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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

Senator Eugene V. Echols Senator Norman D. Glaser Senator Thomas R.C. Wilson Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen Senator Clifford E. McCorkle

ABSENT: None

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

Ray Knisley, Lobbyist, Fish and Game Fred Wright, Chief, Administrative Services, Fish and Game

Glen Griffith, Director, Department of Fish and Game Warren Fowler, Nevada Wildlife Sportsmen Club Mike Toone, Washoe County Game Management Board Tom Gates, Nevada Organization of Wildlife Bob Glassburn, Bait and Tackle Shop, Henderson

Rev. David Anderson, Minister, Stewart Community Church,
Nev. Conference of Churches, Denom. Exec. Ministers of Nev.
Bryn Armstrong, Chairman, State Board of Parole Commissioners
Jim Hulse, Historian, Reno

Father Parris, St. James Catholic Church, Las Vegas Charles Emm, Executive Director, Washoe Legal Services

Richard Siegel, American Civil Liberties Union Eric Moon, American Friends Service Committee

Harold Jacobsen, Mayor of Carson City
Ted Oleson, Director, American Civil Liberties Union in Nev.

I.J. Sandorf, member, State Public Works Board Larry Warren, City of Carson

Bob Rose, Nevada Conservation Council Heber Hardy, Chairman, Public Service Commission John Rice, Associated Press; Cy Ryan, United Press

(SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS AND OTHERS PRESENT)

S.B. 388 - Allows deputy commissioner to conduct public hearings.

Heber Hardy, Chairman, Public Service Commission, testified on behalf of this bill; he stated this bill would have a total budget of \$39,000.

Senator Gibson moved "Do Pass" S.B. 388

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

S.B. 333 - Revises fish and game laws.

Glen Griffith, Director, and Fred Wright, Chief, Administrative Services, Fish and Game, and Ray Knisley, lobbyist, testified for Senate Bill 333.

> Senator Lamb moved to amend the bill by changing the membership of the Board of Commissioners from 5 to 7. The two additional members to be from the general public.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Rose, Nevada Conservation Council, Las Vegas, wanted to delete line 5, page 2. Senator Lamb stated it would be considered by the Committee. Warren Fowler, Washoe County Game Management

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Board, Mike Toone, Washoe County Game Management Board, Tom Gates, Nevada Organization of Wildlife, and Bob Glassburn, Henderson, all agreed with the change of membership of the Board of Commissioners from 5 to 7.

## Discussion on S.B. 333

Ron Sparks said the shortfall based on the current revenue structure and the current statutes regarding the collection of licenses and based on the budget recommended by the Governor, would be \$421,076, the first year of the next biennium; and \$621,528 the second year.

Senator Gibson said the problem is they have not been able to get the fiscal support they need to carry out their functions. He said they are not going to be able to solve these problems in this area until they are able to increase the fiscal support for the department.

Senator McCorkle asked why there is such a difference between the agency request and the Governor's recommendation, in the license fees. Senator Gibson replied that under the present rule, they are now working with last year's money. They are required to operate out of fees and fines and grants that come from the previous year. This year's funds are put into a trust investment to develop for next year. What this budget procedure does is to make this year's revenues and next year's money available next year. Senator Gibson noted that the ending balance declines, because they are spending more than is coming in. Their licenses and fees are doubled, and that is because there is a two-year period of licenses instead of one.

Mr. Knisley remarked that they met with the Governor regarding this legislation. He said in previous years the legislature has added other activities to this department, that are not related to fish and game; and sportsmen's money is being spent for activities outside the scope of true hunting and fishing. The Governor recognized this, and put the funds that are shown in this bill in the budget to cover these costs.

Senator Gibson stated the amount of General Fund money shown in the bill is included in the Governor's budget.

Senator Gibson moved "Do Pass as Amended" S.B. 333.

Seconded by Senator Wilson.

Motion carried unanimously.

## New Prison Site Opposition

I. J. Sandorf, member, State Public Works Board, although not officially representing the board in this matter, stated the Public Works decision was political and not based on technical considerations. He stated he is not opposed to a prison and while the prison would help the Ely residents, it would not be sufficient to restore the economy of Ely. The location would discourage visitation to inmates. The board's experience at Jean has brought in unexpected costs which would be the case in Ely as well. Instead of \$60,000 a year, the utilities at Jean are going to \$253,000 a year. The same is true in Ely, there are going to be costs that we don't know about now, whether it is utilities, water, etc., there will be increased costs due to the remoteness of Ely. He said rehabilitation programs should be more effective to keep the inmates from coming back. It would be more economical to have a study of the overall problem, the work release program, criminal justice program, more probation programs, more diversions, and maybe the prison population would not increase so fast.

Rev. David Anderson, Minister, Stewart Community Church, expressed the disappointment of the Nevada Conference of Churches at the consideration of the Ely site. It will not solve the economical problems there. The selection of the Ely site will create such problems as: lack of availability of trained personnel to operate the prison;

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Mr. Borda said that sheep losses are 10 percent now. He said he does not think killing more coyotes is an accomplishment if the same percentage of sheep are still being lost; He said it is better to kill a few coyotes and have losses of sheep about 3 to 5 percent. Mr. Borda's opinion is that this program has been doing a poor job; he thinks they can do better with a lot less money.

Senator McCorkle asked Mr. Borda if he thinks the Predatory Animal Control program is necessary, or can private trappers do the job. Mr. Borda replied that as long as furs are a high price, private trappers could probably do it.

Senator Glaser asked, regarding the reduction already made in the Predatory Animal Control budget, if matching federal funds are involved. Mr. Barrett said no.

Mr. Borda mentioned that he pays a 20 cent head tax, for predatory animal control.

## REORGANIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION - Page 301

Dr. Ralph DiSibio, Director, Department of Human Resources, introduced information pertinent to the Reorganization Plan, including the updated budget, (see <u>Attachments B</u> and <u>C</u>) and information regarding the Food Service Center (see <u>Attachment D</u>).

Dr. DiSibio explained that both area coordinators will work in the north in the beginning; because most directors have been lost in the north. One area coordinator will gradually increase time spent in the south, until this person is firmly established there.

Senator Echols asked if people fired would be assuming new positions, such as area coordinator. Dr. DiSibio said not necessarily.

Senator Gibson asked who will be running the Nevada Mental Health Institute. Dr. DiSibio said a northern area coordinator will be housed at the Institute, and a medical program coordinator will be housed at the Institute. In Las Vegas, the area coordinator will be on site at the Las Vegas Mental Health Center, and a psychologist who will received additional salary, will help administer the Center.

Senator McCorkle asked what is the impact of the Food Service Center program change. Dr. DiSibio said it is a "wash" (no change in costs).

FOOD SERVICES - Page 332 (See last page of Attachment D for new budget sheet.)

Mr. Barrett said there is a "wash" in State money, but not in the overall budget.

## DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND MENTAL RETARDATION - Page 302

Senator Gibson remarked that <u>In-State Travel</u> expenses have doubled. Mr. Sparks replied that the <u>Mental Retardation</u> budget is being moved into this program (see Page 305).

Senator McCorkle commented that <u>Training</u> expenses (Page 304) have increased.

Mr. Sparks announced corrections, stating that Office Supplies (Page 304) should be reduced to \$5,282; and Operating Supplies to \$5,465; Communications expense to \$26,503.

Senator McCorkle moved that the changes Mr. Sparks listed be approved.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried.

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lack of training potential in the area for those who would be hired, such as unemployed miners with no experience in operating a prison; the reluctance of capable, trained leadership to move to the area; the lack of the necessary support of professional personnel in the area such as a psychiatrist or psychologist; the increased cost of constructing an operation facility outside an urban area; and the impact such an isolated location would have upon the families of the inmates. Mr. Anderson showed the Committee a news story showing how the prison at Susanville was forced to be built there because of political pressure to increase the economy of a community which had declined because of the lumber industry. An isolated area is too far for a work program or community programs to help an inmate once he is released. One thing that prison officials agree at Susanville, is the near-impossible task of recruiting minority staff to work in an institution where the inmate population is nearly two-thirds minority, and growing.

Senator Jacobsen asked, knowing how close Reverend Anderson lives to the medium prison, how he would feel if another prison was built at Stewart. Reverend Anderson stated it would be far better than Ely. He would prefer the North Las Vegas site, however.

Senator Echols asked how important visitations from the family are. Reverend Anderson stated the the single most influential thing in keeping an inmate in a safe and sane mood, is a visit by his family. (See Attachment B.)

Bryn Armstrong, Chairman, State Board of Parole Commissioners, explained there are several different ways of handling a parole hearing, wherever it may be. They have a very broad law which would permit, for example, the contracting for hearing representatives in whatever community a new prison would be located, which has a bearing on the travel expense.

Mr. Armstrong said if they took two commissioners and the person who records the hearing, to Ely on a basis of one week of hearings a month, the total cost, including per diem, air fare, use of a vehicle to get to and from the prison (approximately 7 miles from downtown Ely) would be approximately \$9,946.46 per year. One thing that alarms Mr. Armstrong about using hearing representatives is that the courts are increasingly concerned about the quality of the hearing. Any place else out of the Carson City area, there is the added travel expenses from \$11,000 to \$13,00 a year. That is what it is going to cost in Jean next year.

Senator Wilson asked for a judgement on rehabilitation of the inmate. Mr. Armstrong formed a theory that most of those inmates are there in the first place because nobody cared about them at very crucial points of their lives. If it is made more difficult for the people who do care, then the prospect of rehabilitation is being cut in on. If the prison is placed in an area in which there is no community involvement in work programs, expression of concern of any kind, the chances of rehabilition are reduced. If a difference can be made in the life of one prisoner out of 100, something has been accomplished. Mr. Armstrong added that the taxpayers are paying a considerable amount of money because of crime.

Jim Hulse, Reno historian, believes that this Committee should look at the question of whether they need another maximum security prison. In view of the "revolving door" syndrome that occurs, Mr. Hulse felt that we should take a couple of years and look at the whole question of whether a large amount of money should be spent on "warehousing" prisoners. He urged spending a small fraction of that money in creating a task force to look into other options. He stated that Jack Fogliani, former prison worker, would be a positive contributor to a commission of this sort.

Senator Wilson said the troubles with a study is that we should have answered it 2 or 4 years ago. He said the warden has been put in an impossible situation. The warden cannot function without the additional facilities, because the system is what it is today.

Father Farris, St. James Catholic Church, Las Vegas, said he spends a full day every week, visiting the inmates at Jean. He is involved



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in the Las Vegas area trying to find a base whereby families can be helped go to Jean to visit the inmates. He has contacted a number of people in the North Las Vegas area and Las Vegas area who would provide services.

Father Farris stated that if this prison were located in Ely, the government would have to provide these services. He said there is currently a problem of housing of inmates coming out of Jean, back to Las Vegas. They don't want to go back to their own neighborhood because that is where the problems started. They need counseling outside of Jean to help them get a new start. Father Farris indicated that, talking with Mr. Lattin, Supervisor at Jean, showed he has a problem in personnel. Just the 28 miles between Jean and Las Vegas limits his personnel pool; it limits his minority officers; because of the transportation problem. If the site is put at Ely, the problems would be comparable.

Ted Oleson, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Nevada, spoke on behalf of the Nevadans for Criminal Justice Coalition, which includes the ACLU, Washoe Legal Services, and the American Friends Service Committee. He said discussion has primarily been where the prison site should be located. Mr. Oleson felt the fundamental question has been overlooked. Does Nevada really need any more prisons, or are there alternatives? It is the Coalition's contention that there are alternatives to construction of a new prison. (See Attachment C.)

Charles Emm, Executive Director, Washoe Legal Services, stated that perhaps the need is not for a new prison, but a study of criminal behavior. He said now is the time to start analyzing it: we can't build a new prison every two years.

Richard Siegel, National Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union, stated that on the basis of the testimony heard here, there could be no doubt that a decision to locate the prison in Ely would have a serious import on the future of those people who are being incarcerated; and thus greatly increase the threat of further crime to people of the State of Nevada. The site however, is not the primary issue. It is the spending about \$30 million to \$40 million every two years or \$300 million to \$400 million over the next 10 to 15 years.

Eric Moon spoke on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee. He stated that in this area, the AFS Committee has worked as advocate in criminal justice issues for more than 17 years. He spoke of two alternatives in the relationship of incarceration. One of those is the principle of restitution; the second would be taking all those millions of dollars and putting even a small percentage of them into increased support services for parolees when they get out of prison. Restitution is a very popular concept which is an alternative to long-term imprisonment.

The individual, not the director of the state prisons, takes responsibility for the offense that he has committed; and makes good to the person he victimized. According to prison estimates, we are now spending \$8,000 in operating costs per prisoner per year; during the time the prisoner represents the least threat to the general public. Then we turn him out on the street with \$100 in gate money, a ticket, a parole officer to report to; and dramatically, tragically, decrease the amount of funding and the amount of support that is available to the person at the point when he faces the greatest pressures; when he faces the greatest opportunities for change, to get back into this world and break out of that criminal cycle.

Mayor Harold Jacobsen stated he did not think the site should be in Carson City due to the serious problems at this point with water and sewer capacity.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROYED:

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lee Chavez, Secretary

Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

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From the aesk of ...

FLOYD R. LAMB

Senator, Clark County, District No. 3

1. David Anderson (would like to speak first); representing the Nevada Conference of Churches and the Dominationa Exec. Ministers of Nevada

2. Emily Griel, from Washoe Valley

3. Prof. Irving Sandorf, Public Works Board Member (may not be present due to wife's illness)

Eileen Zappas

- John Moore, representing Reno Friends Meeting; involved in regular prison visiting
- Eric Moon, representing American Friends Service Committee; works in criminal iustice

7. Ann Scott, representing American Friends Meeting, Reno

8. Brother Berry, Franciscan Center in Las Vegas; has flown here today to testify; he does regular prison work at Jean

Ted Oleson, American Civil Liberties Union

- 10. Richard Siegel, American Civil Liberties Union
- 11. Chuck Zeh (pronounced Zay), works with legal services in Reno

12. James Hulse, Historian from Reno

513. Larry Dunton 214. Bob Johnston

Nevada National Bank, Fourth and Bridger Streets, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

From the desk of ... FLOYD R. LAVIB Senator, Clark County, District No. 3 Professor Irving Sanders, Public Works Board Member, (Unable to make it because of wife being in hospital) Eileen Zappas, Private Citizen Ann Scott, representing Reno Friends Meeting would like to testify on Ely Prison site. Barbara Mosa, representing Rene Friends would like to testify on Ely Prison site. John Meen, representing Reno Friends would like to testify on Ely Prison site. Eric Moon, American Friends Service Committee •would like to speak against the Ely Prison site. Ted Oleson, American Civil Liberties Union Bruce Blackadar, American Civil Liberties Union. •Rhea Rolley, Private Citizen Nevada National Bank, Fourth and Bridger Streets, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 1836

135 Bisby St. Reno 89512 April 8, 1979

Floyd Lamb, Chairman Senate Finance Committee Nevada State Legislature Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Senator Lamb:

The enclosed copy of testimony from Reno Friends Meeting (Quaker) was prepared for presentation before the Senate Finance Committee on April 5th. I was not at that hearing and without knowing our testimony would be deferred until April 12th I mailed copies for Governor List and Director Wolff.

Please understand I had not intended releasing these copies until after presentation before the Finance Committee. A member of our Meeting does intend to present our testimony on April 12th.

Yours sincerely, Education Il -26

(Edwin Worley, Clerk, Reno Friends Meeting)

April 4, 1979

Senator Floyd Lamb, Chairman Senate Finance Committee Nevada State Legislature

Re. Ely site for a state prison

Gentlemen:

Members of Reno Friends Mesting (Quaker) share with many others a strong reluctance toward building a state prison at Ely because of the higher initial and maintenance costs, as compared to other possible locations. We feel the additional funds required could be much better used to maintain needed social and educational services.

As a Quaker group, the Meeting is opposed to the Ely location because it imposes a serious obstacle to visitation. We believe visits by family members and friends of prisoners is an important element in countering the desocializing effects of prison life and that such visitation improves the liklihood of a successful adjustment when a prisoner is released.

The testimony of our Friends Meeting would be inadequated if we did not express our concern over the prospect, suggested by Warden Charles Wolff, of constructing still more prisons. A recent memorandum from the Nevada Department of Prisons states that on the basis of a major study, "recidivism is much higher after incarceration than after non-institutional treatment and that the longer the time served the less chance for successful reintegration". Reno Friends Meeting is opposed to the building of more prisons and urges that prior to the next Legislative Session in 1981, an interim study give serious consideration to the financial and human implications of conventional imprisonment.

Yours sincerely, Eduin Worley Edwin Worley, Clerk

Edwin Worley, Clerk Reno Friends Meeting (135 Bisby St., Reno 89512)

Copies to: Finance Committee Members
Governor Robert List
Warden Charles Wolff



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John V. Moore Douglas M. McCoy Ministers

April 5, 1979

The Honorable Floyd R. Lamb The Nevada Senate Carson City, Nevada

Dear Senator Lamb:

I have just returned from the hearing of the Senate Finance Committee regarding the proposed location of the new prison. Many of us there fully expected to have an opportunity to testify. Our names had been given to the secretary prior to today. Not only were we not given the opportunity to present our views, but our presence was not acknowledged. You can understand why we feel that we were treated unfairly.

I am joining with others who have already requested another hearing. We expect the Committee will want to hear views from perspectives different from those views expressed today. I am persuaded that the prison ought to be located near one of our two major population centers.

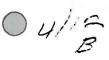
We will appreciate your efforts on behalf of fair play.

Cordially yours.

John V Moore

cc: Senator McCorkle Senator Wilson Senator Young

#### NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS



#### **MEMORANDUM**

T0:

MICHAEL L. MEDEMA, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER

FROM:

PAULA FITZGERALD, MANAGEMENT ANALYST

SUBJECT:

NUMBER OF VISITS TO CLARK COUNTY RESIDENTS

DATE: 4/11/79

The Department surveyed the visiting records of approximately 200 Clark County residents, 100 residents incarcerated at Northern Nevada Correctional Center and 100 residents incarcerated at Southern Nevada Correctional Center.

Percentage of Clark County residents receiving visits at least once every other week:

N.N.C.C. - 10%

S.N.C.C. - 59%

Percentage of Clark County residents receiving visits at least once a month:

N.N.C.C. - 24%

S.N.C.C. - 15%

- Percentage of Clark County residents receiving visits approximately once every three months:

N.N.C.C. - 28%

S.N.C.C. - 14%

Percentage of Clark County residents that have not received visits within this last year:

N.N.C.C. - 38%

S.N.C.C. - 12%

MEETS EVERY
TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM
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P. O. BOX 982 ELY, NEVADA 89301

April 10, 1979

Mr. Michael Bourn Executive Director White Pine County Development Corporation P. O. Box 778 Ely, Nevada 89301

Dear Mr. Bourn:

As we have indicated in our previous resolution, the White Pine Jaycees are very much in favor of locating the medium-security prison in White Pine County. In this support, we plan the establishment of an institutional chapter within the prison.

The White Pine Jaycees would consider it a top priority order to do everything in our power to create a Jaycee Chapter in this prison. In this, we would expect to lower the rate of recidivism of inmates in the Nevada prison system. There are currently three other institutional chapters in the state, those being SNCC in Jean, NNCC in Carson City and maximum in Carson City. The United States Jaycees have recognized for sometime institutional chapters under their community development programs. At the present time, there are 550 institutional chapters with 24,500 recognized members.

Again, the White Pine Jaycees are desirous of establishing a prison chapter when the prison is located in White Pine County.

Lee Burkhart

President-White Pine Jaycees