

MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON FINANCE

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

April 22, 1981

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman, on Wednesday, April 22, 1981, in Room 231 of the Nevada State Legislature Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman  
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman  
Senator Eugene V. Echols  
Senator Norman D. Glaser  
Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen  
Senator Thomas R.C. Wilson  
Senator Clifford E. McCorkle

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

(None)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst  
Dan Miles, Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Tracy L. Dukic, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

(Please see Exhibit B)

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 168

Mr. Vernon Bennett, Director of the Public Employees Retirement System, told the committee that they are compiling three different computations through their acturay, but he indicated that this will take more time, and that they will require an extension in order to properly present this legislation. He asked that the committee postpone hearing this bill until sometime next week, April 27 to May 1st. He said that they have also provided the committee with a list of computations that were requested, and he said that their actuary has already begun working on these. (See Exhibit C).

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Mr. Sparks told the committee that the Assembly has amended Senate Bill No. 348 by reducing it by \$35,000. He indicated that happend as a result of Assembly Bill No. 451. He said that Assembly Bill No. 451 increases the authorization to the Department of Taxation for this current fiscal year by \$35,000 for additional cigarette tax administration money. He said that during this fiscal year, the cost of tax stamps went from the budgeted number of \$39,000 to \$74,000, which means, then, that the General Fund supported the increase in the cost of tax stamps. This will allow the General Fund support to be replaced with cigarette tax administration money; thereby, bringing in \$35,000 to pay for part of the supplemental for the Department of Taxation.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE BILL NO. 348

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SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 348.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Sparks then presented the committee with a letter prepared by the Desert Research Institute staff. (Please see Exhibit D).

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL STATED IN THE LETTER OF INTENT FROM DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Lamb interjected a question regarding what assurances the committee would be given that Pacific Western Systems, Inc., of Winnemucca is willing to provide matching fund support.

Mr. Sparks replied that there is no firm commitment provided to the committee in DRI's Letter of Intent, and he also said that he was unaware of any other statement that provides that sort of commitment either.

Senator Lamb emphasized that the committee should request proof of a firm commitment before approving this proposal.

THE COMMITTEE CONFURRED WITH SENATOR LAMB'S OBSERVATION AND ELECTED TO HOLD ANY FURTHER ACTION ON DRI'S LETTER OF INTENT PENDING RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM PACIFIC WESTERN PLEDGING THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED.

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STATE PRINTER, page 987

THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS BUDGET UNTIL A LATER DATE.

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF THE COURT, page 162

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO DELETE THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

SENATOR MCCORKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE NEW  
POSITION OF DEPUTY STAFF ATTORNEY.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS AMENDED.

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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JUDICIAL PLANNING, Page 165

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SUPREME COURT, page 166

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO CHANGE THE DUES AND  
REGISTRATION FEES OF \$26,000 and \$27,000 FOR  
BOTH YEARS OF THE BIENNIUM TO \$5,000 FOR EACH  
YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.

SENATOR MCCORKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE FUNDING  
FOR THE WORD PROCESSOR, \$13,000, IN JUSTICE  
SPRINGER'S OFFICE.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD OF PARDONS, page 169

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DISTRICT JUDGES SALARY, page 170

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET REQUEST.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RETIRED JUDGE/JUSTICE DUTY FUND, page 172

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS, page 173

THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD THIS BUDGET  
FOR APPROVAL.

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DISTRICT JUDGES TRAVEL, page 174

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND WIDOWS PENSIONS, page 175

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, page 177

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET REQUEST.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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JUDICIAL EDUCATION, page 178

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET REQUEST.

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LAW LIBRARY, page 180

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED  
BUDGET REQUEST.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MENTAL HYGIENE AND MENTAL RETARDATION, page 472

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO REDUCE THE  
REQUESTED BUDGETS BY THE ASTERIXED FIGURES  
(Please see Exhibit E)

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE OTHER  
BUILDING RENT CATEGORY TO \$33,708 (1982)  
AND \$33,495 (1983) AND APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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INSTITUTE LAND EXCHANGE, page 476

THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD THIS BUDGET  
FOR FUTHER ACTION.

NEVADA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, page 477

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE REQUESTED BUDGET BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see Exhibit E).

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF GROUNDS WORKER.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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FACILITY FOR MENTAL OFFENDER, page 486

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE REQUESTED BUDGET FOR OPERATING COSTS FOR LAKE'S CROSSING BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see Exhibit E).

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RENO MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, page 490

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE REQUESTED BUDGET BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see Exhibit E).

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORIAL SERVICES, WASHOE, page 494

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE BUDGET REQUEST BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see Exhibit E).

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR ECHOLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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GENETICS, page 499

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR MCCORLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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LAS VEGAS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, page 502

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORIAL SERVICES, LAS VEGAS, page 510

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE HOLIDAY PAY, \$12,500 FOR EACH YEAR.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR ECHOLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, page 516

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SOUTHERN MH/MR FOOD SERVICE, page 521

THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD THIS BUDGET  
FOR FURTHER ACTION.

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RURAL CLINICS, page 524

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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NORTHERN NEVADA MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES, page 529

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO REDUCE THE BUDGET  
REQUEST BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see  
Exhibit E).

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SOUTHERN NEVADA MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES, page 534

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO REDUCE THE BUDGET  
REQUEST BY THE ASTERIX FIGURES, (please see  
Exhibit E).

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE  
BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMUNITY CENTERS, page 540

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO DOUBLE THE REVENUE  
DEVELOPMENT MONIES.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
SENATORS LAMB AND GIBSON'S DISSENTING VOTES.

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SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, page 543

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO ADD AN APPROPRIATION  
FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR STIPENDS IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$8,600 (1982) AND \$9,400 (1983).

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATORS WILSON, ECHOLS, GLASER AND MCCORKLE  
VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

SENATORS LAMB, GIBSON AND JACOBSEN VOTED AGAINST  
THE MOTION.

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SENATOR ECHOLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS AMENDED.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENIOR COMPANIONS, page 545

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RESIDENT PLACEMENT ACCOUNT, page 550

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROJECT, page 551

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MH/MR REGIONAL TRAINING, page 554

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL DISPOSAL, page 336

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES, page 338

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION, page 343

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PROBATION SUBSIDIES, page 346

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO INCREASE THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BY 10 PERCENT FOR EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. AND APPROVE THE BUDGET AS AMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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YOUTH PAROLE, page 349

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BUREAU OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, page 398

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, page 402

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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COMMITTEE TO HIRE THE HANDICAPPED, page 404

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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OFFICE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER, page 406

THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD THIS BUDGET FOR FURTHER ACTION.

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BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, page 411

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HEALTH DIVISION - NUTRITION, page 414

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GIBSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BUREAU OF HEALTH FACILITIES, page 416

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BUREAU OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, page 419

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH - TITLE I, page 423

SENATOR ECHOLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (WIC), page 427

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HEALTH AID TO COUNTIES, page 432

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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VITAL STATISTICS, page 433

SENATOR GIBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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DENTAL HEALTH, page 437

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, page 440

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION SERVICES, page 443

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
AS RECOMMENDED.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY EXCEPT FOR THE  
DISSENTING VOTE OF SENATOR MCCORKLE

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Senator Lamb asked the Committee's approval for a bill *BDR 18-1090*  
draft request to increase elected official's salaries. *(S.B. 591)*

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO INTRODUCE THE  
BILL DRAFT REQUEST.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE BILL 74

Mr. Sparks read the amendments to this bill to the Committee, and Senator Lamb called for a motion from the Committee.

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 74.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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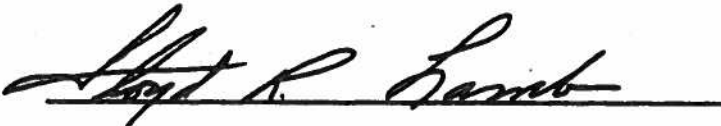
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tracy L. Dukic, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

DATED: AP 22, 1981

SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on FINANCE, Room 231.  
Day (SEE BELOW), Date (SEE BELOW), Time 8:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1981

1. A. B. No. 212 - Makes supplemental appropriation to pay travel expenses of employees who commute to southern Nevada correctional center. (Charles Wolff)
2. A. B. No. 352 - Provides for reversion of money appropriated for punchcard vote recording systems. (William Swackhammer)
3. A. B. No. 228 - Requires red lights on emergency vehicles to be visible from all directions. (S. Barton Jacka)
4. S. B. No. 331 - Provides for special financial assistance to school districts providing instruction for children in detention homes. (Ted Sanders)
5. S. B. No. 512 - Makes appropriation for certain equipment for Fallon campus of Western Nevada Community College. (Senator Getto)
6. S. D. No. 497 - Provides for immediate effectiveness of regulations, standards, and policies concerning State Welfare Administration under certain circumstances. (Ace Martell)
7. S. B. No. 538 - Revises provisions on aid to dependent children, state supplementary assistance to aged and blind persons and assistance to medically indigent. (Ace Martell)
8. S. B. No. 480 - Makes special provision for service charges in unclaimed property.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1981

1. A. B. No. 26 - Provides for optional program of additional contributions under the Public Employees' Retirement System. (Vernon Bennett)
2. A. B. No. 154 - Makes various changes in law concerning retired public employees. (Vernon Bennett)
3. A. E. No. 287 - Increases salary of legislators for service in interim retirement committee. (Vernon Bennett)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981

1. Closing of Budgets.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1981

1. Closing of Budgets.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1981

1. Closing of Budgets.

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Committee on FINANCE, Room 231.

Day TUESDAY, Date APRIL 21, 1981, Time 8:00 a.m.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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1. A. B. No. 168 - Makes various changes in law relating to active members and members receiving disability retirement of public employees' retirement system.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: APRIL 22, 1981

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TOM WIESNER

April 21, 1981

The Honorable Floyd Lamb, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
Nevada State Legislature  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Senator Lamb:

We will be unable to provide the information the Senate Finance Committee requested by April 22, 1981 as previously indicated.

Our Actuary has reviewed the projects and advised that your request will require at least one full day of computer programming and one day to run and analyze the results. They have agreed to give this matter utmost priority. I feel that it is very important that we take the additional time and get the official computations from the Actuary so that your Committee will have this information available prior to making a decision. Therefore, we would like to defer providing this information to your Committee until April 28, 1981 or as soon thereafter as your schedule will permit.

We have requested that the Actuary prepare computations as follows:

1. A determination of the number of benefit recipients and dollar amount for the current benefit broken down by the different percentages that will be provided. If possible, to also provide the average monthly benefit upon which each percentage will be assessed.
2. A computation of the cost to provide increases beginning July 1, 1981 and again July 1, 1982 based on a formula that will be one percent for the first year to be increased an additional one percent each year thereafter up to ten percent during the tenth year.
3. A computation of the cost to provide increases beginning July 1, 1981 and again July 1, 1982 equivalent to one percent the first year increased one half of one percent each year thereafter up to a total of ten percent for persons drawing benefits 19 years.

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4. A computation of the cost to provide increases beginning July 1, 1981 and again July 1, 1982 based on the three percent to five percent formula which has been in effect since 1975.

Does this correctly reflect the additional information which your Committee requested? Are there any other computations or additional information which we can obtain from the Actuary that would be of assistance to the Committee?

We will be pleased to answer any questions which you or any member of your Committee may have.

Sincerely,

*Vernon Bennett*  
Vernon Bennett  
Executive Officer

VB:dd  
CC: Senate Finance Committee  
Retirement Board



**DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

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April 6, 1981

Honorable Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
Nevada State Legislature  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

and

Honorable Roger Bremner, Chairman  
Assembly Ways and Means Committee  
Nevada State Legislature  
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Senator Lamb and Assemblyman Bremner:

In closing the 1979-81 budgets for the Desert Research Institute, the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee provided a \$35,000 annual appropriation for the Desert Research Institute's Wind Energy Project. This money was provided with the understanding that its use would be contingent upon the receipt of federal funds for the project. The 1979-80 appropriation reverted to the general fund. We now have an opportunity to match the 1980-81 appropriation with private-sector support rather than with federal funds. I have consulted with Chancellor Bersi and am now requesting authorization to proceed with the project on this basis. I should mention that the Institute has not requested continuing funding for the 1981-83 biennium.

The DRI has been studying wind energy alternatives for several years and has been looking for an opportunity to develop a viable wind installation in Nevada. We now have the chance to plan such an installation on a mountain-top site near the town of Winnemucca. We propose to utilize \$35,000 in State funds in cooperation with Pacific Western Systems, Inc. Pacific Western has agreed to provide a matching effort in support of this project to gather wind energy data needed to plan a wind-turbine installation at the Winnemucca site. In addition, the data would have application to numerous hilltop sites in Nevada. In fact, at DRI we receive one or two inquiries each month about wind energy from local citizens who need information about installation of wind turbines. The most frequently-asked question is, "How much wind energy can I get where I live?" Thus, a data base on wind energy at various sites is essential if Nevada citizens are to accurately assess returns on their possible investment in wind-energy installations.

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The general background of wind energy conversion to electric power is now reasonably well understood, and a number of possible wind-turbine designs have been developed and are entering the market where they will receive competitive evaluation. Immediate questions needing answers relate to site and optimization costs. We propose to study the siting problems on this particular mountain-top area in the coming year. The wind flow over the top of a mountain varies both in time and over a few yards from the edge of the slope, and these variations critically affect wind-turbine performance. Wind data must be evaluated before a turbine can be placed on an exposed mountain top to catch the optimum winds.

We intend to modify and to install a set of up to 12 wind-measuring instruments near the top of the mountain site at Winnemucca. The systems are to be operated for a six-month period to gather data for two initial decisions: 1) to select the best site for a wind turbine; and 2) to determine the wind energy likely to be available, energy storage needs and the size of the wind turbine required.

Pacific Western is willing to provide an in-kind matching effort, approximately on a dollar-for-dollar basis, in support of this project by covering the costs of the data-taking installation and by providing technical support and maintenance during the operation. This will include the efforts of their personnel, the installation of the towers for the instruments, the supply of electric power, the use of their trucks and equipment, and the provision of weatherproof housing for the data collection and recording system. Pacific Western expects to be able to use the data in order to plan their own wind-turbine installation at this site. However, the work results will be available to the State or to any company or individual who wishes to consider a comparable installation on hilltops in Nevada.

As a separate but related matter, we are exploring with Pacific Western the possible use of the DRI wind turbine in their wind-energy development program to provide the design refinement, product development and product marketing needed for application to Nevada and elsewhere.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

<u>TASK</u>	<u>TIME PERIOD</u>
Installation of Wind Instruments	Late March and April 1981
Checkout and Modification	Through May 1981
Begin Data Gathering	May 1981 (data for about one year are needed)
First Prototype Windmill Installed for Testing	October 1981

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We expect the immediate outcome of this study will be to recommend an installation suitable to estimate costs and benefits and the best position for installation of a wind turbine on the mountain top. We are confident that the data and the planned wind turbine installation will be of substantial practical benefit in terms of developing wind energy as an alternative energy source throughout Nevada.

Please let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Clifford J. Murino  
President

CJM/ew

cc: Chancellor Robert Bersi  
Mr. William Bible  
Mr. Robert Cashell  
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# Nevada Legislature

SIXTIETH SESSION

May 18, 1979

Dr. Donald Baepler, Chancellor  
University of Nevada System  
405 Marsh Avenue  
Reno, Nevada 89509

Dear Chancellor Baepler:

In closing the budget for the Desert Research Institute, the Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee provided a \$35,000 annual appropriation for DRI's Wind Energy Project. This money was provided with the understanding that it is contingent upon the receipt of federal funds for the project. In the event that the federal funds are not forthcoming, it is the intent of the Committees that the money be returned to the State Treasury.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Mello, Chairman  
Assembly Ways and Means Committee

Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

DRM:ca

cc: Bob Cashell, Chairman  
Board of Regents



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MEMORANDUM

To: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Fr: Jerry Griepentrog, Administrator/Div. of MH-MR *Jerry Griepentrog*  
Re: REQUESTED OPTIONS (3) FOR \$400,000 REDUCTION IN DIVISION  
OF MH-MR STATE FUNDING

Per request of the Assembly Ways and Means subcommittee, please find below three options for reducing the level of state funding of Division programs. In all cases, items identified by an asterisk (\*) are recommended for deletion by the Division, regardless of subcommittee action.

Option 1:	1981-82	1982-83
<u>Nevada Mental Health Institute</u>		
Travel	\$ 1,000	--
Utilities	9,000	\$ 7,000
Operating	43,353 (25,084*)	47,432 (37,625*)
Vol. Services	19,400	21,146
Mail Clerk	15,824	17,248
Psych. III .50	13,757	14,995
Cook III	19,532*	21,290*
<u>Children's Behavioral Services/Washoe</u>		
Travel	350	--
Operating	6,000	3,000
Office Furniture	1,000	--
Child Dev. Spec. I	27,930*	30,444*
<u>Reno Mental Health Center</u>		
Operating	19,800 (10,800*)	18,860 (13,860*)
PSW I	23,922*	26,075*
MHT III	17,513*	19,089*
<u>So. Nevada Mental Retardation Serv.</u>		
Food Center	40,000*	40,000*
Utilities	2,000	1,000
Operating	2,000	1,000
Training	1,000	1,000
Summer Camp	12,000	12,000
<u>No. Nevada Mental Retardation Serv.</u>		
Operating	75,774*	97,243*
Utilities	2,000	1,000
Training	1,000	1,000



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	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
<u>No. Nevada Mental Retardation Serv. (cont'd.)</u>		
<u>Summer Camp</u>	\$ 12,500	\$ 13,750
<u>Lake's Crossing</u>		
<u>Operating</u>	24,480*	31,416*
<u>Las Vegas Mental Health Center</u>		
<u>Utilities</u>	3,000	1,000
<u>Operating</u>	3,000	1,000
<u>Travel</u>	1,000	--
<u>Holiday Pay</u>	2,000	2,000
<u>Children's Behavioral Serv./Clark</u>		
<u>Utilities</u>	2,000	1,000
<u>Operating</u>	2,000	--
<u>Holiday Pay</u>	12,500*	12,500*
<u>Supv. Vol. Serv.</u>	8,174	8,910
<u>Community Awareness</u>		
<u>Summer Camp</u>	6,000	7,000
<u>Community Training Centers</u>		
<u>Training</u>	1,997	--
<u>Revenue Development</u>	6,500	17,600
<u>Genetics</u>		
<u>Operating</u>	2,000	--
<u>Central Office</u>		
<u>Travel</u>	1,000	--
<u>Regional Training</u>	5,000	--
<u>Foster Grandparent Program</u>		
<u>Excess State Match</u>	26,831	6,530
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$474,137</u>	<u>\$484,465</u>
<u>Less Federal</u>	<u>- 74,137</u>	<u>- 84,465</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

NOTES:

1. Northern Nevada Mental Retardation Services and Southern Nevada Mental Retardation Services reductions reflect 50% state and 50% federal funding.

2. Reductions in food service and operations costs account for the following:

Lake's Crossing	\$ 24,480	\$ 31,416
NNMRS	75,774	97,243
RMHC	10,800	13,860
NMHI	25,084	37,625
SNMRS	40,000	40,000

3. Personnel reductions include fringe benefits and an estimated 14% and 9% increase for fiscal 1981-82 and 1982-83 respectively.

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**Option 2: (Same as Option 1, with the following substitutions:**

<u>Reductions</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
<u>Nevada Mental Health Institute</u>		
Operating	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Utilities	1,000	1,000
<u>Children's Behavioral Serv./Washoe</u>		
Operating	3,000	1,000
<u>Reno Mental Health Center</u>		
Operating	1,000	1,000
<u>Lake's Crossing</u>		
Operating	3,000	1,000
<u>Children's Behavioral Serv./Clark</u>		
Utilities	1,000	--
Operating	2,000	--
	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

**Reinstate:**

<u>Foster Grandparent</u>	12,000	5,000
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**Option 3: (Same as Option 1, with Option 2 reductions and reinstate as follows:**

<u>Foster Grandparent</u>	\$ 6,000	\$ --
<u>Community Awareness</u>		
Summer Camp	6,000	5,000

JG:jw

cc: John Neill, Budget  
 Ron Sparks, Leg. Counsel Bureau

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SECOND REPRINT

S. B. 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74—SENATOR JACOBSEN

JANUARY 23, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Assigns duties to state fire marshal division and directs that special radio frequency be designated. (BDR 42-68)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the state fire marshal division; amending the powers and duties of the state fire marshal; amending the composition, powers and duties of the division's board; directing the designation of a microwave channel of communication for use by fire departments; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 472.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 472.040 1. The state forester firewarden shall:

3 (a) Supervise or coordinate all forestry and watershed work on state-  
4 and privately-owned lands, including fire control, in Nevada, working  
5 with federal agencies, private associations, counties, towns, cities or pri-  
6 vate individuals.

7 (b) Administer all fire control laws and all forestry laws in Nevada  
8 outside of townsite boundaries, and perform [such] any other duties [as  
9 might be] designated by the director of the state department of conserva-  
10 tion and natural resources or by state law.

11 (c) Assist and encourage county or local fire protection districts to  
12 create legally constituted fire protection districts where they are needed  
13 and offer guidance and advice in their operation.

14 (d) Designate the boundaries of each area of the state where the con-  
15 struction of buildings on forested lands creates such a fire hazard as to  
16 require the [imposition of roofing materials standards.] regulation of  
17 roofing materials.

18 (e) Make and enforce regulations relating to standards for fire retard-  
19 ant roofing materials to be used in the construction, alteration, change or  
20 repair of buildings located within the boundaries of fire hazardous for-  
21 ested areas.

22 (f) Purchase communication equipment which can use the microwave

1 *channels of the state communications system and store this equipment in*  
2 *regional locations for use in emergencies.*

3 (g) *Administer money appropriated and grants awarded for fire pre-*  
4 *vention, fire control and the education of firemen and award grants of*  
5 *money for those purposes to fire departments and educational institutions*  
6 *in this state.*

7 2. The state forester firewarden in carrying out the provisions of this  
8 chapter may:

9 (a) Appoint [such] paid foresters and firewardens [as he may deem  
10 necessary] to enforce the provisions of the laws of this state respecting  
11 forest and watershed management or the protection of forests and other  
12 lands from fire, subject to the approval of the board or boards of county  
13 commissioners of the county or counties concerned, and when so  
14 appointed the foresters and firewardens [shall] have only the police  
15 powers necessary to enforce the provisions of such laws.

16 (b) Appoint [, in such number and localities as he may deem proper,]  
17 suitable citizen-wardens who [shall have] *may exercise* all of the police  
18 powers of paid firewardens. [Such citizen-wardens shall] *Citizen-wardens*  
19 *serve voluntarily except that they may receive compensation when an*  
20 *emergency is declared by the state forester firewarden. [or his duly*  
21 *appointed and authorized assistants.]*

22 (c) Appoint, upon the recommendation of the appropriate federal offi-  
23 cials, resident officers of the United States Forest Service and the United  
24 States Bureau of Land Management as voluntary firewardens. [Such vol-  
25 untary] *Voluntary* firewardens [shall] have all of the police powers of  
26 paid firewardens, but they [shall receive no] *are not entitled to* compen-  
27 sation for their services.

28 (d) Appoint certain paid foresters or firewardens to be arson investi-  
29 gators, who [shall be] *are* peace officers as provided in NRS 169.125 [.].  
30 The provisions of this paragraph shall not constitute such investigators  
31 as] , *but not* police officers or firemen for the purposes of NRS 286.510.

32 (e) Employ, with the consent of the director of the state department of  
33 conservation and natural resources, clerical assistance, county and district  
34 coordinators, patrolmen, firefighters, and other employees as needed, and  
35 expend such sums as may be necessarily incurred for this purpose.

36 (f) Purchase, or acquire by donation, supplies, material, equipment  
37 and improvements necessary to fire protection and forest and water-  
38 shed management.

39 (g) With the approval of the director of the state department of con-  
40 servation and natural resources and the state board of examiners, pur-  
41 chase or accept the donation of real property to be used for lookout  
42 sites and for other administrative, experimental or demonstration pur-  
43 poses. No real property may be purchased or accepted unless an examina-  
44 tion of the title shows [such] *the* property to be free from encumbrances,  
45 with title vested in the grantor. The title to [such] *the* real property  
46 [shall] *must* be examined and approved by the attorney general.

47 3. The state forester firewarden, in carrying out the powers and  
48 duties granted in this section, is subject to administrative supervision  
49 by the director of the state department of conservation and natural  
50 resources.

1 SEC. 2. NRS 477.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 477.010 1. The state fire marshal division is hereby established in  
3 the department of commerce.

4 2. The division consists of the fire protection and control section, the  
5 fire investigation section, the public education section, *the fire service*  
6 *training section* and the fire data section.

7 SEC. 3. NRS 477.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 477.020 1. The state [fire marshal's advisory board, consisting of  
9 five] *board of fire services, consisting of seven* members appointed by  
10 the governor, is hereby created.

11 2. The governor shall appoint:

12 (a) A licensed architect;

13 (b) A chief of a volunteer fire department;

14 (c) A chief of a full-time, paid fire department;

15 (d) A professional engineer; [and]

16 (e) The state forester firewarden [,];

17 (f) *A training officer of a volunteer fire department; and*

18 (g) *A training officer of a partially or fully paid fire department,*

19 to the board. No member other than the state forester firewarden may  
20 serve for more than two consecutive terms.

21 3. The board shall select a chairman from among its members to  
22 serve for 1 year. The state fire marshal shall serve as the secretary of the  
23 board.

24 4. The board shall meet at least twice each year or on the call of the  
25 chairman, the secretary or any three members.

26 5. The members of the board, except the state forester firewarden,  
27 are entitled to receive a salary of \$40 for each day's attendance at a  
28 meeting of the board and all members are entitled to the per diem allow-  
29 ances and travel expenses provided by law.

30 6. The board shall make recommendations to the state fire marshal  
31 and to the legislature concerning necessary legislation in the field of fire-  
32 fighting and fire protection. When requested to do so by the director of  
33 the department of commerce, the board shall recommend to him not  
34 fewer than three persons for appointment as state fire marshal.

35 7. *The board shall advise the state fire marshal on matters relating*  
36 *to the training of firemen.*

37 SEC. 4. Chapter 477 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
38 a new section which shall read as follows:

39 SEC. 5. *The state fire marshal shall:*

40 1. *Furnish and administer programs for the training of firemen;*

41 2. *Describe the programs which are available for training of firemen*  
42 *and notify fire departments of the availability of these programs;*

43 3. *Administer a program to certify firemen, whenever requested to do*  
44 *so, for successful completion of a training program;*

45 4. *Develop a program to train instructors; and*

46 5. *Assist other agencies and organizations to prepare and administer*  
47 *training programs.*

48 SEC. 6. Chapter 233F of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
49 a new section which shall read as follows:

1     *The board shall designate at least one microwave channel of the state*  
2 *communications system for use by the fire services.*

3     SEC. 7. The board of regents of the University of Nevada shall trans-  
4 fer to the state fire marshal division of the department of commerce all  
5 inventory and equipment of the fire service training program which was  
6 purchased with money received from the division of vocational education  
7 of the department of education.

8     SEC. 8. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
9 to the division of forestry of the state department of conservation and  
10 natural resources the sum of \$25,990 for purchase of communication  
11 equipment.

12     2. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the  
13 division of forestry of the state department of conservation and natural  
14 resources \$33,900 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, and \$33,900  
15 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982, for grants to be awarded for  
16 fire protection, fire control, and the education of firemen.

17     3. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the  
18 state communications board the sum of \$2,000 for the fiscal year begin-  
19 ning July 1, 1981, and \$2,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982,  
20 for the designation of one microwave channel of the state communica-  
21 tions system for use by the fire services.

22     4. After June 30, 1983, the unencumbered balance of the appropria-  
23 tion made in subsection 1 of this section may not be encumbered and  
24 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money com-  
25 mitted have been made. The unencumbered balances of the appropria-  
26 tions for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1981, and July 1, 1982,  
27 contained in subsections 2 and 3 of this section may not be committed for  
28 expenditure after June 30, 1982, and June 30, 1983, respectively, and  
29 revert to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money com-  
30 mitted have been made.

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S. B. 348

SENATE BILL NO. 348—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 3, 1981

Referred to Committee on Finance

**SUMMARY**—Makes supplemental appropriation to department of taxation for payment of rent. (BDR S-1537)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation.

**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an additional and supplemental appropriation to the department of taxation for the payment of rent; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 .SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
2 to the department of taxation the sum of \$11,161 for the payment of rent.  
3 This appropriation is additional and supplemental to that allowed and  
4 made by section 12 of chapter 695, Statutes of Nevada 1979.

5 SEC. 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section  
6 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 1981,  
7 and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money  
8 committed have been made.

9 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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SENATE BILL NO. 451—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 25, 1981

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**SUMMARY**—Amends provisions relating to county and city jails. (BDR 16-833)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.



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**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to county and city jails; amending requirements for detaining United States prisoners in county jails; amending various provisions relating to employment of prisoners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 211.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 211.060 1. A person may be committed under the authority of the  
3 United States to any county jail *if a contract has been concluded between*  
4 *the United States and the sheriff of the county*, upon payment of:  
5 (a) All actual and reasonably necessary costs of his confinement,  
6 including the direct cost of his support and an allocated share of the cost  
7 of maintaining the jail and guarding the prisoners, as compensation to the  
8 county for the use of the jail; and  
9 (b) All legal fees of the jailer.  
10 2. The sheriff shall receive such prisoners, and subject them to the  
11 same employment, discipline and treatment, and be liable for any neglect  
12 of duty as in the case of other prisoners, but the county is not liable for  
13 any escape.  
14 SEC. 2. NRS 211.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
15 211.120 1. The board of county commissioners or metropolitan  
16 police commission in a county, and the governing body of an incorpo-  
17 rated city, shall make all necessary arrangements, as provided in NRS  
18 211.120 to 211.170, inclusive, to utilize the labor of the prisoners com-  
19 mitted to any jails within any county, city, or town within this state, for a  
20 term of imprisonment by the judges of the several district courts within  
21 this state, or the justices of the peace in any and all townships throughout  
22 this state.  
23 2. *A sheriff, chief of police or town marshal may establish a pro-*  
24 *gram to release prisoners from his jail for work. The program must:*



1 (a) Provide for thorough screening of prisoners for inclusion in the  
2 program;

3 (b) Be limited to prisoners who have been sentenced; and

4 (c) Require that each prisoner who participates in the program reim-  
5 burse the county, city or town for his room and board during the time  
6 he participates in the program.

7 SEC. 3. NRS 211.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 211.140 1. The sheriff of each county has charge and control over  
9 all prisoners committed to his care in the respective county jails, and the  
10 chiefs of police and town marshals in the several cities and towns  
11 throughout this state have charge and control over all prisoners com-  
12 mitted to their respective city and town jails.

13 2. The sheriffs, chiefs of police and town marshals shall see that the  
14 prisoners under their care are at all times kept at labor [on the public  
15 works in their respective counties, cities and towns, at least 6 hours a day  
16 during 6 days of the week, when the weather permits when required by  
17 the board of county commissioners or metropolitan police commission, by  
18 the mayor and board of aldermen of their respective cities or by the board  
19 of trustees of their respective towns.] within the jail, on public works in  
20 the county, city or town, or as part of a program of release for work estab-  
21 lished pursuant to NRS 211.120.

22 3. "Public works" as used in NRS 211.120 to 211.170, inclusive,  
23 means the construction, repair, or cleaning of any streets, road, sidewalks,  
24 public square, park, building, cutting away hills, grading, putting in sew-  
25 ers, or other work whatever, which is or may be authorized to be done by  
26 and for the use of any of the counties, cities or towns, and the expense of  
27 which is not to be borne exclusively by persons or property particularly  
28 benefited thereby.

29 4. The sheriff, chief of police or town marshal shall arrange for the  
30 administration of [such] medical care [as may be] required by prison-  
31 ers committed to his custody. The county, city or town, or the metropol-  
32 itan police department where one exists, shall pay the cost of appropriate  
33 medical:

34 (a) Treatment for injuries incurred by a prisoner [during his arrest for  
35 commission of a public offense or] while he is in custody;

36 (b) Treatment for any infectious, contagious or communicable disease  
37 which the prisoner contracts while he is in custody; and

38 (c) Examinations required by law or by court order unless the order  
39 otherwise provides.

40 5. A prisoner shall pay the cost of medical treatment for:

41 (a) Injuries incurred by the prisoner during his commission of a public  
42 offense [;] or during his arrest for commission of a public offense;

43 (b) Injuries or illnesses which existed before the prisoner was taken  
44 into custody;

45 (c) Self-inflicted injuries; and

46 (d) Except treatment provided pursuant to subsection 4, any other  
47 injury or illness incurred by the prisoner.

48 6. A health and care facility furnishing treatment pursuant to subsec-  
49 tion 5 shall attempt to collect the cost of the treatment from the prisoner  
50 or his insurance carrier. If the facility is unable to collect the cost and

1 certifies to the appropriate board of county commissioners that it is unable  
2 to collect the cost of the medical treatment, the board of county commis-  
3 sioners shall pay the cost of the medical treatment.

4 SEC. 4. NRS 211.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 211.150 [In case any prisoner or prisoners are] 1. If a prisoner  
6 is disobedient or disorderly, or [do] does not faithfully perform [their  
7 task,] his tasks, the officers having charge of [them may inflict punish-  
8 ment upon them by confining them in dark and solitary cells, and the  
9 officers so punishing shall keep a record of the punishment so inflicted,  
10 showing its cause, mode, degree and duration, making a correct report  
11 of the same on the last day of each month to their respective boards in  
12 each county, city and town, together with the amount and character of  
13 work done by the prisoners during the month.] him may take action to  
14 discipline him. The action may include confinement to an individual cell  
15 separate from other prisoners for the protection of the staff of the jail  
16 and other prisoners. An officer who confines a prisoner to an individual  
17 cell for any reason shall report his action as soon as possible to the per-  
18 son in charge of the jail.

19 2. A report of the number of prisoners who are performing work and  
20 the amount and type of work performed must be submitted to the person  
21 in charge of the jail on the last day of each month.

22 SEC. 5. NRS 211.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 211.170 1. For each month in which a prisoner:

24 (a) Appears by the [record provided for in] reports required by NRS  
25 211.150, to have been obedient, orderly and faithful, the sheriff of the  
26 county or the chief of police of the municipality in which the prisoner is  
27 incarcerated may deduct not more than 5 days from the term of impris-  
28 onment of the prisoner.

29 (b) Diligently performs his assigned work, the sheriff or chief of police  
30 may deduct: [not more than 5 additional days from the term of impris-  
31 onment of the prisoner.]

32 (1) Not more than 10 additional days if his sentence is 270 days or  
33 more;

34 (2) Not more than 7 additional days if his sentence is 180 days or  
35 more but less than 270 days;

36 (3) Not more than 5 additional days if his sentence is 30 days or  
37 more but less than 180 days;

38 (4) Not more than 3 additional days if his sentence is 15 days or  
39 more but less than 30 days; and

40 (5) No additional days if his sentence is less than 15 days.

41 2. Deduction earned under paragraph (a) of subsection 1 for any  
42 period of time less than a month must be credited on a pro rata basis.

43 3. If, while incarcerated, a prisoner:

44 (a) Commits a criminal offense;

45 (b) Commits an act which endangers human life; or

46 (c) Intentionally disobeys a rule of the jail,

47 all or part of any deductions the prisoner has earned under this section  
48 may be forfeited as the sheriff or chief of police determines.

49 4. Before any forfeiture under subsection 3 may occur, the prisoner

- 1 must be given reasonable notice of the alleged misconduct for which the
- 2 forfeiture is sought and an opportunity for a hearing on that misconduct.
- 3 *The hearing must at least meet the standards of the American Correc-*
- 4 *tional Association which were in effect on July 1, 1981.*