

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

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

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

AB 459 Establishes program of state aid to school districts for elementary school counseling.

Mr. Ted Sanders, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, stated that he was aware that the state is not able to fund this program at this time but expressed his appreciation for the committee's consideration.

AB 685 Contingency requires director of department of human resources to contract with certain local nonprofit agencies for administration of public assistance.

Mr. John Duarte, Acting Administrator of the Welfare Division, stated that the Welfare Division is opposed to this bill because of the way it is written and he added that Mr. Martell, who was unable to appear before the committee today, feels that the bill is not written with the best interests of the State of Nevada in mind.

Mr. Bergevin moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE AB 685, seconded by Mr. Marvel. The motion carried unanimously.

SB 613 Provides for payment of annual leave to state employees under certain conditions.

Mr. Bob Gagner, Executive Director of SNEA, stated that SB 613 as amended, provides an exception to the forfeiture of the excess annual leave by providing that state employees may be paid for any annual leave in excess of 30 working days if an employee requests permission on or before October 15th to take annual leave and his request is denied in writing by his supervisor for any reason. The effect of this bill would be to remove the penalty some state employees now receive for accumulating annual leave in excess of 30 working days if, through no fault of their own, they are unable to use that leave prior to January 1 of the following year.

Mr. Mitch Brusten of the State Personnel Division, stated that legislation on SB 613 is not necessary and the situation can be handled on the part of employees and employers as to when they should schedule and use leave.

SB 606 Provides for certain payment of sick leave upon termination of service by state employees.

Mr. Bob Gagner stated that SB 606 as amended, clarifies the current statutes as they relate to payment of sick leave upon termination of service by state employees, as well as broadens the definition of when the accumulated sick leave can be paid. He said in addition, it clarifies that payment for unused sick leave in excess of 30 days can only be received according to the number of years an employee has served in state service; thereby excluding prior service with other governmental agencies from being counted toward this benefit.

He pointed out that the bill broadens the definition of when an employee is entitled to receive payment for his unused sick leave to include not only retirement and death, but also termination through no fault of his own. He stated that this applies very clearly to persons who have 10 years of state service.

SB 315 Relaxes restrictions on school districts in financing of automobile driver education programs.

Mr. Ted Sanders stated that SB 315 allows state boards of education to impose a laboratory fee to be charged to each pupil enrolling in the automobile driver education course which must not exceed the cost of the program. He said that it also removes the restriction that money received by the school districts cannot be used for the purchase or repair of motor vehicles or the purchase or repair of automobile driver education training equipment.

Mr. Sanders stated that the language in the bill referencing the costs of the program should be deleted. Chairman Bremner stated that the bill should be amended and brought back to the committee. Mr. Sanders indicated that he would take care of this.

Mr. Dick Wright of the Washoe County School District, addressed the committee and stated that he is in favor of SB 315 and urges a do pass on it. Chairman Bremner indicated that it is the intent of the committee to not fund the program.

SB 572 Provides increases in certain industrial insurance benefits.

Chairman Bremner stated that since there was no one present to testify to the bill, that it will be held for further information.

SB 562 Makes appropriation for addition to junior livestock pavilion on Nevada State Fairgrounds.

Mr. Dave Drew, State Fair Manager and Bill Burns, University of Nevada Agriculture Extension Agent were present to testify in favor of *SB 572. Mr. Drew stated that SB 562, as amended, appropriates \$40,000 to the Nevada State Fair to be matched by money from Washoe County to provide for an addition to the Junior Livestock Pavilion. He said the funds will be used to enlarge the pavilion which has outgrown the youth groups and the shows which take place in the pavilion.

Mr. Marvel asked if the problem of getting the 4-H shows into the pavilion, as has happened in the past, has been corrected. Mr. Burns stated that this problem has been resolved.

* SB 562

ACR 39 Directs Department of Motor Vehicles to budget for costs of operating its centralized system of communication for law enforcement.

Mr. Larry Kettsenberger addressed the committee and stated that this bill requests that the Department of Motor Vehicles during the next biennium, to submit in their budget the cost of the state message switching system for law enforcement.

Sheriff, Jerry Maple of Douglas County, commented for the committee that he is in full support of the legislation. Mr. Bill McDonald, District Attorney of Humboldt County addressed the committee and stated that he endorses the bill as it is written.

ACR 40 Directs the Department of Motor Vehicles to plan development of central depository for records of criminal history.

Mr. Larry Kettsenberger stated that there is a great need for a central epository in the State of Nevada for criminal information to be used by all phases of law enforcement as well as other state agencies.

Mr. Bill McDonald, District Attorney of Humboldt County, stated that the system is a necessity and the proper existence of the efficient operation of the law enforcement agencies in the State of Nevada is dependent upon the passage of ACR 40.

Sheriff Jerry Maple of Douglas County, commented that the safety of the officers is dependent upon having accurate and up to date information on individuals prior to making arrests. He indicated that warrants build up in the smaller counties because of the lack of an efficient system to determine what outstanding warrants exist on persons when they are picked up.

Mr. Kettsenberger pointed out that Nevada is the only state in United States without a criminal history repository. He added that the Nevada Highway Patrol have encountered a lack of cooperation from other states in the use of repositories because Nevada cannot reciprocate.

Mr. Robinson asked what the total cost would be to put this plan into effect. Mr. Kettsenberger stated that it would amount to approximately \$950,000 to \$1,150,000 annually. He indicated that he felt that this is high in estimation and many facets of the program must be refined before an accurate estimation of cost can be given.

Mr. Barton Jacka, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, stated that the estimated cost for the program stated by Mr. Kettsenberger, is low, indicating that \$1,000,000 in ongoing costs to implement this program is probably more accurate.

SB 609 Provides for realignment of and increases number of judges in certain judicial districts.

Mr. Bill McDonald, District Attorney of Humboldt County, stated that this bill as amended, provides for the addition of one judge in the Sixth Judicial District which includes the Counties of Lander, Pershing and Humboldt and an additional judge in the Ninth Judicial District which constitutes the County of Douglas. He said the bill provides for the election of these two additional judges at the General Election in 1982 and for the expiration of their term on the first Monday of January in 1985, to coincide with all other District Judges.

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Mr. Robinson commented for the committee on Bureau of Services to the Blind. He indicated that the merger did not take place and the Department wants the restoration of the 5 positions being deleted. Mr. Robinson indicated that Senate has only agreed to restore 2 of the 5 positions and this is not consistent with the original agreement between Senate and Ways and Means. He stated that if the positions are not restored as requested and as agreed, that the Bureau is being set up for failure in the next biennium.

Chairman Bremner stated that Mr. Robinson has the authority to take his Human Resources subcommittee to the senate and negotiate with them; asking for four positions, and perhaps settling for three as a compromise.

Chairman Bremner stated that the*Group Insurance Bill, as passed by the Ways and Means, 12 percent increase the first year and 20 percent the second year has been present to the Senate; Senate has accepted the first year at 12 percent but has cut the second year has been cut to 12 percent. Chairman Bremner has authorized the subcommittee to return to the Senate and negotiate a settlement to perhaps 15 percent for the second year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

* AB 677

