated in this bill,
is estimated to cost the County a maximum of \$10,000 per
Fiscal Year.

Sincerely,
FOR THE COMPTROLLER
DARREL R. DAINES

Kenneth A. West

KENNETH A. WEST
Sr. Management Analyst

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