

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bremner
Mr. Bergevin
Mr. Brady
Mr. Coulter
Mr. Glover
Mr. Horn
Mrs. Hayes
Mr. Marvel
Mr. Rhoads
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Vergiels
Mrs. Westall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chairman Hickey

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey, Deputy Budget Director; Mr. John Carr, Mr. Paul Cohen, Al Edmundson, Louis Rossi, all of the Health Division, Mr. Bryn Armstrong of the Parole Board and Myrl Nygren, Health Planning Resources Coordinator

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

Consumer Health Protection Services

Dr. John Carr, Director of the Health Division, stated that the Consumer Health Protection Services Division is the bureau that contains much of the regulatory functions of the Health Division and also the public health sanitarians and engineers; all basically responsible for food service establishment inspections, proper water supply, sewage disposal systems and the radiological health program. He added that this health program is one of three that has come in for significant increases in budget requests.

He stated that the radiological health program is requesting two new positions, and the Safe Drinking Water Act item was previously in a separate budget, but has now been combined with this one, to help provide additional match and save state money.

Chairman Bremner asked for an explanation of the Beatty Projects line item. Mr. Cohen responded that after submission of the budget, the Director's office requested that an additional \$25,000 be added for the purpose of hiring special consultants. He added that the funds were taken from the radioactive disposal trust account.

Chairman Bremner asked for information concerning large increases in professional services and legal and court expenses. Mr. Cohen stated that professional services funds go to the state lab for services rendered in terms of water control through the Safe Drinking Water Program for the state. Additionally, he stated that the legal and court expenses are federal funds which are expended for lawsuits over the Beatty site, and for legal and technical research and services provided to Consumer Health.

In response to a question by Mr. Glover, Mr. Al Edmundson, Bureau Chief of the Consumer Health Protection Services, stated that a suit has been filed to reverse the Board of Health's approval of letting the site remain open. He added, depending upon the outcome of the litigation, the site may close or it may stay open.

Chairman Bremner asked if there are specific routes through the state that shippers are required to use. Mr. Edmundson stated that there are specific routes, and they were developed by the Department of Transportation. Chairman Bremner further commented on the shipping policies now in use in the state, adding that some improvements were needed in the methods. Dr. DiSibio added that when defective material is shipped into the state,

it is carefully repackaged before it is shipped back to the facility from where it came, adding that there are six ingress and egress points in the state, all basically unsupervised because of commerce clauses and federal rules and regulations. Dr. DiSibio stated that the State of Nevada could implement check points within the state.

Dr. Robinson asked if the Beatty dump is closed, what the impact would be on state funds. Dr. DiSibio stated that the impact on state funds would be almost nothing, adding that the funds used to operate the facility are fees.

Mr. Cohen addressed the positions requested in the budget and stated that he would provide an exact breakdown of the positions, the salaries for each position and a summary of their duties to Mr. Bible for fiscal year 82 and 83 requests. He added that the radiation specialist that is being requested under state funds, is a specialist that will deal with doctor's offices, hospitals, x-ray machines and other radioactive equipment throughout the State of Nevada.

Mr. Rhoads, stated that Nevada is a prime candidate for the main nuclear dump, and asked if there has been any designated area selected, and what was the possibility of the nuclear products companies buying private land in some other state, instead of using Nevada for a dumping ground. Dr. DiSibio explained the difference between high level and low level waste, stating that Nevada is presently storing some high level radioactive material as part of a test program, adding that Nevada is a prime candidate for the storage of high level waste. Additionally, he stated that President Reagan is exploring the possibility of rejuvenating and reusing the radioactive materials, thus creating less high level waste that needs to be stored. He added that some private companies around the nation do deal with low level waste and they do buy up private land for this purpose, further stating that this would preclude the need for Nevada to store low level waste. He stated that there are only 80 acres at Beatty and it is being filled rapidly.

Mr. Horn asked if Beatty were limited to Nevada's use only, what would the impact be on the budget. Dr. DiSibio stated that there would be very little, if any, impact on the budget because the site has to be maintained forever.

Mr. Glover asked what the most dangerous materials were that are stored at the site. Mr. Al Edmundson responded that there is plutonium which has a half life of 22,000 years, adding that radium is also stored there, which has a very long half life. Additionally, Mr. Glover asked who has filed the suite to close the Beatty site. Dr. DiSibio stated that the state filed the suit initially but has now filed against the Board of Health's decision, and added that all legal expenses are coming from the state Attorney General's Office. He stated that at this time there appears to be a conflict of interest so the state will be hiring an outside attorney to defend the State Board of Health.

Mr. Glover asked if the \$17,577 salary offered to the new radiation control specialist is sufficient to attract a person with sufficient expertise in the field who would be willing to provide the services and stay on the job. Mr. Edmundson stated that this will be difficult because competition from private industry is so great.

Mrs. Hayes asked if the Beatty site is on private or public lands. Dr. DiSibio stated that it is on public lands that are leased to a private company. Additionally Mrs. Hayes asked what would happen if the funds were not appropriated to hire outside counsel to defend the State Board of Health. Dr. DiSibio stated the Attorney General's Office has a fund already set up to do that, but could not explain further what would happen if all funds were withdrawn.

In response to a question by Mr. Brady, Mr. Edmundson stated that the Armagosa River is near the Beatty site but that

there is very little chance of the radioactive materials seeping into the river. He added that the wells in the area are monitored continually to check for contamination.

Mr. Coulter stated that the Nevada Legislature is on record four to six years ago, favoring the site for the storage of high level radioactive waste materials.

Uranium Mills Licensing

Dr. Carr addressed the budget and stated that this program was authorized to deal with two impending requests to mine radioactive materials. He added that no money has ever been spent from this budget, but it is maintained just in case these mines are developed. Mr. Cohen added that it is to be selfsupporting if it is activated.

Radioactive Material Disposal

Mr. Cohen stated that this budget was transferred to the Health Division as of July 1, 1980. He added that the agency's request is different than the total agency expenditure for the work program because the budget does not reflect the work program that was submitted January 26.

Chairman Bremner asked if the funds in the radioactive material disposal trust fund will be adequate to maintain and supervise the site if it is closed. Mr. Edmundson stated that the interest from the trust fund will pay for the monitoring that will have to be done after the site is closed. He added that the lease on the land runs until 1996.

Mr. Horn asked what would happen to the site if the rent space per cubic foot was raised from \$.25 to \$2,500. Mr. Edmundson stated that would effectively close the site. Additionally Mr. Horn asked who sets the fees. Mr. Edmundson stated that the fees were set by contract with a nuclear engineering company, further stating that to impose a sur tax or charge, legislative action would have to be proposed.

Mr. Coulter asked if the state is successful in its lawsuit against itself and the dump site is closed, would there be enough money in perpetual care fund to look after the site. Mr. Edmundson stated that this is correct, the state would have to put up the funds to care for the site forever.

Drug Licensing

Dr. Carr addressed the budget and stated that this program is an outgrowth of the licensing in 1977 permitting manufacture of Gerovitol and Laetril. He added at this time there are two companies manufacturing Gerovitol and none manufacturing Laetril. He stated that the program funds are all generated from fees charged to the manufacturer.

Chairman Bremner asked about the other contractual services line item. Mr. Cohen stated that this line item is for an advisory board that is under contract to the Health Division related to Gerovitol and Laetril. He added that some of the fees are for technical lab tests related to Gerovitol and Laetril quality control.

Mr. Robinson asked if the department has authority to supervise the production of other drugs. Dr. Carr stated that it does have the authority. Mr. Edmundson added that there are presently no companies manufacturing other drugs.

Health Facilities

Mr. Cohen stated that the Bureau of Health Facilities is a part of the reorganization and now encompasses the state lab and the emergency medical services program, adding that this

accounts for the increases shown in the requested appropriations. In addition he stated that, while in the past the program was 100% federally funded, it will no longer be so funded, and presently state matching funds are required. He stated that some positions have been downgraded or eliminated in the personnel portion of the budget.

Chairman Bremner asked the reason for the increase in the in-state-travel. Mr. Cohen stated that additional funds are required in this area to transport the certificate of needs staff to conduct public hearings. He added that an increase in the number of complaints received, results in more travel to investigate these complaints.

Mr. Bergevin requested information on the other government services line item. Mr. Cohen stated that these services are the funds and that they are directed by the state fire marshal to put in the budget for contract services, in order to comply with the life safety codes; adding that this figure shows up in the other department's budgets as a revenue from the state.

Chairman Bremner stated that these revenues are showing up in the other department's budgets lower than are listed in the Health Facilities Budget and this will be examined carefully in order to account for all funds.

Bureau of Laboratory and Research

Dr. Carr stated that this bureau has been moved from a bureau on its own into the Bureau of Health Facilities, adding that the only personnel change has been the deletion of the Chief of the Public Health Lab position, noting that there are significant increases in other areas of the budget. Mr. Cohen stated that certain changes have been made within the department pursuant to recommendations in the Governor's Task Force report. Additionally he stated that utilities will probably exceed the amount requested in the budget because the 8,800 square foot lab operates 24 hours per day. He stated that Mr. Lewis Rossi, the Lab Supervisor has explored the possibility of installing solar heat to help conserve on the increased energy costs, further stating however, that it was found that there were no funds with which to do this and it was determined that solar heat was not feasible for the structure.

Mr. Cohen stated that operating expense also reflects a significant increase, adding that technical supply costs are going up drastically and they are of a type that cannot be purchased in large quantities and stored.

Mr. Bergevin referred to the consumer protection budget and the laboratory and research budget and asked if there was a duplication of receipt of federal funds from the Drinking Water Act.

Mr. Cohen stated that there are duplications, the Drinking Water Act funds being transferred from the consumer protection budget to the lab budget to provide the funds for the technical testing required in the safe drinking water program.

Mr. Horn asked what the qualifications are for the Bureau Chief and what quality and productivity will be lost if this position is removed. Mr. Lewis Rossi stated that it takes a PhD and a degree in microbiology. Mr. Cohen added that during the past when the bureau chief's position was vacant, there was no change in the quality and productivity in the laboratory services.

Chairman Bremner requested a justification be prepared by the department for the position and presented to the subcommittee.

Mrs. Westall asked who sets the qualification for the positions in the Bureau of Laboratory and Research. Mr. Cohen stated that the State Personnel Division sets the standards by which the positions are filled. He added that the Department submits

their recommendations for qualifications to the Personnel Department.

Emergency Medical Services

Dr. Carr addressed the budget requests stating that it is being transferred from community health services into health facilities. He added that a large grant of start up money for a communication system expires at the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Cohen added that this was to set up a radio-microwave system in rural Nevada, the significance in this budget being the radio network line item. He stated that these are perpetual care funds that flow through this budget to the State Communications Board for the ongoing maintenance and supervision of this operation.

Chairman Bremner asked for information concerning the new position requested in the budget. Mr. Cohen stated that the position is a half-time student which is needed in the office to assist with the paper work that relates to the EMS program in which technicians, ambulance drivers, and CPR specialists, are certified.

Mr. Alastuey stated that the position should read half-time instead of full time.

Mr. Horn asked if the department was satisfied with the training that is provided by the community colleges on the contractual services program. Mr. Cohen stated that they are satisfied, the program is filling all of their needs.

Children's Health Services

Mr. Cohen addressed the budget and stated that the maternal and child care and special children's program and, for the first time, the major cripple children's program, is a medical contractual bill paying program for those that are medically and financially eligible. He added that it also includes the area which is known as SSI for disabled children. He added that there are decreases in some personnel positions, however, positions are being transferred in so that overall, there will be a net increase of 2½.

Mr. Cohen stated that \$2.4 million is being requested for cripple children's services. He added that at present there is an active case load of 3,650 ranging in ages from birth to age 25.

Maternal and Child Health Title I

Dr. Carr stated that this is the other half of the transfer out from the Emergency Medical Services Division, indicating that the budget reflects a great increase in personnel, which personnel will be occupying the new building in Reno that will be opening in the middle of April, 1981.

Improved Pregnancy Outcome

Dr. Carr addressed the budget requests and stated that this is an entirely federally funded program from Maternal and Child Health B Fund. He stated that this means that the funds are non-recurring, they don't have to be matched, and were given to the state in October of 1978. He added that the infant mortality rate in Nevada was sufficiently high to qualify the state for a second round of funding. He further stated that the program is designed to improve the health of pregnant women.

Chairman Bremner asked how long the nutritionist position has been vacant and Dr. Carr stated that it has been vacant about 4 months and they have been advertising to fill the vacancy.

Chairman Bremner asked for additional information on the contractual services line item. Mr. Cohen stated that the contractual services are the funds which will be contracted out to Washoe District Health Department, Clark County Health Department and the Economic

Opportunity Board, to obtain services such as maternal infant service delivery, and education efforts to make people aware of the program and identify high risk pregnancies.

Mr. Rhoads asked if this program would be recommended for continuation if the federal funds came in block grants and were not specifically set aside for this. Dr. Carr stated that it would be his recommendation that the program be continued and if possible expanded to include a larger population.

Mr. Robinson asked if the disbursement of funds was audited after being placed in other agencies. Dr. Carr stated that the federal people conduct audits and the agency conducts its own internal audits.

Chairman Bremner asked that the subcommittee be supplied with statistics as to how this program has actually improved the pregnancy outcomes.

Dental Health

Dr. Carr addressed the budget and stated that this program is a former bureau that is being put in as a section under the Children's Health Services and the Bureau Chief will be functioning as the chief and also providing direct dental services to children. He added that the most significant item in the budget is the Title XIX estimate of funds to be utilized.

Mr. Glover asked if the program is mandatory and Mr. Cohen stated that under MCH Title V it is mandatory, and if they didn't have it, they would probably lose an appropriation of the federal funds for the child health services program.

Mr. Bergevin asked if there is a duplication of services, as the same services can be provided through the Welfare Department. Mr. Cohen stated that there may possibly be some duplication but the federal funding comes from different sources and there are only 2 units functioning, one in Reno and one in Las Vegas; both are funded under the Children's Health Services program.

Mr. Robinson asked if the services were provided from mobile units and what types of dental screening services were performed. Dr. Carr stated that services are provided from a mobile unit and further added that the Title 19 program is referred to as EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment) and is not part of this budget.

Mr. Alastuey stated that this agency acts as a private vendor would, in providing dental services along with private contractors; further adding that there are no duplication of services per se. Mr. Bergevin requested further information that duplication of services is really not occurring as stated.

Chairman Bremner asked if any positions presently in the budget are not filled. Mr. Cohen stated that there are some, but recruiting is going on at this time to fill the positions.

Mr. Brady asked for case load information. Mr. Cohen stated that services are started at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.; further adding that it is difficult to keep a head count on how many children are serviced, because sometime one child will come in for services six or eight times. He stated that they don't emphasize the numbers serviced, but rather the time that the office is opened with a steady flow of patients into the office for service.

Bureau of Community Health Services

Mr. Cohen addressed the budget and stated that it is one of the five budgets that is in the sunset study so until action is taken regarding Chapter 688, these funds cannot be authorized.

He stated that positions have been cut from the budget, accounting for some of the decreases shown. He added that the WIC program is administered from these funds and \$3,000 has been added in federal funds for this purpose. He pointed out an increase in the collections, which are written cooperative agreements with the rural counties and local educational agencies where the programs nurses provide services in rural Nevada. He added that this budget is the administration of the Bureau of Community Health Services and the rural health delivery services program.

Mr. Horn asked who will run the bureau without the chief's position which has been eliminated. Mr. Cohen stated that it will be run by a non-M.D. type administrator, thus saving \$25,000 per year. He added that there will be no change in the quality and quantity of services provided.

Mrs. Westall asked why the medical doctors can make more in salaries than their supervisors. Mr. Cohen responded that there is a special pay bill for doctors and psychiatrists that allows them to be paid larger salaries than other non-M.D. bureau chiefs, etc.

In response to a question by Dr. Robinson about what happened to the Marijuana Review Board, Mr. Cohen stated that the Marijuana Review Board was moved from this department to the Health Division, being assigned to Dr. Edwards to establish the department, and there is no staff required.

Family Planning

Mr. Cohen stated that this is one of five family planning programs in the State of Nevada, dealing specifically with rural Nevada. He added that there are significant decreases in medical and dental expenses. He stated that the number estimated to be served will be 2,876 in the first year of the biennium and 2,269 in the second year.

Tuberculosis Control

Dr. Carr addressed the budget and stated that the program is largely state funded, with an additional \$60,000 in federal refugee funds being acquired recently. He stated that the increase in the incidents of tuberculosis in the State of Nevada is directly related to the influx of refugees. He stated that there are no significant changes in the budget, with the exception of the request for the new position to assist in the paperwork caused by the refugee influx.

Mr. Rhoads asked if Mr. Cohen's statement that the federal refugee funds would increase was based on any information direct from a federal source. Mr. Cohen stated that this is probably what will occur, stating further that he has not received any documentation in writing from Washington, D.C.

Mr. Cohen stated that under the immunization program and the well baby clinic, that anyone can come into the agency and utilize these services free of charge. He added, however, that to qualify for the other health programs one must be on welfare.

Dr. Robinson asked for documentation concerning the TB statistics. Mr. Cohen stated that he will provide updated statistics to the committee. Mr. Cohen added that with the influx of refugees, that the federal programs that process these refugees are supposedly checking the cases thoroughly before deploying them to the respective states to reside, but that the system appears to be faulty to a certain extent because the incidents of TB are on the rise and it appears to be directly related to the refugees.

Chairman Bremner asked if the treatment funds were sufficient.

Mr. Cohen stated that when a case of TB is diagnosed that treatment has to be conducted and paid for out of the program. If the case responds quickly to treatment, the expenses are minimal, however,

if the case does not respond to treatment, expenses can be excessive, as in a case in the past, where \$36,000 was expended on treatment.

Venereal Disease Control

Mr. Cohen addressed the budget and stated that this is a program that is under Chapter 688 which needs authorization for the funds to be expended. He stated that there is a reduction in the state requests because federal funds have been increased.

Immunization

Mr. Carr addressed the budget stating that this is a program which is federally funded with a public health service assignee running it. He stated that requests are minimal, some requests showing some increases for purchasing vaccine and other supplies.

Chairman Bremner asked if any positions are vacant at this time. Dr. Carr stated that there was a position that was vacant because negotiations with the regional office are going on in an attempt to pick up another nursing position that cannot be state funded; adding that part of the trade-off would be to change the state position from a health services coordinator to a community health nurse, which would plug into the rural health network. He added that recruitment was difficult because no one wanted to be located in Elko, but the position was recently filled and the program is functioning well at this time.

WIC Program

Dr. Carr addressed the budget and stated that this program is designed to improve the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women and children up to the age of 5 who are, or have, what is called a nutritional risk. He added that the case load is around 8,000 and there are contracts with Clark, Washoe, EOB, Operation Life in Clark County to administer the program there, he added that in the rural areas, state staff administer the program.

Chairman Bremner stated that there is a probability that federal funding will be cut for this program and Dr. Carr stated that he had heard the same but has not received any documentation to support these rumors.

Mr. Cohen commented on the eligibility requirements for people participating in the program and the limitations imposed on those receiving benefits.

Mrs. Hayes questioned the large increase in print duplication and communications. Dr. Carr stated that the agency is being required to get a more adequate data processing system which will do away with some of the print costs that are expended currently to print the pay vouchers for each recipient.

Mr. Brady asked if the benefits were given in cash. Mr. Cohen stated that it is not given in cash, but is given in the form of a voucher that is presented at the time of purchase of the products, and it states on the face of the voucher exactly what can be purchased with it.

Chairman Bremner stated the subcommittee that is handling this is Chaired by Mr. Vergiels, with Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Brady as members.

Health Planning Resources

Dr. DiSibio commented generally on the agency and stated that it is responsible for health planning and development of the state health plan, the certificate of needs component and developmental disabilities. Dr. DiSibio introduced Myrl Nygren, Administrator of the Health Planning Resources program, who addressed the proposed budget requests, stating that one particular matter, health facility revenues, will generate a revenue of \$17,000. She added

that special legislation is currently being proposed to allow the agency to collect fees such as these.

Chairman Bremner asked for information regarding the Governor's Task Force Report stating that the costs of the agency's certificate program are approximately \$48,000. Mrs. Nygren stated that this is based on the total number of applications that are received and dealt with, adding that not all of the applications are approved, and only the ones that proceed to the certificate of needs hearing are charged the filing fee. Chairman Bremner further asked if a processing fee could be charged to all applicants. Dr. DiSibio stated that this would take legislation.

Mrs. Nygren stated that appropriateness review is a new responsibility that they are required to complete this year adding that 1½ positions are requested to help carry out this additional work. She added that this is a federally mandated assignment and must be completed.

Chairman Bremner asked for an explanation of the data programming development line item. Mrs. Nygren stated that during the programming, data must be collected and analyzed and merged into the state health program. Additionally Chairman Bremner asked if the agency works in conjunction with the medical school. Mrs. Nygren stated that they do work closely with the medical school.

Dr. Robinson asked what will happen to the funds remaining in the certificate of needs program. Mrs. Nygren stated that the funds remaining in the certificate of needs program are under contract and will be transferred to the Bureau of Health Facilities to carry out the certificate of need program.

Mr. Coulter asked how this agency differs from the Greater Nevada Health System. Dr. DiSibio stated that the Greater Nevada Health System is established by the federal government as an intermediary, non-public and non-state affiliated, totally federally funded agency, whose major responsibility is health planning and certificate of needs. He added that the agency does precisely the same things as the Health Planning Resources Agency and added that in his opinion, this is a gross waste of federal money and is probably the most inefficient operation the government has yet to come up with.

Mr. Glover asked if the advertising campaign information of various hospitals around the state is public information and if it is available to the committee. Dr. DiSibio stated that it is not public information and is not accessible to anyone, however, he was told by hospital personnel that for 3 days of newspaper advertisements the cost may run as high as \$18,000, adding that the competition between hospitals is great and a large amount of money is expended annually on advertisements.

Mr. Glover asked what the cost of processing an application for a new hospital would be. Dr. DiSibio stated that it would not be uncommon to have the costs exceed \$100,000.

Mr. Glover asked if hospitals in Nevada generally make a profit. Mrs. Nygren stated that most of the hospitals do not show a profit. She added that most of the rural hospitals show a loss because there are not enough physicians in the communities to sustain the hospitals, hence, most of the rural hospitals are tax supported.

Parole Board

Mr. Bryn Armstrong addressed the committee with respect to the budget requests of the Parole Board, stating that the duties of this board is to see all prisoners incarcerated in the Nevada State Prison system and consider them for parole one month before they are eligible for parole. He added that the board has an average approval of 52%.

Mr. Armstrong addressed the salary requests, stating that they are approximately in the middle range of salaries being paid in the United States. Additionally, Mr. Armstrong stated that the in-state travel request is considerably higher due to the fact that the Southern Desert Correctional Center will become functional this year and it will necessitate added travel for board members and staff to the Southern part of the state for parole hearings.

Mr. Armstrong stated that additional building space is needed in the Carson City office and the requested funds reflect an increase because of this need. He added that there is space available next door which can be utilized.

Chairman Bremner asked why the Governor recommended a salary that is higher than what the agency requested. Mr. Alastuey stated that because of the complexity of this position, that all unclassified positions, excepting secretary to the parole board, should receive salary increases in the area of 33 to 35%.

Mr. Glover asked if any thought had been given to increasing the number of members on the parole board. Mr. Armstrong stated that a proposal was made to increase the number of parole board members, however, it did not emerge from the Governor's Office nor the Budget Office.

Mr. Marvel asked if microfilming is currently being used. Mr. Armstrong stated that it is not used because all of the files maintained in his office are used commonly by different agencies, adding that it is a possibility and he would look into it. Mr. Campos stated that the files are microfilmed 2 years after the sentence expires.

Chairman Bremner asked how long the average parole hearing takes. Mr. Armstrong stated that the hearing may last from 30 minutes to several hours depending on the presentation of the inmate.

Parole and Probation

Mr. Bud Campos addressed the budget requests and stated that there are increases in most of the budgetary requests being made. He added that the primary duty of the office is to service the district courts of the State of Nevada by preparing reports on each convicted person and to supervise individuals on parole or probation.

Mr. Campos stated that the budgetary increases reflect the 18.5% increase in work load each year of the biennium, however, he added that this year the department is only requesting a 16.5% increase in the budget, even in the light of the projected growth and inflation. He stated that this is directly tied to the legislation that is being introduced to reduce some of the areas of responsibility and therefore fewer staff. He cited as an example, proposed legislation which would abolish the need for presentence reports on gross misdemeanor cases, adding that this will reduce the work load by about 1/3, and thus reduce the staff by about six positions.

In response to a question by Mr. Vergiels, Mr. Campos stated that some of the requests for positions made to the Governor were granted but were delayed. He added that some of the positions granted are mid-year hire positions. Mr. Alastuey added that part of the 27 people hired to fill the 23 positions by the second year of the biennium, are on a phase in basis, reflecting a half time status.

Mr. Glover asked how factual and accurate the parole success rates are. Mr. Campos stated that there is no way to get a true accounting of the success rates on parole and probation. He added that the figures reflect national averages, but the parolees are only tracked while they are on parole, so there is no figure built in to reflect those that go out and commit new crimes after they are off parole and are out of the jurisdiction of the Nevada authorities.

Mr. Glover questioned the impact of the legislation abolishing the presentence report requirement. Mr. Campos stated that there will be little effect if any, however some effect will be felt in the county jails, because it will effectively reduce the sentence time for those in custody and it will get them out of the county jails quicker and ease the overcrowding felt there. He added that at this time there are approximately 4,500 on parole and/or probation, with an additional 1,200 under Nevada jurisdiction but living in other states.

Mr. Horn asked for further information in the areas of overtime pay and communications. Mr. Campos stated that the overtime pay and communications line items reflect substantial increases, the communications line item showing the cost of the addition of a teletype and the relocation of certain telephone equipment; adding further that overtime is utilized mainly for classified staff to complete the reports as they are demanded by the courts. He stated also that a big user of overtime is the central office in the return of fugitives from throughout the United States.

Mr. Campos stated that the Psychologist 4 positions in the Reno and Las Vegas Offices are requested to be abolished and replaced with a Supervisor of Volunteer Services at a grade 35.

Chairman Bremner stated that the subcommittee that has been appointed to deal with parole and probation and the prison system in general will be chaired by Mr. Horn, and assisted by Mr. Vergiels and Mr. Brady.

Dr. Robinson asked what savings will be realized after removal of these 2 positions. Mr. Campos stated that there would be a 20% savings realized if the Psychologist 4 positions are reduced to two Supervisor of Volunteer Services positions.

Chairman Bremner adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

DATE: February 4, 1981

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