

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Judy Matteucci, Deputy
Fiscal Analyst, Mike Alastuey, Mr. Frank Daykin,
Mr. Arthur Palmer

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted that the first item of business would be AB 679.

AB 679: Makes appropriation to complete automation of text processing for legislature.

Mr. Arthur J. Palmer, Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, said that AB 679 requests an appropriation of \$589,261 from the General Fund and an authorization to expend \$20,944 from the legislative fund, which was acquired from the sale of excess lead from the State Printing Office. He noted that the primary reason for this request, suggested by a special committee of the Legislative Commission which reviewed the budget of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, was that this appropriation and authorization would save approximately \$65,000 in interest that would be charged over the next four years if the equipment were bought on time. Mr. Palmer said that Mr. Frank Daykin, Legislative Counsel, and Mr. Al Schwarz, technician, were present to answer any questions that the committee might have.

Mr. Hickey asked what would happen if this money were not appropriated, and Mr. Palmer said that the request could be placed in the budget of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and paid for over a period of four years.

Mr. Glover asked if he were correct in that the system was not operating this session, and Mr. Palmer indicated that the company was several months late in delivering the system, and the system was not available for testing until February causing a delay of a month and a half until the system could actually be used. At that point in the session, Mr. Palmer said it would have been impractical to implement a new system because everything from the first part of the session would have to be rekeyed to that point.

Mr. Glover then questioned why the equipment was not received on time, and Mr. Daykin responded that the equipment was received on time, but the photo composition part of the program, together with some of the text editing part, was not delivered. He said that the introductory copies of bills during the last six weeks have emanated from this system; that test copies of the photo composition have been run to show that the system could be used completely. He explained that the body of material was in hot lead, and, therefore, used for the formal printing as it will be for the advanced sheets of the session laws, but the supplement to NRS will be developed from the photo composition. In response to a further question from Mr. Glover, Mr. Daykin said that they did have the photo composition equipment but did not have the program because the contractor failed to deliver it. He noted that the order was placed February 1980 with a delivery date of September 1980 but the contractor failed to deliver because of complications with a similar order from the Navy.

Mr. Glover asked if this contractor or company was the only one available, and Mr. Daykin indicated this company bid the job and probably did as well as any other could have done starting from scratch because they already had part of similar work done for the Navy.

Mr. Hickey questioned if this contract called for any penalty, and Mr. Daykin said there was no monetary penalty in either their contract or the Navy contract because knowing the hazards, companies such as this will not sign that sort of a contract. Mr. Hickey then asked how much money this contractor had received to date, and Mr. Daykin indicated that the contractor, Comarco, although involved in the sale did not furnish the equipment; this equipment was furnished by Data General, but when Comarco finally delivered what they had promised, they were owed \$70,000 but have not been paid as yet. Mr. Daykin responded to further questioning by Mr. Hickey that to date approximately \$45,000 has been paid to Comarco for the things that were delivered. Mr. Hickey then asked how much Comarco was involved in the total figure of \$589,260, and Mr. Daykin replied only the \$70,000 still owed is included in that figure. Mr. Hickey then asked who else was owed, and Mr. Daykin said the Sunval Leasing Company of California which financed the equipment.

When Mr. Bremner asked what recourse the Legislature had, Mr. Daykin said the contractor could be sued but that would not produce a working system as quickly as working with them. Mr. Bremner noted that new equipment had to be purchased because this new system was operational, and Mr. Daykin explained that an additional linotype was purchased for \$4,500 which saved approximately \$10,000 in overtime.

When Mr. Hickey noted that there is no guarantee, no penalty or no bonding and asked what would happen if this company just walked away, Mr. Daykin said that if this should happen, they will not receive what is still owed to them; that we have what we paid for.

AB 688: Increases compensation for members of certain boards and commissions.

Mr. Bremner explained that this bill raises compensation for certain boards from \$40 to \$60 per day.

Mr. Vergiels said that he had spoken with Mr. Bible about raising this amount to \$80 per day within the amount already appropriated. Mr. Bible said that the budget office estimated the cost of raising this to \$80 a day to be \$55,000 which would be spread out over a number of various budgets and could probably be absorbed.

Mr. Alastuey indicated that there are some technical problems with this bill as currently written; that some boards have not been addressed properly.

Mr. Brady commented that he was not in favor of raising the compensation to \$80 per day.

Mr. Vergiels moved to increase the compensation of these boards to \$80 per day, seconded by Mr. Glover. The motion died for lack of a majority.

Chairman Bremner asked Mr. Alastuey to draw up the amendments to correct the technical problems and postponed action until such time.

AB 676: Provides exception from limitation on salaries of employees of University of Nevada.

Chairman Bremner explained that this bill established the 95 percent rule for officers and employees of the University of Nevada.

Mr. Hickey moved to bracket out the work "employee" and insert the word "deans" on line 13. Motion died for lack of a second.

The committee discussed the problems of getting qualified personnel and officers to come to Nevada, that faculty salaries needed to be raised, that other bills address this problem, and that the University should live within the budget.

Mr. Brady moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 676, seconded by Mrs. Westall. Motion died with four members voting yes.

Mr. Bergevin moved DO PASS on AB 676, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion died with six members voting yes.

AB 587: Makes appropriation for research on "drip" irrigation at agricultural experiment station at University of Nevada.

Mr. Hickey moved DO PASS on AB 587, seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

Mr. Brady commented that in going through the budget the committee was very thorough in cutting wherever possible and that in considering these individual bills they should be compared with state salaries, school teacher's salaries for justification.

AB 330: Allocates portion of casino entertainment tax for free musical performances.

Mr. Glover moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 330, seconded by Mrs. Hayes. Motion carried with Mr. Bremner, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Horn and Mr. Vergiels voting no and Mr. Robinson absent.

AB 682: Changes composition of state mental hygiene and mental retardation advisory board.

Chairman Bremner explained that this bill changes the membership of the advisory board from seven to four and creates a regional advisory board.

Mr. Marvel moved DO PASS on AB 682, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

AB 681: Sets limitation on earnings of retired Justices of Supreme Court and district judges recalled to active service.

Mr. Hickey moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 681, seconded by Mr. Bergevin.

Mr. Glover commented that the bill emanated from an attempt to bring judges in line with the state retirement system. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

SB 198: Creates process for competitive bidding to provide services proposed by Department of Human Resources.

Chairman Bremner said the committee would hold this bill until a later date.

AB 677: Provides amounts payable by state for group insurance coverage of public officers, employees and dependents..

Chairman Bremner explained that AB 677 increases monies payable

by 12 percent the first year and 20 percent the second year of the biennium. He read the proposed amendment to AB 677 and explained it to the committee.

Mr. Vergiels moved to adopt this amendment, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

Mr. Vergiels moved DO PASS AS AMENDED on AB 677, seconded by Mr. Glover. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

*AB 317: Makes appropriation to replace door and install psychiatric screen at Lake's Crossing facility for the mentally disordered offender.

Chairman Bremner noted that there obviously was not enough money available for this appropriation but wondered if the committee wished to amend the bill to provide only for an appropriation for equipment.

Mr. Bergevin commented that every local board of education has the option and the authority to put a portion of their budget into vocational education and they have chosen not to do so. He said that he did not feel that the Legislature should appropriate money for vocational education until this sort of direction is taken.

The committee discussed the possibility of a 50-50 match or funds on a loan basis and the difficulty in obtaining trade vocational education teachers because of poor salaries and equipment.

Mr. Marvel moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 317. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Horn moved to delete everything except one million dollars for equipment for local school districts which would be matched 50-50 by private money with any unencumbered balance reverting to the General Fund on June 30, 1983, seconded by Mr. Vergiels. Motion carried with Mr. Marvel, Mrs. Hayes and Mr. Coulter voting no and with Mr. Robinson absent.

ACR 45: Encourages Governor to foster creation of nonprofit corporation to acquire students' promissory notes given for loans under Higher Education Act of 1965.

Chairman Bremner said that the proposed amendment provides conformation to the IRS code.

Mr. Glover moved to amend ACR 45 to conform to the IRS code, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Glover moved DO PASS AS AMENDED on ACR 45, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion carried with Mr. Robinson absent.

AB 687: Makes appropriation to White Pine County for development of industrial park.

Chairman Bremner reviewed the history behind AB 687 and indicated he felt an obligation to White Pine County.

Mr. Hickey commented that did not seem like a distressed area and that the state was turning into a banker.

Chairman Bremner said that this loan will be the total responsibility of White Pine County.

*AB 318

Mr. Brady agreed with Mr. Hickey and wondered where you draw the line; will other counties want the same appropriation?

Mr. Rhoads urged caution because the state might become a replacement for the Federal Government in projects, grants and funds.

Mr. Brady moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 687, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion died for lack of a majority.

Mr. Vergiels moved to amend AB 687 to include a ten-year payback in equal installments at 5 percent interest on a total amount of \$400,000, seconded by Mr. Horn. Motion carried with Mr. Hickey voting no and Mr. Robinson absent.

Mr. Vergiels moved DO PASS AS AMENDED on AB 687, seconded by Mr. Rhoads. Motion carried with Mr. Brady and Mr. Hickey voting no and Mr. Robinson absent.

AB 679: Makes appropriation to complete automation of text processing for Legislature.

Mr. Glover said he would obtain more information on this bill and report to the committee on Saturday.

AB 696: Increases allowances for subsistence and travel for members of Board of Regents.

Mr. Bergevin moved DO PASS on AB 696, seconded by Mr. Hickey. Motion carried unanimously with Mr. Robinson absent.

Chairman Bremner adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.