

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

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman (absent during part of voting)
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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst
PRESENT: Eugene Pieretti, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Senator Keith Ashworth
Donald Baepler, Ph.D., Chancellor, Univ. of Nevada System
Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel, Legis. Counsel Bureau
John Crossly, Legislative Auditor, Legis. Counsel Bureau
Lloyd Smith, Ph.D., President, Desert Research Institute
Peter Krenkel, Ph.D., Exec. Director, Water Resources, DRI
Warren Kocmond, Ph.D., Exec. Director, Atmospheric Sciences
Mark Dawson, Vice President of Administration, DRI /Center
Wally Warren, Lobbyist, various power companies
John Rice Associated Press
Cy Ryan, United Press

A.B. 331 - Appropriation for automated text processing
in legislative department. (Attachment A)

Mr. Daykin introduced this bill stating that because the amount of money involved could not be predicted accurately enough, this request was made through this bill rather than through the Executive Budget; the figure appearing in the bill is an estimate. Mr. Daykin said these figures are contingent upon using the State Computing Facility.

Senator Jacobsen asked Mr. Daykin if he would summarize what has been done to date. Mr. Daykin provided the information. He said the automated text processing system has been used to produce journals and histories for this session. They are now experimenting putting bill drafts on the system. Mr. Daykin continued that the allocation in the bill will be used for rental on the central computer, terminals, etc., the salary of the text processing manager and an assistant, salaries of junior programmers, and rental on various programs as they are needed. He estimated these costs. Mr. Daykin said he had allowed a cushion in the cost which disappeared when the cost of the Computer Facility went up.

Senator Jacobsen asked what will be the Interim use of this system. Mr. Daykin said the Interim use will be preparation of the supplement, and preparation of bill drafting for the next session.

Senator Glaser asked how much was appropriated last session for this system. Mr. Daykin said the total appropriation was \$500,000. He added that they have deliberately leased equipment rather than bought equipment, so that if equipment is improved in the future, they can switch to it.

Senator Gibson asked if these costs will appear in the budget at the next biennium. Mr. Daykin said he hopes so.

Senator McCorkle asked if increased capability has resulted in staff reductions. Mr. Daykin said not here, but in the Printing Office; the Printing Office does not have as much printing labor costs. When bill drafting is put on this system it will further reduce the Printing Office workload.

Senator McCorkle asked if the Printing Office staff has been reduced. Senator Gibson said he thought they were to reduce staff by attrition.

(A.B. 331 - bill action continued)

Senator ^{Gibson} moved "Do Pass" on A.B. 331.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

A.B. 575 - Appropriation for bill drafts for executive agencies and judiciary for 60th session.
(Attachment B)

John Crossley, Legislative Auditor, introduced this bill. He said it is set up like the 1975 General Appropriation Act which appropriated money for this purpose, except the judicial department which is included in the present bill. Mr. Crossley commented that at the end of February, for the executive agencies, the amount for bill drafting is up to \$52,700. The district and superior courts are about \$2,000 or \$3,000.

Senator Gibson asked how the executive departments' liability is determined. Mr. Crossley said they have determined that the executive agencies would be about \$75,000, the justices of the supreme court \$5,000, and the judges of the district courts \$15,000. These figures were developed the last part of February by Mr. Crossley and Mr. Daykin.

Mr. Crossley stated that the intent in 1975 law was to reduce the number of bills requested from agencies. He said at that time, two or three agencies submitted tremendous numbers of requests.

Senator Gibson asked if number of requests have been reduced. Mr. Crossley replied that no records were kept in 1975; in 1977 there were 37,600 bills requested, and the number have increased this biennium. He said most of the requests come from ten agencies: Human Resources is up to 11,000 so far this session. He said the numbers have increased from the 1977 session.

Senator Glaser moved "Do Pass" on A.B. 575.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

S.B. 435 - Supplemental appropriation for support of state board of pardons commissioners.
(Attachment C)

Senator Lamb read the amendments to S.B. 435.

Senator Glaser moved to "Amend and Do Pass" S.B. 435.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Motion carried.

SOUTHERN NEVADA CHILDREN'S HOME - Page 452

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Barrett to comment on the School Lunch Milk Program. Mr. Barrett explained that they found out, after the budget was printed, that some of the receipts for the previous year were counted in the actual year; therefore the actual year does not reflect actual expenditures. He asked that income from the School Lunch Program be reduced for the next two years and increase the General Fund amount. The school lunch revenue should be \$29,639 each year; and the regular appropriation should be \$560,186 the first year, and \$569,752 the second year.

Senator Gibson asked if a supplemental appropriation is needed. Mr. Barret said no.

Senator Wilson moved to reopen this budget.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

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(Southern Nevada Children's Home - reopened budget action cont.)

Senator Wilson moved to approve this budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Motion carried.

LAS VEGAS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (continued from 4-15-79) - Page 325

Mr. Barrett listed the services paid for under Contract Services. He said a contract dietitian was put into the food service budget yesterday; therefore, \$11,635 the first year, and \$12,798 the second year could be taken out of Contract Services. This amount was for a dietitian which will not now be needed.

Mr. Sparks commented he would make the necessary adjustments with the approval of the Committee. The Committee agreed.

Senator Lamb moved to approve this budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (continued from 4-15-79) - Page 337

Senator McCorkle moved to eliminate the Operations Grant.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senators Glaser, Wilson, Lamb and Gibson voted no.

Motion did not carry.

Senator Glaser moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Senator McCorkle voted no.

Motion carried.

RURAL CLINICS - Page 342

Senator Gibson asked what if in 1981 it is found there is not enough money to continue the program. He asked if that situation would jeopardize the whole grant. Mr. Barrett said yes. He continued that the legislature can get out of the program at the end of any grant year, not the end of a fiscal year. Mr. Barrett said they asked the federal government to specify the smallest amount of General Fund money needed to operate the program; the present budget reflects the lowest amount the State must spend.

Senator Lamb commented that he would like to reduce Travel expenses. Senator Gibson commented that many new people have been hired and they are required to travel.

Senator McCorkle expressed concern that Rural Clinics has not been run well in the past; and is now being rewarded with extra money that the legislature has no control over.

Senator Glaser commented that one reason the program was not run well in the past is that they have not had enough money.

Senator Wilson asked Mr. Barrett what priority this program should have. Mr. Barrett said it had had a high priority within the Division; no expansion of program is asked, aside from the federal increases. Mr. Barrett stressed that, contrary to popular opinion, people do have emotional problems in rural areas. He said each grant comes with a different set of rules. Mr. Barrett remarked that federal monies in this budget reflect decreasing grants over a period of 8 years.

(Rural Clinics - budget action continued)

Mr. Barrett said if they cannot fill all positions, the money will not be spent. He added that this federal program is unusual in the respect that money not used reverts to the federal government first; and then, any money left reverts to the State. All State money has to be spent before federal dollars are spent. If federal money is not accepted here, the federal government will probably not grant operations money for the Henderson program; they are not likely to give a new grant if the State turns down an existing grant.

Senator Glaser spoke in favor of the Rural Clinics programs in his district.

Senator Gibson moved to reduce Training to \$15,000 each year of the biennium.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sparks read a letter (dated April 6, 1979) to the Committee describing an alternate program for the capital improvement project 79-27 which call for \$688,000 for construction of a facility in Elko. They suggested abandoning this capital improvement project and to provide money for lease of 6,900 square feet in Elko, at a cost of \$53,750 per year. They asked that their operating budget be increased by this amount. Senator Gibson said this seems a good idea since the program may not continue in the future.

Senator Gibson moved to increase operating expenses by \$53,750 each year of the biennium; and omitting project 79-27 from the capital improvements budgets.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Glaser moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

GENETICS - page 355

Senator Gibson moved to approve this budget.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

DESERT DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER - Page 358

Mr. Sparks announced that this is a budget which can be adjusted because since the budget was estimated they have evaluated costs. Title XIX can be increased by \$314,761 the first year, and by \$426,852 the second year; and the General Fund decreased accordingly.

Mr. Barrett explained that increased Title XIX monies were granted to fulfill federal requirements.

Senator McCorkle moved to approve personnel as reflected in the Reorganization Plan.

Seconded by Senator Gibson.

Senator Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

(Desert Developmental Center - budget action continued)

Senator Gibson moved to approve this budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

SIERRA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER - Page 363

Senator McCorkle moved to approve personnel as recommended by the Reorganization Plan.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Senator Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Gibson moved to approve this budget as amended by increasing Title XIX funds and decreasing the general fund.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING - Page 6

Senator McCorkle announced he has investigated this program and a good aspect is that Bob Hill has taken an aggressive attitude in increasing federal funding. Senator McCorkle stated he would like to watch this program for the next two years to see that they do not begin telling local governments what to do; and are discriminating in passing federal grants.

Senator McCorkle moved that this budget be approved.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING - FEDERAL FUNDS - Page 9

Senator Gibson moved that this budget be approved.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

CRIME PREVENTION - Page 12

Mr. Sparks remarked that there is an amended budget. He added that Attorney General Bryan wants this program back in his budget. Mr. Barrett explained that Governor List handled this program as Attorney General, and now wants it in the Governor's Office.

Senator Gibson moved to approve the budget as amended; leaving the program in the Governor's Office.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Motion carried.

STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OFFICE - Page 23

Senator McCorkle said the prime sponsors do not have to have this office; they can collect money directly from the federal government.

Senator McCorkle moved to eliminate this program.

Mr. Barrett commented that he thinks this program is required to review and audit monies.

(Statewide CETA Office - budget action continued)

Motion not seconded.

Senator McCorkle moved to reduce this office by 5 people, leaving the director and his secretary.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Senators Gibson and Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Lamb absent.

Senator Echols moved to reduce Out-of-State Travel to \$1,500 each year of the biennium.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senators Wilson and Gibson voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Lamb absent.

Senator Echols moved to reduce In-State Travel to \$3,500 each year of the biennium.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senators Wilson and Gibson voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator McCorkle moved to approve the budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Echols.

Senators Gibson and Wilson voted no.

Motion carried.

Senator Lamb absent.

Senator Gibson commented that the Committee will reopen the budget when Mr. Sparks returns with figures showing other categories which can be reduced; as has been requested by Senator McCorkle.

STATE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE - Page 26

Senator McCorkle moved to eliminate this program.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

MOTOR POOL - Page 74

Mr. Barrett reminded the Committee that this budget had to be revised because federal regulations required the State to implement a depreciation schedule for payment on vehicles.

Senator Gibson moved to approve this budget as amended.

Seconded by Senator Glaser.

Motion carried.

CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING - Page 85

Senator Wilson asked if information was obtained on consolidating the Controller's computer operation with Central Data Processing. He asked if money could be saved. Mr. Sparks said this involves eliminating the Controller's computer and using Central Data Processing instead, with a reported savings of approximately \$262,554.

Senator Gibson stated that Mr. McGowan, the Controller, wants his own computer and does not want to use Central Data Processing services. Mr. Barrett commented that he would like to see the situation remain as it is now. Senator McCorkle remarked that the state contract accountant, Don McGee, opposes bringing the Controller's office into Central Data Processing.

Mr. Sparks commented that this budget will have to be adjusted according to changes in the Computer Facility budget. Mr. Barrett remarked that this is one of the few budgets which has a decrease in positions.

Senator Gibson moved that this budget be approved.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

STATE PRINTING OFFICE - Page 88

Senator Gibson remarked that overtime has increased and the agency reported that overtime would be reduced by the use of certain equipment. He requested Mr. Barrett to find out where the impact of the new equipment is, in this budget.

STATE COMMUNICATIONS BOARD - Page 104

Senator Gibson moved to approve the revised budget.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Wilson absent.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Page 110

Senator Glaser explained that S.B. 123 relates to this budget. He said the counties can be funded through the bill, or through this budget. He said, with the exception of one county, they would rather receive money individually as Grants-in-Aid. Senator Gibson said the bill provides for matching grants, but not for the large counties. (Paragraph 1 does not contain the stipulation of a match.)

Senator Lamb said there has been a request to increase this budget. Senator Glaser described problems when the State ran the program two years ago. He said information recently received says the counties would rather receive money on a matching basis and use it to promote their own local functions such as rodeos.

Senator Lamb asked if the Committee would like to appropriate \$600,000 to increase S.B. 123. Senators Gibson, McCorkle, Glaser and Wilson agreed.

Senator Echols asked what agencies in the county would get this money; Clark County has many Chambers of Commerce. He said he would support this bill if money is allocated to a Chamber of Commerce which matches funds.

Senator Gibson disagreed; he said in Henderson an Industrial Foundation performs this function, not the Chamber of Commerce. He said the money should not be tied to Chambers of Commerce.

Bill and budget held.

DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE - Page 230.94

Dr. Lloyd Smith, President, Desert Research Institute, testified on the DRI's priorities with regard to research projects. He said they concentrate on projects which will strengthen and broaden the economy of Nevada. He said the State has 2 major areas of concern: water and energy. He listed the projects in order of priority and described each project. They are:

1. Weather Modification project
2. Truckee River study
3. Wind Energy
4. Space heating and cooling systems
5. Liquid fuel from biomass
6. Energy assessment program
7. Ground water basins
8. Data Storage and Retrieval
9. Solar design for industrial uses
10. Valmy Power Plant.
11. Air Quality
12. Bio Resource Center-Lahontan
13. Geo Thermal energy
14. Waste Water
15. Solar power generation
16. Hydro electric plant
17. Solar water pumping
18. Topaz Lake
19. Circular system for solar heat.
20. Solar radiation concentration

Senator Gibson asked how much General Fund money was spent on these projects this year. Warren Kocmond, Atmospheric Sciences Center, testified that last year their appropriation for Weather Modification from the State was \$322,000. He said they had federal support of \$230,000; the total allocation for last year was \$564,000 which was used to seed 5 areas. This year they are only seeding 3 areas because they did not receive federal emergency drought relief funding for Elko and Ely. Mr. Kocmond stated they are offering to seed the 5 areas for the next five years for \$477,000. He added they will probably get Bureau of Reclamation support of about \$100,000. Mark Dawson, Vice President of Administration, said General Fund money for the Truckee River project is \$51,898 for this fiscal year. He said there was \$74,337 for Wind Energy this fiscal year in General Fund monies. Mr. Dawson added these three projects are the only ones which have been funded in the past by General Fund money; the other projects are new.

Senator Gibson asked about the effects of cloud seeding. Mr. Kocmond answered that seeding results in about 10 to 30 percent increases. He said California is also seeding, and Nevada cannot determine whether or not there is a negative effect in Nevada from seeding in California. He said they are concerned because there is general ignorance about what kinds of clouds to seed; seeding some clouds can result in less moisture. Mr. Kocmond continued there is some evidence that this sometime happens in California. He said California seeding could affect Nevada's water supply. Senator Wilson said then the Nevada seeding program is a defensive program. Dr. Smith commented that one of DRI's functions is to determine if California seeding is affecting Nevada's water supply.

Senator Wilson remarked that the Governor's recommendation is just enough to cover operation expenses. He asked Mr. Barrett why research projects are not funded. Mr. Barrett said because most projects were new and no explanation was given of the projects at the time the recommendation was made.

Senator Wilson commented that some of these projects are a good investment.

Mr. Barrett said they may have federal dollars for some of these projects. He said they do not know where the federal money is in these projects.

Senator McCorkle asked if there is a way the legislature can limit the federal money they may receive. Senator Gibson said no.

Senator Lamb said this is one of the wealthiest departments in the University, and there is little control over them because 80 percent of their funds are federal monies.

Senator Glaser commented that he feels the money is well spent on research of this type.

Senator Echols moved that this budget (DRI) be approved.

Seconded by Senator McCorkle.

Senator Wilson said the Governor's recommendation will not permit the funding of the projects. Senator Gibson concurred.

Senator Wilson said the way he understands this program, is if the Committee does not appropriate additional money, the Weather Modification project cancels.

Senator McCorkle remarked that the Committee does not know enough to decide this budget at this time.

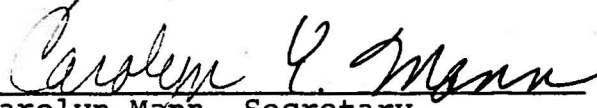
Senator Wilson asked for more information before this budget is closed.

Senator Lamb said that last biennium, Desert Research Institute had this amount, plus an amount in a bill, and did not experience a hardship.


Budget held.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn Mann, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

ATTACHMENT A

A. B. 331

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 331—COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 7, 1979

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for automated text processing in
legislative department. (BDR S-1443)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the legislative commission for the auto-
mated system of text processing; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
2 fund to the legislative commission, for the purpose of operating and
3 improving the automated system of text processing established pursuant
4 to chapter 155, Statutes of Nevada 1977:
5 For the fiscal year 1979-80..... \$325,000
6 For the fiscal year 1980-81..... 375,000
7 The sums hereby appropriated are available for either fiscal year, but
8 any balance unencumbered on June 30, 1981, reverts to the state general
9 fund on that date.

ATTACHMENT B

A. B. 575

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 575—COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 21, 1979

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation for bill drafts for executive agencies and
judiciary for 60th session. (BDR S-1541)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation from the state general fund to the department
of administration for bill drafts for executive agencies and the judicial depart-
ment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979; and providing other matters
properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, there is hereby
2 appropriated from the state general fund the sum of \$95,000 to the
3 budget division of the department of administration for preparation of
4 bill drafts for executive agencies and the judicial department of the state,
5 for the 60th session of the Nevada legislature.
6 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

ATTACHMENT C

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

S. B. 435

SENATE BILL NO. 435—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

APRIL 6, 1979

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes supplemental appropriation for support of state board of pardons commissioners. (BDR S-1562)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT amending the general appropriation made for the supreme court by transferring a certain amount from the sum specifically appropriated for the court to the sum specifically appropriated for the state board of pardons commissioners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18 of chapter 574, Statutes of Nevada 1977, at
2 page 1468, is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 SEC. 18. Supreme Court of Nevada.

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| 4 | For the support of the | | | |
| 5 | supreme court of | | | |
| 6 | Nevada..... | \$1,030,425 | [\$1,092,224] | \$1,079,824 |
| 7 | For the support of the | | | |
| 8 | state board of par- | | | |
| 9 | dons commissioners... | 15,794 | [13,500] | 25,900 |
| 10 | For the support of the | | | |
| 11 | law library..... | 187,401 | 196,866 | |
| 12 | For the support of the | | | |
| 13 | commissions on judi- | | | |
| 14 | cial selection and | | | |
| 15 | discipline..... | 17,100 | 18,200 | |
| 16 | For the support of the | | | |
| 17 | retired justice duty | | | |
| 18 | fund..... | 25,000 | 25,000 | |
| 19 | SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval. | | | |