# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

#### SIXTY-FIRST SESSION NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE May 1, 1981

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Vice Chairman, James I. Gibson, at 8:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 1981, in Room 231 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman (excused)

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald W. Sparks, Chief Fiscal Analyst Dan Miles, Deputy Fiscal Analyst Candace Chaney, Secretary

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Howard Barrett, Budget Division

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56 - Authorizes additional expenditures during fiscal year 1980-81 by the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mr. Joe Crowley, President of the University of Nevada, Reno, testified in support of Assembly Bill No. 56 and submitted to the committee a summarization of the bill and its effects. (See Exhibit C.)

Senator Glaser asked if the only General Fund money was the original \$41,000 which Interim Finance had already indicated would be made available. He inquired if his understanding was correct that this bill was merely a sanctioning of the Interim Finance funds and the monies generated from student fees. Mr. Crowley indicated the Senator was correct with the exception that the University was saying they had enough excessive revenues so that the \$41,000 did not have to be appropriated from the General Fund; the cost could be picked up from the University's excess revenue.

Senator Jacobsen inquired, referring to a previous discussion concerning the workload of the University professors, if it was true that some were only carrying an eight hour workload. Mr. Crowley noted it depended on how that workload was viewed. He said the University had recently approved a policy statement at UNR regarding minimum faculty teaching loads. That minimum load would be nine credits per week. He stated that was deceptive, in his view, as there was a great deal of preparation involved in the teaching of those nine credits. Also it was the University's mission to perform applied research which was also very time consuming on the part of the faculty. In addition, there was an obligation to perform public services by the faculty.

Senator Jacobsen commented that the University might be in the position of soliciting students if the entrance requirements were raised. He asked if that happened, would that cut the University's revenue. Mr. Crowley remarked that was a very difficult question to ponder. He thought that if entrance requirements were increased then the revenue projection would have to be changed. He noted he had no objection to a more-restrictive admissions policy. Mr. Crowley added if the University were to restrictadmissions, there would still be students not admitted who would be interested in pursuing further education. He indicated the Community Colleges were not funded sufficiently to handle that kind of overflow in this biennium. He recommended a study be done to determine the impact of a more restrictive admissions policy.

Senator Wilson asked what the impact of an admissions standard that addressed a proficiency in reading, writing and math would be. Mr. Crowley noted this was also a problem in the leading universities in the nation.

Mr. Ken Partridge, Vice Chancellor for Finance for the University System, spoke in behalf of UNLV with regard to the support of Assembly Bill No. 56. He remarked that the history of UNIV closely paralleled that of UNR. They requested from Interim Finance over a year ago under the same executive budget peramenters that they receive an allocation of \$39,991 and to have an augmentation of their own revenues of \$537,690 to meet the need of the increase in students. Since that time, they had anticipated that they would have additional revenues of \$280,000 bringing that to a total of \$857,591. At the present time, UNLV would like to refund the Interim Finance allocation of \$39,991 utilizing their own revenues generated of \$817,591 which corresponded to the amount of money they were requesting authorization to spend in Assembly Bill No. 56. The use of the money would be \$557,681 to fund the additional faculty positions, graduate assistant positions, and operating needs for their increase in enrollment. In addition to that, they were requesting permission to spend \$18,656 for the College of Science, Math and Engineering to match a National Science Foundation grant; \$10,000 for video-taped instruction; \$10,500 for equipment for the Communications Department; \$9,505 for word processing equipement; and approximately \$191,000 for additional library needs.

Senator Gibson requested a breakdown of the aforementioned figures. Mr. Partridge said he would provide the committee with one. He added that he believed both UNR and UNLV would be reverting additional excess revenue above the amounts requested today.

SENATE BILL NO. 425 - Increases number of district judges in eighth judicial district.

Judge Charles Thompson, District Judge in Las Vegas, and Ardell Kingham, Budget Officer for Clark County, introduced themselves to the committee to testify in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 425</u>.

Judge Thompson provided the committee with a handout showing current statistics on caseloads and filings in Clark County as justification for the addition of four judges to the eighth judicial district. (See Exhibit D) He noted the tremendous increase in caseloads on civil filings and added that the criminal caseloads had not increased significantly. The conclusion of the statistical report that the four judges were needed to handle the significant increase in civil cases.

Senator Glaser inquired if 2,000 cases was an average caseload for a judge. Judge Thompson did not agree; he said the national average was about 1,100 per judge. Senator Glaser asked if there were any caseload statistics for the rural counties. Judge Thompson stated he did not have that information.

Senator Gibson requested an explanation of the headings on the computer chart of the handout. Judge Thompson noted this chart showed the condition of the court presently as a whole. The left hand side of the chart showed the types of cases now pending in the eighth judicial district. The chart indicated the amount of new cases and the amount of settled cases in the district during

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the month of December, 1980. The lower area of the chart entitled "Note to the Trial Docket", referred to cases that were interested in going to trial. Judge Thompson noted that the judges heard a case approximately three years after it was filed.

Senator McCorkle asked what the difference was in the first sheet of the handout and the computer chart of the handout. Judge Thompson replied the computer chart showed the number of civil cases pending, the summary sheet referred to total annual caseload. Senator McCorkle noted Judge Brennan only had a total caseload of 1,350. Judge Thompson said some of the judge's cases were not individually assigned; the computer only picked up the civil, criminal, and divorce cases. The probate and guardian cases were not ordinarily assigned and were heard on a rotating basis. Senator McCorkle inquired if there were 600 probate and guardian cases to bring Judge Brennan's load to 2,000. Judge Thompson said no but commented if mental commitment proceedings and uniform and reciprocal support act cases, and a number of the domestic cases the computer did not count were added up that would make the difference.

Judge Thompson presented a proposed amendment to Senate Bill No. 425 to the committee which requested that the bill become effective January 1, 1983.

Senator Gibson asked how the Supreme Court would be approached to allow the addition of the judges. Judge Thompson said he would suspect the two judges in Washoe County would create some sort of a lawsuit to be decided by the Supreme Court before the election in 1982.

Miss Kingham summarized the report on costs of new district courts. (See Exhibit E).

Senator Wilson remarked that they had been living with the frustration on the matter of the constitutional prohibition of putting judges where there was no vacancy. He wondered if the legislature should file a declaratory action. Judge Thompson understood that there was a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish that particular provision that was going to pass this session. Senator Wilson noted if approved this session, it would not be until 1984 when it would go into effect. Judge Thompson strongly suspected there would be a court case before that time.

Senator Wilson asked if anyone knew if Washoe County was prepared to proceed with the suit in question. Judge James Guinan said if the judges were appointed, they were de facto judges where anything they did was legal until they were thrown out of office. He added if no one filed a lawsuit, there would not be a problem. Senator Wilson inquired if the Governor were prepared to appoint. Judge Guinan had not heard and added the Governor would have to call the commission first.

Senator Gibson wondered if it might not be possible for the legislature to declare a vacancy. Judge Thompson said, in essence, that was what the legislature was doing by saying this was effective on January 1, 1982 for purposes of electing four judges. Senator Gibson commented that a vacancy was not actually stated in the bill. Judge Roy Torvinen felt it would be a good idea to include the vacancy phrase in the bill.

The Vice Chairman asked Miss Kingham if she had her proposed fee schedule to recoup the additional expense. Miss Kingham stated the fee increases she referred to would be the clerk fees that were statutorially set. She did not have the actual fee increases with her and did not feel that fee increases would substantially cover the cost of the additional expense.

Judge Thompson commented on the funding that will be available to pay for the staff and facilities of the new judges. He hoped the legislature would give favorable consideration to a reasonable request for fee increases.

Senator Gibson inquired as to the amount of time the actual courtrooms were used. Judge Thompson stated no statistics were kept on time utilization of the courtrooms.

Mr. David Hagen representing Washoe County Bar Association testified on behalf of the association in support of Senate Bill No. 425. Mr. Hagen was also supporting the bill on behalf of the Clark County Bar Association.

Judge Donald Mosely, Municipal Court Judge from Las Vegas, representing the Clark County Bar Assoication testified in support of Senate Bill No. 425. He felt one point that had not been mentioned was the impact to other courts in their jurisdiction of a crowded district court docket.

Senator Gibson commented that he did not see the connection as how four more judges would affect other jurisdictions. Judge Mosely said matters would not be trailed in the courtrooms to the extent they were presently.

Senator Jacobsen asked Judge Mosely if he had talked at all about increasing fees in the municipal courts. Judge Mosely said they were self-sufficient presently and would not alleviate the problem of over-crowding court calendars.

Mr. A. William Maupin, a Las Vegas lawyer in private practice, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill</u> No. 425 on behalf of Nevada Federation of Defense Counsel.

Senator Gibson asked how Mr. Maupin's association would feel about increased fees. Mr. Maupin believed there would be no objection.

Mr. Bob Haney, President of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Assoication, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 425</u> on behalf of his association. He felt the fees should not be increased beyond \$60.

Mr. Peter Newman, a member of the Trial Lawyers Assoication, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 425</u>. He commented that the association did support the fee increase in filing fees. Mr. Newman noted there were a number of cases that did not pay filing fees for example adoptions and other matters in the same vein. He said the committee might want to consider having those people pay filing fees.

Senator Jacobsen inquired if there were any other areas where filing fees were not charged. Mr. Newman said they included small estates, termination of parental rights, adoptions, etc.

SENATE BILL NO. 442 - Provides salary to district judges for serving as ex officio trustees of law library and for their availability to sit on Supreme Court.

Judge James Guinan, District Court Judge from Reno, testified in support of Senate Bill No. 442. He said this bill would pay district judges compensation for duties other than being district judges to keep those individuals up with the cost of living. It was not an increase in real salary. Judge Guinan noted the salaries for district judges were fixed in 1977 to be effective in 1979 and could not be amended until 1985.

The amount of the figure in this bill was \$17,000 and was the result of an update by the study of the commission that Governor Laxalt appointed when he was in office and was based on the then current cost of living. In addition to the increase being to attract people to the bench and keeping up with the cost of living, was that the pension would be increased as a result which would allow judges to retire at the time they should.

The Vice Chairman asked what the repealer to this bill was. Judge Guinan said it repealed a provision that said the members of the County Library Boards would not receive compensation.

Senator Glaser said the Judge indicated in his testimony that not all the judges would be entitled to the additional \$17,000, to sit on the Supreme Court or act as trustees of the law library yet there was a fiscal note attached to the bill of \$614,762 for each of the two years of the biennium. If that figure was divided by \$17,000, it would indicate that the amount would be given to 36 judges. Judge Guinan indicated this would apply to all district judges. He said they were also faced with the problem that there might be staggered terms as a result of a resolution pending in legislature which would involve-judges receiving different salaries.

Senator Gibson inquired if this bill would place: the district judge's salary above the Supreme Court's salary. Judge Guinan indicated it would but noted the Supreme Court also had a bill in to increase their salaries.

Senator Jacobsen asked if the Judge was saying there was no additional duties as a trustee of law library. The Judge said there were some duties but did not want to suggest that those duties were so onerous as to use that as a basis for the bill.

Judge Roy Torvinen, District Judge Washoe County, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u>. He noted that Nevada judges' salaries ranked 30th in the United States.

Senator Jacobsen asked how caseloads per district judge in Nevada compared to other states. Judge Torvinen did not have those statistics.

Senator McCorkle asked how the salary of \$60,000 for district judges would compare to those received by judges in other states. Judge Torvinen thought that figure would put Nevada judges somewhere in the top five.

Judge James Brennan, District Court Judge of Las Vegas, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u>. Judge Brennan commented that the judges workload had doubled but they were not requesting double pay. He felt the Nevada legislature should have a lot more control over the judges salaries than at present.

Judge Howard McKibben, District Judge for Douglas and Lyon Counties, testified in support of Senate Bill No. 442. He felt the legislature should do something about making the Judiciary more attractive to younger people by either this bill or some other form of legislation. He suggested that the constitutional prohibition on increasing or decreasing judges salaries during the term of office, in his opinion, would not prohibit the legislature in passing legislation which would establish the definite salaries. He thought this legislation should be designed to have automatic increases each year so that past problems would not reoccur.

Senator Glaser inquired as to an approximate estimate of caseloads in the rural counties. Judge McKibbon indicated the court administrator during the past year had kept those statistics. He noted his present volume in Douglas and Lyon Counties, per judge, was higher than anywhere else in the State. The second highest caseload, per judge, was in Carson City and, the third highest was in Churchill County. Judge McKibben stated he would supply more specific figures to the committee. He added one of the problems unique to the judges in the rural counties was the necessity to travel quite a bit.

Senator Jacobsen asked if the judge saw any hope in the court system that there would be fewer persons to fill the prisons. He asked how Judge McKibben felt about restitution. Judge McKibben said he was in favor of restitution and would like to see a system that required restitution in addition to incarceration. He indicated he alread utilized alternatives to incarceration in terms of non-violent crimes.

Senator Jacobsen asked if Judge McKibben saw a real threat in civil rights suits being filed by prisoners. Judge McKibben felt the potential was there.

Judge Robert LeGakes, District Court Judge, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u>. He noted proposed increases for Federal District Court Judges would bring their salaries up to \$85,000.

Senator Glaser commented that the judge elected to run for the job at the salary of \$43,000 and asked if there were any perquisites that went along with the office. Judge Le Gakes said the office was provided staff and space which would be overhead to a private attorney. He added there was no way to compensate for the increased cost of living. He noted they were restricted in the generation of outside funds as lawyers once the bench was assumed.

Mr. Peter Newman from the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u>.

Mr. Bill Maupin, a Las Vegas lawyer in private practice, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u>.

Mr. David Hagen representing the Washoe County Bar Assoication, testified on behalf of the association in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 442</u> and the remaining bills on the agenda.

Mr. Bob Mead, of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association testified in support of Senate Bill No. 442 and the remaining bills on the agenda.

Mr. Bill Kern of the Clark County District Attorney's Office spoke on behalf of the State Bar of Nevada in support of the judicial bill package.

SENATE BILL NO. 565 - Requires State to pay employee contributions to public employees retirement system for justices and district judges who remain members.

Judge Howard McKibben and Judge Mike Fondi, Carson City District Judge, testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 565</u>. Judge McKibben said this bill proposed to amend NRS 286.307. It would provide that the State Board of Examiners would pay their retirement contributions of each justice or judge who did not exercise the option granted by this section of NRS286.410 regarding employee contributions.

Two years ago in 1979, <u>Senate Bill No. 181</u> was passed which was adopted as NRS 286.307 which provided an election to members who were in PERS for justices and judges of the Supreme Court to either remain in the system or by September 30, 1979 submit in writing their election to withdraw from the system. Presently, there were six district court judges and two Supreme Court justices who elected in 1979 to remain in the system as they were already vested or were opposed to vesting in PERS by virtue of service in some other public capacity prior to the time they went on the bench.

Judge Fondi commented that he believed Mr. Vernon Bennett was going to speak to the committee and the judge said he was going to try and anticipate some of Mr. Bennett's arguments as he felt PERS' position was in opposition to his own. He thought one of the amendments Mr. Bennett was going to propose was to take those judges who were already vested in PERS and put those persons in the judges retirement system with equal number of years credit for service. Judge Fondi did not feel that would be acceptable to those judges who would be affected by it.

Judge Fondi did not agree with another potential argument of Mr. Bennett involving advice from the Attorney General's office regarding the effect of the State picking up the contribution on behalf of those that would be affected which would be, in effect, a raise in pay. He noted they were already paying taxes on money they were drawing and those taxes were based upon the top figure. He felt most of the people affected by that particular option were people who would be receiving periodic pay increases in any event, either yearly or as the legislature saw fit to grant public employees cost of living increases over and above their normal merit increase.

Judge Fondi noted the judges who would be affected were Judges McKibben, Fondi, Becko, McDanial, Guy and Wendell on the District Court bench. Those affected in the Supreme Court would be Justices Batjer and Gunderson.

Mr. Bennett said he would like to clarify a remark that Judge Fondi made. PERS did not say that this bill would provide an increase in salary, they advised Judge Fondi that PERS felt it could create a problem because the other members of PERS who had gone to the employer pay program had to do so either in lieu of salary or by an equivalent salary increase. He noted these eight people stayed in PERS at their option; they were not forced to do so, they were an exception in the 1979 legislation.

Mr. Bennett said, basically, one was dealing with eight people who were caught in a phase-out situation. Their problem was that they would not want to lose the previous service credit that they had enjoyed in PERS. PERS' suggestion was to consider a possible transfer of the employee and employer contributions in PERS together with all service credit to the district court judges and Supreme Court justices retirement system for those eight individuals. It might also be considered to make that transfer optional.

SENATE BILL NO. 592 - Increases salaries of justices of Supreme Court and provides annual salary adjustments.

Supreme Court Justice Charles Springer testified in support of <u>Senate Bill No.</u> 592. He commented that the Court Administrator had made a study based on the Cost of Living Index and came up with a suggested bill that was 20% higher than the amounts requested in <u>Senate Bill No.</u> 592. With the state of the State's economy, it was decided that this bill was more realistic with regard to what monies were available. This bill was merely a compensation for inflation. There was a provision in the bill to allow Supreme Court Justices the average increases of classified employees.

Senator McCorkle asked, referring to the \$63,000 base salary, what additional income could be obtained. Justice Springer indicated justices of the Supreme Court had staggered terms so traditionally that inequality had been adjusted by compensating for service on the Pardons Board. He noted this duty was not a nominal one and there was a substantial amount of time involved.

SENATE BILL NO. 594 - Increases amount of benefits for surviving spouses of justices and district judges.

Mr. Bob Mead, President of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, testfied in support of <u>Senate Bill No. 594</u>.

Mr. Sparks asked Mr. Mike Brown, Court Administrator, if this was the amount of money that was in the revised Supreme Court budgets. Mr. Brown said it was.

Senator Gibson inquired what was in the budget on the district court judges salaries. Mr. Barrett indicated those salaries were listed in the amount of \$43,000.

Mr. Peter Newman commented, after some calculations, that if the State filing fees were raised in non-criminal cases from \$53 to \$60, he felt additional revenue of \$190,000 to \$210,000 could be raised. With the inclusion of fees for those filings not presently charged for, an additional \$120,000 might be generated.

SENATE BILL No. 514 - Provides for continuing education for district judges.

Mr. Peter Newman, of the Trial Lawyers Association, testified in support of Senate Bill No. 514. He felt it was a very worthwhile program.

Senator Jacobsen remarked that he thought Mr. Newman might have some reservations about making the continuing education program mandatory. Mr. Newman said, in his personal opinion, he thought it should be mandatory. He noted some objections might be engendered from the judges as they might construe it as being forced to do something.

Senator Wilson asked if an amendment was needed to fully fund the program for each year of the biennium. Mr. Sparks indicated there was an amendment necessary; the committee had asked the Court Administrator to provide information concerning the funding which he had done.

Mr. Mead indicated he had just noted something on <u>Senate Bill No. 425</u> that if the bill passed the committee might consider an amendment on page 2, line 4, which still read seven judges for Washoe County. If the other bill passed, the line should read nine judges.

#### ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Candace L. Chaney, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

DATED: May 7 - 8/

#### SENATE AGENDA

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committe	e on _	FINANCE			Room	231
Day	FRIDA	<u>'</u> ,	Date	MAY 1, 1981	Time	8:00 a.m.

- A. B. No. 56 Authorizes additional expenditures during fiscal year 1980-81 by the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2. S. B. No. 425 Increases number of district judges in eighth judicial district.
- 3. S. B. No. 442 Provides salary to district judges for serving as ex officio trustees of law library and for their availability to sit on Supreme Court.
- 4. S. B. No. 565 Requires state to pay employee contributions to public employees' retirement system for justices and district judges who remain members.
- 5. S. B. No. 514 Provides for continuing education for district judges.
- 6. S. B. No. 592 Increases salaries of justices of Supreme Court and provides annual salary adjustments.
- 7. S. B. No. 594 Increases amount of benefits for surviving spouses of justices and district judges.

## 'ATTENDANCE ROSTER FORM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: May 1, 1981

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#### REQUEST TO INCREASE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES 1980 - 81

In February of 1980, The University of Nevada, Reno made a request to The Interim Finance Committee for authorization to spend \$370,000 in income collected above the amount included in the authorized Expenditure Act for 1980-81 and to appropriate an additional \$41,000 (See table #2). The purpose of this request was to provide instructional services for the number of FTE students which exceeded the number projected in the Executive Budget and accepted by the 1979 Legislature. The following table illustrates the difference between the various projections and the actual enrollment for each year of the biennium.

#### TABLE # 1

• 3	(1)	(2)	(3)		
Date/Source	Projected FTE Students	Actual FIE Students	Diffe #	erence %	
1979/80 1. 1979 Executive Budget	6012	6314	302	5.0	
1980/81 2. 1979 Executive Budget	6012	6673	661	11.0	
3. 1980 UNR Interim Fin. Req.	6431	6673	242	3.8	

The Interim Finance Committee was advised by the Attorney General's office that they did not have the authority to increase the authorization, therefore, the Committee agreed to sponser a bill during the 1981 Legislative session to grant the authorization. The Committee also appropriated the requested \$41,000.

As soon as the fall, 1980 enrollment was known, it became evident that the 1980-81 annual enrollment would exceed the February projection, on which the Interim Finance Committee action was based, by 242 FTE students (tables #1, line 3, column 3). Consequently, the University hired additional part time faculty, full time lecturers and graduate fellows in various departments including English Composition and Foreign Language, to provide instruction for the unanticipated enrollment increase.

This action has caused the University to overcommit resources for professional salaries and graduate assistant salaries in instruction in the amount of \$194,210\$ (See attachments A & B ).

In addition to the extra expenditure for instruction, it appears that the unusual increase in natural gas rates in the Reno area will cause the University to spend \$122,089 more than was budgeted for purchased utilities in 1980-81 (See attachment C).

The total request beyond the \$411,000 already requested is \$319,500. The University is requesting, therefore, that it be authorized to spend additional revenue generated by student fees, indirect cost recovery and investment income (See attachment D) in the amount of \$728,000. This

amount includes \$41,000 to be used in lieu of the amount already appropriated by Interim Finance. It is our intent that these appropriated funds would be returned to the state if authorization is given for the University to spend its own generated income. (See table #2)

#### TABLE # 2

		(1)	. (2)	(3)
		State Approp \$ Requested	Increase in Auth Exp Reg.	Total Request
1.	Original Request From Interim Finance	\$41,000	\$370,000	\$411,000
2.	Revised Request	- a	\$728,000	\$728.000

a. Since our current revenue estimate is adequate to cover our entire request, we are recommending the return of the \$41,000 Interim Finance appropriation.

#### ATTACHMENT A

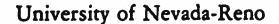
#### PROFESSIONAL EXPENDITURES PROJECTED TO 6/30/81

# E	BUDGET	ENCUMB.	$\frac{\text{BALANCE}}{(\text{col. 2 - Col. 1})}$
Agriculture	\$ 488,868	\$ 509,998	\$- 21,130
Arts & Sciences	4,679,305	4,777,118	- 97,813
Business	962,062	983,094	- 21,032
Education	789,115	789,402	- 287
Engineering	734,979	731,466	+ . 3,513
Home Ec.	269,830	257,876	+ 11,954
Mines	470,929	453,075	+ 17,854
Nursing	307,739	294,780	+ 12,959
Health Science	168,416	195,906	- 27,490
Letters of Appt.	150,396	214,416	- 64,020
Total Instruction	9,021,639	9,207,131	- 185,492
Academic Support	1,107,051	1,094,765	+ 12,286
Student Services	496,005	515,032	- 19,027
Instl'Suppt.	414,511	448,002	- 33,491
Oper. & Maint Plant	121,571	121,571	-0-
Research	3,920	3,920	-0-
Total Other Functions	2,143,058	2,183,290	- 40,232
TOTAL UNR	\$ 11,164,697	\$11,390,421	\$ <del>-225,724</del>

#### ATTACHMENT B

#### GRADUATE FELLOW EXPENDITURES PROJECTED TO 6/30/81

	BUDGET	ENCUMB.	BALANCE
Agriculture	8,630	5,400	+ 3,230
Arts & Science	312,838	329,446	- 16,608
Business	17,260	20,450	- 3,190
Education	4,315	4,500	- 185
Engineering	25,890	26,930	<b>-</b> 1,040
Home Ec.	8,630	1,860	+ 6,770
Mines	30,205	<u>27,600</u>	+ 2,605
TOTAL Instruction	407,768	416,186	<u>- 8,418</u>
Acad Suppt	5,215	6,300	- 1,085
Student Services	12,945	19,700	- 5,755
Instl Suppt	-0-	1,900	- 1,900
Total Other Functions	19,160	27,900	<u>- 9,740</u>
TOTAL UNR	426,928	444,086	- 17,158





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#### ATTACHMENT C

The actual expenditures for purchased utilities for the first six months of the current fiscal year amount to \$1,326,771. Historically, the first six months expenditures amount to 49.5% of the total annual expenditures. Therefore, it is assummed that the total costs for the year will be \$2,680,345 (1,326,771 ÷ .495). The 1980-81 budget for purchased utilities is \$2,557,578. The difference is:

1980-81 Budget \$2,557,578
Projected Annual
Cost 2,680,345

Shortfall \$ (122,767)

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#### ATTACHMENT D

#### REVENUE OF AUTHORIZED WORK PROGRAM

#### FISCAL YEAR

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	<u>Budgeted</u> a	11-26-80	6-30-80	(Under)
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Non-Resident Tuition	1,332,949	735,000	698,009	100,060
Misc. Student Fees	30,000	9,213	20,787	0
Misc. Revenues	75,000	35,387	59,613	20,000
Res. Inc. Cost Allocation	275,503	102,839	205,161	32,497
Training Grants Inc. Cost Allocation	134,600	46,176	142,824	54,400
Federal Subvention	110,000	0	108,402	[ 1,598]
Oper. Capital Invest. Inc.	403,250	172,216	328,034	97,000
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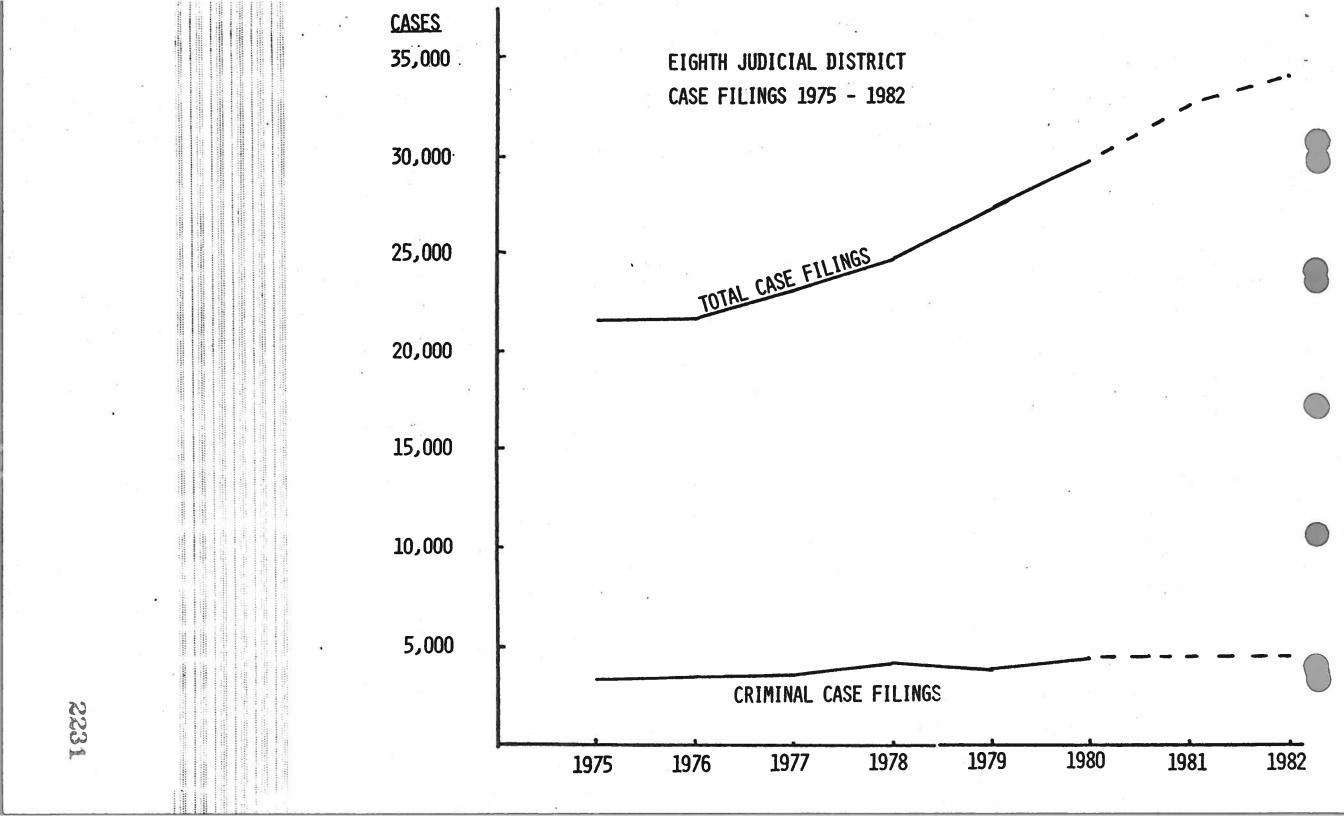
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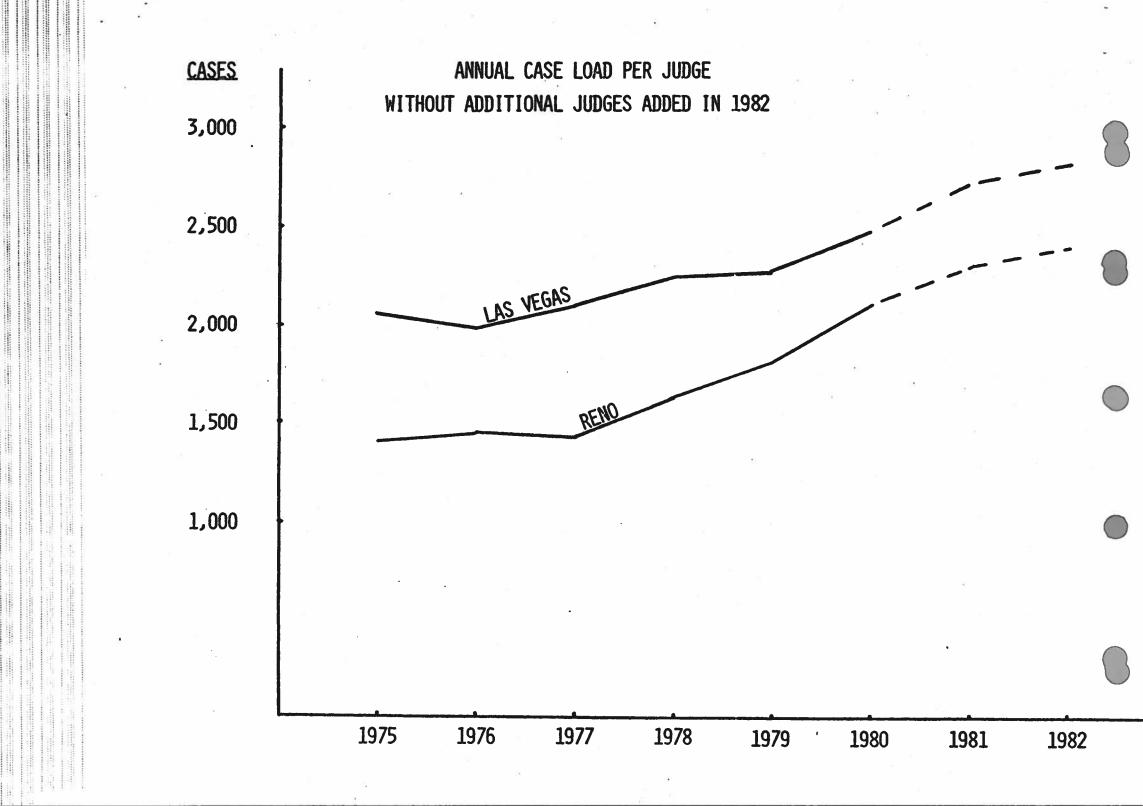
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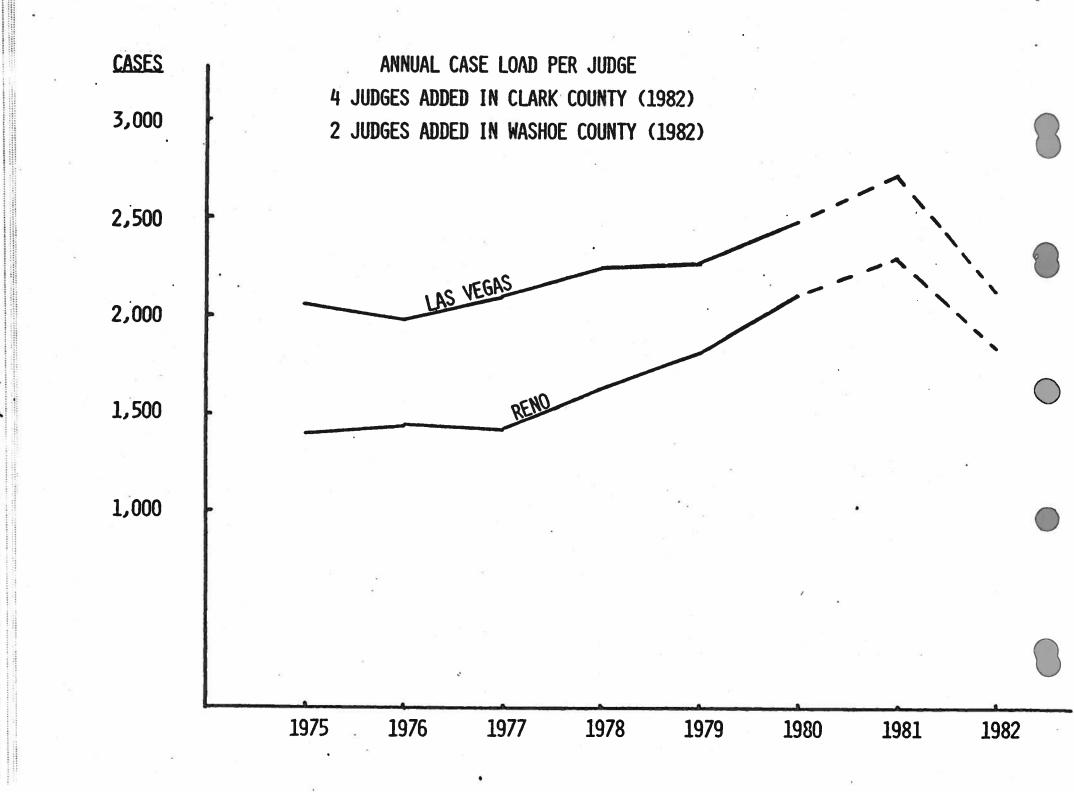
CASE FILINGS - EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	*1981	*1982
CRIMINAL CASES FILED	3,140	3,255	3,477	4,069	3,844	4,383	4,400	4,400
CIVIL CASES FILED	6,273	6,436	6,920	6,965	7,822	8,420	9,900	10,300
DIVORCE CASES FILED	6,638	6,582	6,980	7,502	8,308	9,445	10,250	10,700
OTHER CASES FILED	5,626	5,524	5,772	6,272	7,266	7,660	8,200	8,600
TOTAL CASE FILINGS	21,677	21,797	23,149	24,808	27,300	29,908	32,750	34,000
ANNUAL CASE LOAD PER JUDGE							•	
1. Las Vegas Judges	2,064	1,981	2,104	2,255	2,275	2,492	2,729	2,833
2. Reno Judges	1,408	1,469	1,435	1,624	1,812	2,119	2,312	2,404

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Disposed of in 1980	542	599	556	441	**	455	471	471	442	472	416	441	1,342		
Ending Inventory	1,123	1,012	967	1,245	**	1,357	1,299	1,158	1,343	1,410	1,360	1,268	117		
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<sup>\*</sup> New juvenile petitions filed. See the following page for a breakdown of hearings held in the juvenile court.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As the juvenile court, Department 5 is not assigned civil or criminal cases. It also receives a limited number of divorce matters.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> In 1980, Departments 10 and 12 served as overflow criminal departments. Their dispositions are included in the remaining departments.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Unassigned cases and cases disposed of by the clerk without judicial intervention. Probate and guardianship matters were handled by Department 9. Mental Commitment Proceedings were rotated among all the trial judges and Support Cases were heard by masters under the direction of the chief judge.

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#### REPORT ON COSTS OF NEW DISTRICT COURTS

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#### REPORT ON COSTS OF NEW DISTRICT COURTS

The following analysis reflects the results of a series of meetings with Judge Charles Thompson and the Eighth District Court personnel, the Clark County Manager's office, the Clark County Public Defender's office and the Clark County District Attorney's office regarding the fiscal impact of S.B.425.

At these meetings previous differences of opinion between the agencies involved were addressed and resolved. This analysis presents a mutually agreeable plan for receiving four additional District Court judges, and is detailed in Exhibit A and the fiscal summary. This plan is the product of mutual agreement arrived at through these meetings and is predicated on the following points of concensus:

- 1. The existing Track and Team system currently utilized in the Eighth District Court has successfully demonstrated the effectiveness of such a system in expediting judicial business and equalizing the work of district judges. One of the previous concerns regarding the fiscal impact of adding new judges to the district court was whether the new judges would be devoted to civil matters only. Based on the reality of present Track and Team assignments, all concerned parties now concur that the addition of new judges would address both the need to handle a rapidly increasing civil case load and the need to keep pace with criminal cases.
- 2. A second previous concern was over estimated space required for new courtrooms and auxiliary service areas. At these meetings space requirements were clarified and it is now the common concensus that 2,400 square feet per court (inclusive of all office and service space) would be both functional and adequate for District Court needs. An additional 600 square feet will be required for a jury deliberation room which will be shared by all four courtrooms.
- 3. As a further result of these meetings, it is now the common consensus that the most effective way to maximize the judicial service level and minimize the fiscal impact would be to integrate four new judges into existing Track and Team units. Exhibit A and the fiscal summary detail the cost-savings of this plan.

- 4. In jointly supporting this plan, both Clark County and the Eighth District Court support the postponement of additional judges to the Eighth District Court until January 1, 1983. This new time frame would allow the flexibility needed for completion of County construction projects and will assure that the four courtrooms and auxiliary service space will be completed, furnished and ready for occupancy by the January 1, 1983 date.
- 5. The feasibility of a reasonable increase in court filing fees was a related topic of discussion in these meetings. Judge Thompson indicated that the District judges would not be opposed to this concept and noted that the opposition of attorneys might be less likely if they realized that a fee increase could provide funding for additional District Courts.

#### EXHIBIT A

# PROPOSED PLAN FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGES -

This option, based on the results of a series of meetings with the Eighth District Court, the Clark County Manager's office, the Clark County Public Defender's office and the Clark County District Attorney's office, assumes the integration of four new judges into existing District Court Track and Team units (thereby adding one new judge and therefore a district court to each of four existing tracks). This option will permit the redistribution of the criminal case load among more judges thereby increasing the capacity to handle the growing number of civil cases. It is the concensus of the agencies listed above that this option will eliminate the need for an additional track and team and justice court and will require only eight new attorneys as supporting personnel to be added as needed (four each in the Public Defender's and District Attorney's offices). This plan will require four new courtroom facilities as a one time capital cost. Estimated costs for this plan are indicated in the fiscal summary.

#### FISCAL SUMMARY

### Estimated Costs of Four Judges

	YEAR 1 (1-1-83)	YEAR 2 (1-1-84)
Four District Courts Supporting Personnel at Four Attorneys each in D.A./P.D. (to be added	\$1,641,400	\$ 927,300
as needed)	342,580	350,743
Total	\$1,983,980	\$1,278,043

### Cost Detail for Four District Courts and Support Personnel

•	YEAR 1 (1-1-83)	YEAR 2 (1-4-84)
Four District Courts (Personnel, Supplies/Services - Jury) Capital (One Jury Deliberation Room @ 600 sq. ft. & 4 Courtrooms @	\$ 839,000	\$ 926,300
2,400 sq. ft. x \$70 sq. ft., plus furnishings and equipment @ \$88,400) Support Personnel (Four Attorneys each D.A. & Public Defender's	802,400	1,000
office plus Supplies/Services @ \$16,476) Capital (Remodeling Costs for Eight Offices @ 1,200 sq. ft. x	242,580	349,743
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Total	\$1,983,980	\$1,278,043

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TESTIMONY PROVIDED TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING SENATE BILL 565 ON MAY 1, 1981

I am Vernon Bennett, Executive Officer of the Public Employees Retirement System of Nevada. The Retirement Board has not had sufficient time to take an official position regarding SB 565. However, we feel sure that the Board will be concerned regarding this bill. SB 565 would provide a new form of employer pay for a small group of members in our System which is not available to the other 45,000 members. The System has already considered and taken a position in opposition to AB 37, SB 233 and SB 419 which would provide employer pay without being in lieu of an equivalent increase or salary reduction as required by NRS 286.421 for various elected officials. The 1975 Legislature passed our current employer pay plan which specifically requires that the employer shall have the option to pay the employee contributions in lieu of an equivalent salary increase or reduction of salary. Approximately 65% of our 45,000 members have enrolled in the employer pay program with the salary adjustment. The Board is concerned that legislation of this nature may encourage our members to request a reimbursement of the additional salary they would have been paid if provisions equivalent to SB 565 had been available to them. Judges who have elected to remain as members of PERS are enrolled in the same retirement fund with the same benefits as regular members. Therefore, we feel that adoption of SB 565 will possibly create a discriminatory situation with our regular members.

We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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