

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Glover

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst
 Judy Matteucci, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
 Mike Alastuey, Deputy Fiscal Director

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

BUDGETS

DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

Mr. Bergevin said he had contacted the Department of Agriculture as requested by Chairman Bremner and the Department had said they would like to retain the position in Weights and Measures and they would be willing to fund it from fees they charge.

Mr. Bible read correspondence the committee had received which indicated that by doubling the weights and measures test fees, sufficient revenue for funding the position could be produced. The letter further indicated that before the fees could be raised, approval would have to be obtained from the State Board of Agriculture and a hearing held regarding the changes. It was estimated that approximately \$29,872 could be generated by raising the fees.

Mr. Bergevin said he did not know if this proposal had been approved by the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Bergevin moved that the committee reinstate the position in Weights and Measures and adjust the fees to compensate for the addition of the position. Seconded by Mr. Rhoads and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

Mr. Bible pointed out that the committee should consider excluding the capital improvement items in the budget since the capital improvement subcommittee will be reporting back on those.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation without the capital improvements projects made by Mr. Horn; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

WILDLIFE - BOATING PROGRAM

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

PREDATORY ANIMAL AND RODENT CONTROL

The committee discussed the revenue from fur sales and generally agreed it might be higher.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Rhoads; seconded by Mr. Bergevin. Motion approved; budget closed.

WOOLGROWERS PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

SHEEP COMMISSION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

GRAZING BOARD CONTRIBUTIONS

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Rhoads; seconded by Mr. Bergevin. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Horn said the subcommittee would be making recommendations on this budget and Chairman Bremner said if the budget was closed, it would be with the understanding that changes might be made.

Mr. Bergevin commented on the large increases throughout the DMV budget and wondered why these budgets had not been subjected to the same cuts as in the other executive budgets.

Mr. Bible stated that one of the reasons was that the out-of-state travel and training had been taken out of all the division budgets and placed centrally in this budget.

Mr. Vergiels moved to reduce the budget 5 percent for each year of the biennium. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Vergiels expressed the opinion that the committee had been very generous with this office and believed it should be treated as any other. He further said there may be a recommendation to increase the Director's salary and if it is increased, funds should be taken from some other part of the budget.

Mr. Alastuey explained the apparent increases by making the following statement: There is a combination of factors. First, the consolidation of the out-of-state travel and training serving other budgets. Also, the impact of about \$28,000 plus fringes for the two new recommended positions. In addition, an amount which is reflected in the '80-81 work program under "salary adjustment need" is in effect moneys that will be forthcoming for the current legislative salary plan into this budget which is incorporated in the next two budgets. The overall inflationary increases and the other items stated above account for the vast bulk of the increases.

Mr. Bible pointed out that in hearings before the committee, the director had indicated he intended to sell the motor vehicle code books and that he expected \$2,000 in revenue to be realized from those sales.

Mr. Rhoads moved that \$2,000 be added as revenue for each year of the biennium for the sales of code books and the highway fund similarly reduced. Seconded by Mr. Horn and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Rhoads; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Mr. Vergiels voted no. Motion approved; budget closed, with the understanding it may be reopened later by the prison subcommittee.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Mr. Bible referred to the committee's earlier consideration of a bill which provided for the relocation of this agency. Mr. Jacka has indicated that the building will be available earlier than expected and requested the sum of \$243,430 for the first year of the biennium to accommodate the proposed relocation. Mr. Bible said this additional sum would be in lieu of processing A.B. 213.

Mr. Hickey referred to the congested condition at the North Las Vegas facility and asked if increased rent was included for a relocation there. Mr. Alastuey said there was considerable discussion before the budget was finalized about the North Las Vegas office and the conditions under which the people have to function. He added that between insurance expense, other building rent, utilities and maintenance, there is spread \$175,000 additional in order to allow the department to shop for different space in North Las Vegas.

Mr. Hickey asked that this budget be held until he had an opportunity to discuss the Las Vegas facility with Mr. Jacka. Chairman Bremner said the budget would be held.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - RECORDS SEARCH

Mr. Hickey moved to amend the budget by changing EDP to \$26,760 the first year of the biennium, to move all furniture and equipment from the second year of the biennium to the first year, and to reduce the reserve accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Bergevin and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

REGISTRATION DIVISION - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION

Mr. Brady said he agreed with Mr. Bergevin and asked why all of these DMV budgets were higher when other departments were cutting down. Mr. Alastuey said he had not made a study of this question in opposition to other budgets, but the major reason is that this agency has not lost positions and there is no recommendation to diminish the role of DMV or its staff components. He advised Mr. Bergevin that this department was taking over the inspection function of the Public Service Commission.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE POLLUTION CONTROL

Chairman Bremner said this budget would be held until a determination was made on S.B. 284.

HIGHWAY PATROL TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - COMMUNICATION SECTION - HIGHWAY PATROL

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

TRAFFIC SAFETY FEDERAL GRANTS

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - FLEISCHMANN GRANT

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Rhoads; seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion approved; budget closed.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES - AUTOMATION DIVISION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion approved; budget closed.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Bible advised that Mr. Bennett had requested an increase of board fees by \$13,180 each year of the biennium which would accommodate A.B. 168; under contract services he would propose adding \$8,000 each year for actuarial services; and, a biennial audit increase of \$20,000 in the second year of the biennium. This would increase the total budget by \$21,180 the first year of the biennium and \$41,180 in the second year of the biennium.

Mr. Marvel moved to adopt the amendments as proposed by Mr. Bennett. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

NEVADA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The commission discussed the number of vacant positions, the request for additional positions, the cost paid for drugs, the IBM service contract and numerous other matters which raised questions in this budget. Because of the many problems in the budget, the committee agreed to ask Mr. Nusbaum, Chairman of the Commission, to return on Monday, April 27 and supply additional information.

INSPECTOR OF MINES

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

HEARINGS/APPEALS DIVISION

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion approved; budget closed.

APPEALS OFFICER

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Bergevin; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

STATE INDUSTRIAL ATTORNEY

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion approved; budget closed.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Bremner reminded the committee these were all federal funds.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion approved; budget closed.

OASI ADMINISTRATION

Motion to adopt the agency request made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion approved; budget closed.

LAS VEGAS/CLARK COUNTY CONSORTIUM CONTRACT

In response to Mr. Rhoads question, Mr. Alastuey said the Las Vegas prime sponsors contracted with ESD to deliver services and the administration of participant allowances are retained by the prime sponsor. Depending on the contractual relationships, Mr. Alastuey said the agency needs the latitude to administer these funds.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion approved; budget closed.

WASHOE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT CONTRACT

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Bergevin. Motion approved; budget closed.

COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion approved; budget closed.

COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT/NEVADA BALANCE OF STATE

The committee agreed to hold this budget for further information.

WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Hickey moved to reduce the budget to \$99,000. Seconded by Mr. Horn and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Horn. Motion approved; budget closed.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

A bill which would require annual training of civil defense personnel by the Civil Defense and Disaster Agency was presented by Chairman Bremner for committee introduction.

Mr. Vergiels moved for committee introduction of the bill and refer to committee. Seconded by Mr. Marvel and carried.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING

Mr. Vergiels asked if there was a possibility of using federal funds instead of state in this budget. Mr. Bible explained that the agency said it was losing most of its federal funds and while he had noted that certain MX Planning grants were being made to this agency, he did not know if they could be budgeted in lieu of general funds. Mr. Alastuey did not believe that MX Planning money could be applied to loss of EDA Funds.

Chairman Bremner suggested that this agency be incorporated with MX Planning and give both agencies the same function and responsibility. Mr. Hickey suggested the consolidation of Comprehensive Statewide Planning, MX Planning and Economic Development, since he believed there was a duplication of services in all three areas. The committee discussed the possibility of this consolidation at some length.

Mrs. Hayes moved to maintain the regular appropriation at the work program level of \$58,000 for each year of the biennium. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

At the suggestion of Mr. Vergiels, Chairman Bremner appointed a subcommittee of Mr. Hickey and Mr. Vergiels to talk with the MX Planner, the Director of Economic Development and the Director of Comprehensive Statewide Planning to discuss combining the three agencies.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Horn. Motion approved; budget closed.

COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLANNING - FEDERAL FUNDS

Chairman Bremner said that Mr. Bible would adjust this budget to accommodate the changes made in the Comprehensive Statewide Planning budget.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation with required adjustments made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion approved; budget closed.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE

Chairman Bremner said it had been determined that A.B. 233 does not affect this budget. Mr. Alastuey told Mr. Hickey the agency was self-funding and there are no general funds involved.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

STATE TREASURER

Mr. Bible said the treasurer had requested the following amendments: Treasurer's Assessment to be changed to \$30,527 the first year of the biennium and \$31,285 the second year of the biennium, expenditures be increased to provide for microfilm projects in the sum of \$8,200 for the first year and \$7,500 for the second year of the biennium. Chairman Bremner stated that the Treasurer had said \$4,000 could be deleted from insurance expense.

Mr. Hickey moved to adopt the State Treasurer's Assessment Report, the microfilm reader printer and delete \$4,000 from insurance expense in each year of the biennium. Seconded by Mr. Marvel and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Marvel. Motion approved; budget closed.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Mr. Bible gave the committee figures of the actual benefits paid through December 1980 as supplied by Mr. Alastuey. Mr. Alastuey said there must be sufficient collection authority in the budget to assess the agencies that generate payroll costs enough money to provide for a possible increase in claims. Mr. Bible referred to the fact that at the end of the current fiscal year the agency would have a \$380,000 balance forward. Mr. Alastuey agreed, but pointed out that the balance forward into the old year and the balance into the new year for 1979-80 was a wash and the program is not now building any further reserve. He told Chairman Bremner this reserve was necessary because if the budget got too tight, it might be necessary to change the assessment rate against the budgets. Mr. Bible said the Senate had reduced the funding for this budget to \$350,000 each year.

Mr. Marvel moved to amend the budget to \$350,000 for each year of the biennium. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL COMMISSION

Mr. Bible stated that he had talked to the Director of this program and was advised that the program may be discontinued since the President's Budget recommends that the Title V commissions be abolished. The director further indicated that if the federal appropriation was cut out or reduced in this budget, the agency would need authority for the first quarter of the state's fiscal year since there is an overlap between the state and federal fiscal year into next year.

Mr. Marvel moved to delete the appropriation and to provide the accessory federal authorization for the first quarter of fiscal year 1981-82. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mr. Marvel; seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion approved; budget closed.

COMMISSION ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Bergevin moved to eliminate the budget. Seconded by Mr. Marvel.

Chairman Bremner said that the Department of Education performed this function at one time and they could do it again. Mr. Bergevin expressed the opinion that the Department of Education did a better job using less people.

Mr. Vergiels asked if the committee could hold this budget until the next day. He said if this action was taken, a Grade 38 should be added in the Department of Education to direct the program. Mr. Bergevin agreed and commented that the cost would then be around \$40,000 as opposed to \$130,000.

Mr. Vergiels reported that he and Senator Sue Wagner had been requested to make a report on this commission by Ways and Means last session. He explained the background of the commission and how it became a trade school approval agency for licensing, then went into university approval. He said the commission had recently approved a doctorate in psychology for a new university in Las Vegas and as justification for having library facilities, they used UNLV's library.

Mr. Vergiels felt that the commission has lacked judgment in their decision making and were not qualified to make decisions since most of the members are trade school oriented. He said he endorsed Mr. Bergevin's recommendation and would prepare legislation to return this function to the Department of Education. Mr. Horn also believed the commission was not qualified to make decisions regarding post-secondary institutions as they did not understand the accreditation program.

Mr. Alastuey suggested that the Education Subcommittee discuss the matter with Mr. Ted Sanders to ascertain if the commission could be placed in his department and what kind of a position component it would require. Mr. Horn said Mr. Sanders had indicated to him that placing the program in his department would pose no problem.

Mr. Bergevin's motion to eliminate the budget carried.

Chairman Bremner asked Mr. Hickey to discuss this matter with the Education Subcommittee and give the committee its recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.