

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci,  
Deputy Fiscal Analyst; Mike Alastuey,  
Deputy Budget Director

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 7 a.m. and announced that the Public Service Commission budget should be reopened in order to review the report of the subcommittee studying the agency. The committee voted to reopen the budget.

Mrs. Westall referred to the Revised Budget dated April 7, 1981, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A. Mr. Bible discussed the recommendations of the subcommittee which included, among other things, reducing the request for 16 new employees to 8, and reducing out-of-state travel, contract services and rent.

Mr. Glover did not agree with all the deletions and reductions and said he felt the Commission had been poorly funded and staffed during the past few years. He further believed the Commission should be permitted to hire additional competent people to fulfill its obligations and duties. Mr. Bergevin also stated that the Commission should be given adequate man-power to perform its main function of establishing rates.

The committee discussed the subcommittee's recommendations at some length and the role of the Public Service Commission in relation to the Consumer Advocate's office.

Mrs. Westall moved to AMEND THE BUDGET TO ADOPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT. Seconded by Mr. Horn and carried.  
Mr. Glover voted no.

Motion to adopt the Governor's recommendation as amended made by Mrs. Westall; seconded by Mr. Horn. Motion approved; budget closed.  
Mr. Glover voted no.

A.B. 437 Requires payment by state of premiums for group insurance for retired state employees.

Mr. Glover said this bill should be amended to specify that only the Social Security Supplement should be paid and that Amendment 688 providing the state to pay one-half of the premiums should be adopted.

The committee discussed the various aspects of A.B. 437 and the consequences of its passage.

Mr. Glover suggested that the \$15.00 per month payments be increased by 20 percent the first year and 15 percent the

second year to offset the proposed increase in group insurance. Mr. Alastuey said it was projected that there would be a 10 percent per year increase over the current rates. Chairman Bremner did not agree with this projection and said the increase would be higher.

Mr. Glover moved TO AMEND A.B. 437 to provide a 20 percent increase the first year of the biennium and a 15 percent increase the second year of the biennium and that funding be included in the Retired Employees Group Insurance Account rather than through a general appropriation. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

Mr. Marvel, Mr. Brady, Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Bergevin voted no.

Mr. Glover moved DO PASS A.B. 437 AS AMENDED. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

Mr. Marvel, Mr. Brady and Mr. Rhoads voted no. Mr. Bergevin absent.

A.B. 675 Requires certain prior residence in Nevada to be eligible for participation in program of Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Mrs. Hayes asked if this bill was constitutional and Mr. Bible said the Legislative Counsel had not questioned it. Mr. Vergiels commented that the constitutionality could be determined if it were challenged.

Mr. Vergiels moved DO PASS A.B. 675. Seconded by Mr. Marvel and carried.

A.B. 678 Enlarges the permissible sources of money used for education of handicapped persons.

Mr. Glover moved DO PASS A.B. 678. Seconded by Mrs. Westall and carried.

A.B. 674 Makes a supplemental appropriation for aid to dependent children.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS A.B. 674. Seconded by Mr. Vergiels and carried.

A.B. 555 Permits use of money for assistance to school districts in construction and furnishings of schools.

After discussion, Mr. Bergevin moved to AMEND A.B. 555 by providing a fund of \$2 million to be used for short term loans to school districts at 5 percent interest under certain terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Rhoads and carried.

Mr. Bergevin moved DO PASS A.B. 555 AS AMENDED. Seconded by Mr. Hickey and carried.

A.B. 638 Provides for disability retirement of supreme court justices and district judges.

Mr. Bergevin moved INDEFINITELY POSTPONE A. B. 638. Seconded by Mr. Brady.

Mr. Hickey expressed the opinion that the bill had merit and suggested increasing the number of years of service required. Mr. Brady said that no one in the private sector receives

this type of benefit and a precedent should not be set for justices and judges in this regard.

Mr. Bergevin's motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE carried. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Bremner voted no.

A.B. 671 Makes appropriation for installation of security and fire protection systems for state archives.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS A.B. 671. Seconded by Mr. Vergiels and carried.

Mr. Brady moved that a letter of intent be sent to the Building and Grounds Department advising them to notify the Y.M.C.A. to vacate the premises in the state-owned building within one year. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

A.B. 68 Increases statutory rate for interest on judgments from 8 to 12 percent.

Mr. Glover moved INDEFINITELY POSTPONE. Motion died for lack of second.

Mrs. Hayes said this bill had passed the Judiciary Committee and since it did not have a fiscal note she believed it should be sent to the Assembly. Chairman Bremner said there was a fiscal impact but the exact amount had not been determined.

Mrs. Hayes moved to REFER THE BILL TO THE ASSEMBLY WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. Seconded by Mr. Rhoads and carried.

A.B. 497 Increases allowances for subsistence and travel for state officers and employees.

In response to Chairman Bremner's questions, Mr. Alastuey explained the difference between S.B. 648, a similar bill proposed by the Administration, and A.B. 497. He said that if budget adjustments were made to accommodate all of the features of A.B. 497 the cost would be approximately \$800,000 the first year and over \$900,000 the second year. S.B. 648 does not contain a recommendation to change the per mile rate as A.B. 497 does. Mr. Alastuey further said that no additional money was recommended to accommodate S.B. 648 and no special amounts were built in the budget to cover its provisions.

After committee discussion, Chairman Bremner asked Mr. Glover to study the cost per mile for private vehicles and submit figures to the committee.

S.B. 512 Makes appropriation for certain equipment for Fallon campus of Western Nevada Community College.

Mr. Bible stated that Mr. Terry Sullivan, Purchasing Division, had examined the prices for the requested equipment and he did not believe they were excessive. Chairman Bremner reminded the committee that the total cost of this equipment was \$202,000.

Mr. Bergevin questioned the need for an engine lathe at a cost of approximately \$9,000. Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Vergiels also did not believe this piece of equipment was necessary.

Mr. Vergiels moved to AMEND S.B. 512 to reduce the equipment appropriation to \$193,000. Seconded by Mr. Glover and carried.

Mr. Bible said there was an unobligated balance of \$134,068 in the Higher Education Capital Construction Fund.

Mr. Glover moved that the \$134,068 in unobligated Higher Education Capital Construction Funds be allocated to meet this need with the balance to come from the General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Bergevin and carried.

Mr. Glover moved DO PASS AS AMENDED. Seconded by Mr. Bergevin and carried.

A.B. 119 Requires assistance to certain families caring for their retarded relatives at home.

A copy of proposed amendments to the bill is attached as Exhibit B.

Mr. Bible explained the provisions of A.B. 119 as originally written and the suggested amendments proposed by the subcommittee. Since there was some confusion as to the exact number of individuals who would qualify for the program, the subcommittee recommended that 20 individuals be budgeted at \$260.00 per month in fiscal year 1982 for a total of \$62,400, and the same 20 individuals be budgeted for fiscal year 1982-83 at \$286 per month for a total fiscal impact of \$68,640. The amendments would also move the administrative responsibility for the program from the Welfare Division to the Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation Division and the grants would be capped with language indicating that in the event more than 20 estimated individuals would materialize, the grants would be prorated and adjusted downwards accordingly.

Mr. Vergiels moved to AMEND A.B. 119 BY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1022. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

Mr. Vergiels moved DO PASS A.B. 119 AS AMENDED. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

S.B. 421 Allows investment of surplus in certain offenders' funds.

A copy of the proposed amendments to this bill is attached as Exhibit C.

Mr. Horn moved to AMEND S.B. 421 BY ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 1068. Seconded by Mr. Vergiels and carried.

MR. HORN moved DO PASS S.B. 421 AS AMENDED. Seconded by Mr. Vergiels and carried.

A.C.R. 41 Makes an appropriation for the rebinding of the Marsh Papers.

Mr. Arthur J. Palmer, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained the request for authorization to expend not to exceed \$8,500 from the Legislative Fund to rebind the Marsh Papers which are reports of the Territorial Legislature from 1861 to 1864. The cost of the rebinding would be recovered by the sale of the volumes, Mr. Palmer said.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS A.C.R. 41. Seconded by Mr. Vergiels and carried.

S.B. 340 Makes an appropriation for a system for management of information for the State Gaming Control Board.

Mr. Bergevin moved DO PASS. Seconded by Mrs. Hayes and carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

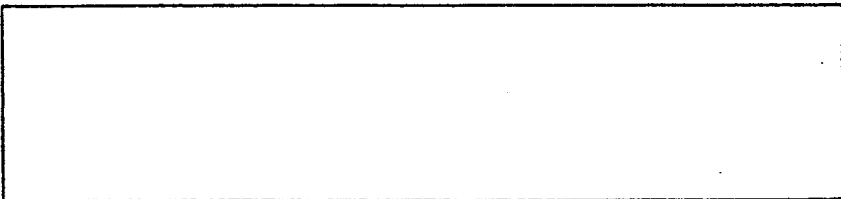
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 Ways and Means Closing Budget  
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		<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
<u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION</u>			
<u>Revised Budget Dated April 7, 1981:</u>			
Reduce Authorization		(\$408,370)	(\$390,440)
Delete New Financial Analyst (U)		(\$ 34,638)	(\$ 34,638)
Delete New Assistant Staff Counsel (U)		(\$ 34,638)	(\$ 34,638)
Delete New Senior Analyst (U)		(\$ 31,511)	(\$ 31,511)
Delete New Consumer Rep.--CC (U)		(\$ 24,783)	(\$ 24,783)
Delete New Office Mgr. Consumer Rep.--LV (U)		(\$ 26,022)	(\$ 26,022)
Delete New Engineer Tech. V		(\$ 16,053)	(\$ 16,797)
Delete New Engineer Tech. IV		(\$ 14,677)	(\$ 15,346)
Delete New Legal Researcher (U)		(\$ 17,000)	(\$ 17,000)
Reduce Fringe Benefits		(\$ 29,898)	(\$ 30,110)
Reduce Out-of-State Travel		(\$ 13,950)	(\$ 16,695)
Reduce Contract Services		(\$ 85,000)	(\$ 85,000)
Reduce Other Contract Services		(\$ 10,000)	
Reduce Other Building Rent		(\$ 31,000)	(\$ 46,400)
Eliminate Employee Transfers		(\$ 31,700)	(\$ 11,500)
Reduce Equipment		(\$ 7,500)	

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Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 1022



Amend section 1, page 1, by deleting lines 5 and 6 and inserting:  
"entitled to receive assistance on a monthly basis from the mental hygiene and mental retardation division for each person who".

Amend section 1, page 1, after line 11, by inserting:  
*flush* "The amount of such assistance is established by law for each fiscal year."

Amend section 1, page 1, line 12, by deleting "welfare".

Amend the bill as a whole, by inserting new sections, designated sections 2 and 3, following section 1, to read:

"Sec. 2. 1. For the purposes of section 1 of this act, the amount of assistance for each profoundly mentally retarded person cared for by a parent or other relative is:

(a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, and ending June 30, 1982, not more than \$260 per month.

(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, and ending June 30, 1983, not more than \$286 per month.

2. If the money available for assistance for a fiscal year is not sufficient to make full payment of the maximum amount established in subsection 1 for that year for each profoundly mentally retarded person cared for, the division shall prorate the payments so that the same prorated amount is allocated for each such person.

Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby appropriated to the mental hygiene and mental retardation division of the department of human resources

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from the state general fund for assistance for profoundly mentally retarded persons cared for pursuant to section 1 of this act:

(a) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, and ending June 30, 1982.....\$62,400.

(b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, and ending June 30, 1983.....\$68,640.

2. Any balance remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made."

Amend the title of the bill, line 1, by deleting "welfare" and inserting:

"mental hygiene and mental retardation".

Amend the title of the bill, line 3, after the semicolon by inserting:

"making an appropriation;".



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Amendment N<sup>o</sup> 1068

Resolves conflicts with A.B. 354 & 399 and S.B. 86.  
 Makes substantive changes.

Amend section 1, page 1, by deleting lines 2 through 8, and inserting:

"thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. The offenders' employment fund is hereby created as a special revenue fund. Into it must be deposited, for each offender, the net amount of any wages earned during incarceration, after any deductions made by the director. From it the director:

1. May permit withdrawals for immediate expenditure by the offender for personal needs.
2. Shall pay over to each offender upon his release any remaining balance in his individual account.

Sec. 3. The director shall deposit the offenders' store fund and the offenders' employment fund with the state treasurer for investment. The interest earned upon these funds may only be disbursed as authorized by the legislature."

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering section 2 as section 6 and adding new sections designated sections 4 and 5, following section 1, to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. NRS 209.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.221 1. The offenders' store fund is hereby created as a [trust] special revenue fund. All money received for the benefit of offenders through contributions, and from other sources not

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otherwise required to be deposited in another fund, must be deposited in the offenders' store fund.

2. The director shall:

(a) [Deposit the offenders' store fund in one or more banks of reputable standing;

(b)] Keep, or cause to be kept, a full and accurate account of the fund;

[(c)] (b) Submit reports to the board relative to money in the fund as may be required from time to time; and

[(d)] (c) Submit a monthly report to the offenders of the amount of money in the fund by posting copies of the report at locations accessible to offenders generally or by delivery of copies to the appropriate representatives of the offenders if any are selected.

3. Money in the offenders' store fund , except interest earned upon it, must be expended for the welfare and benefit of all offenders.

Sec. 5. NRS 209.241 is hereby amended to read as follows:

209.241 The director may accept money and valuables belonging to offenders at the time of their incarceration or afterward received by gift, inheritance or the like, for safekeeping pending their releases, and shall deposit such money in the prisoners' personal property fund, which is a trust fund. He shall keep, or cause to be kept, a full and accurate account of such money and valuables, and shall submit reports to the board relating to such money and valuables as may be required from time to time."

Amend sec. 2, page 1, by deleting lines 15 and 16, and inserting:

"(a) Compute the proportion of the total deposits and investments of state money, excluding investments owned outright for the account of the state permanent school fund, pursuant to chapter 355 of NRS and this chapter, which were attributable during the quar-".

Amend sec. 2, page 1, line 20 by deleting "such" and inserting "the".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 10, by deleting "and".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, by deleting line 11 and inserting:

"[(g)] (h) The trust fund for the care of sites for the disposal of radioactive waste;

[(h)] (i) The Colorado River resources fund, the Colorado River".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 16, by deleting the comma and inserting a semicolon.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, by inserting between lines 16 and 17:

"[(i)] (j) The business enterprise contingent fund for the blind;

[(j)] (k) Any gifts, grants or bequests to state agencies which by their terms require that any interest earned inure to the credit of the donee; and

[(k)] (l) The fund for industrial development in counties having a population of 25,000 or less, created by chapter 621, Statutes of Nevada 1979,".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, by deleting line 18 and inserting:  
"funds and the appropriate account."

Amend the bill as a whole by adding a new section designated section 7, following section 2, to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. Section 6 of this act shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1981."

Amend the title of the bill to read:

"AN ACT relating to offenders' money; creating a new fund; providing for the disposition of interest on certain funds; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."