

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON FINANCE

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
May 22, 1981

The meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was called to order by Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman, at 7:00 a.m., Friday, May 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 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:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman (excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

(Please see Exhibit B)

SENATE BILL NO. 591

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED AMEND AND DO PASS.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE BILL NO. 441

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

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SENATE BILL 296

SENATOR WILSON MOVED TO AMEND THIS BILL BY
REDUCING THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION BY \$40,000
DOLLARS AND MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE BILL 609

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 546

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE IN
THE BILL TO READ "BASED ON THE TIME" AND MOVED
DO PASS.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 586

SENATOR WILSON MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 499

SENATOR JACOBSEN MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR WILSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 647

SENATOR ECHOLS MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR GLASER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 648

(THE COMMITTEE ELECTED TO HOLD THIS BILL FOR
FURTHER CONSIDERATION.)

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ASSEMBLY BILL 639

SENATOR WILSON MOVED DO PASS.
SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 397

SENATOR WILSON MOVED DO PASS.
SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 500

SENATOR GLASER MOVED DO PASS.
SENATOR MCCORKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 35

SENATOR GLASER MOVED DO PASS.
SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Gibson presented the Committee with a resolution
proposing to institute mass transit feasibility studies. (S.C.R. 70)

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO INTRODUCE.
SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Sparks explained Exhibit C, a letter from Linda Ryan,
Director of CSA, to the Committee.

Mrs. Ryan came before the Committee and testified that as
to her support for the continuation of this program. She

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testified as to the necessity to continue this program until they have completed their program with the rural communities on the impact of the MX Missile Project. She said that if they were allowed to complete this study, it would take until, at the outside, June of 1982 to complete.

Mr. Sparks asked if there would be any more Federal monies being provided in the near future if the CSA were not to take advantage of what they are being offered presently.

Mr. Ryan replied that there would not be any more Federal funds for this.

Mr. Sparks asked if the program, upon the curtailment of Federal funds, would simply self-destruct.

Mrs. Ryan replied that it would.

Senator Echols referenced the Committee to Exhibit C, paragraph 4, and asked Mrs. Ryan to explain what the CSA means by that statement.

Mrs. Ryan stated that the rural communities are being supplied with guidelines as to what kind of information to compile for the CSA, and the CSA is supplying the funds to do so, but the CSA itself is not directly involved with the compilation of this information. She further amplified by giving the Committee examples of the types of information requests being made by the CSA for these impact studies.

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE
ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AND TO
ADD \$193,000 DOLLARS TO THE BUDGET.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mr. Sparks then directed the Committee's attention to Exhibit D, a letter from Mr. William Hancock of the Public Works Board, (please see Exhibit D).

Senator Gibson suggested that the information contained in this letter should be discussed with the Ways and Means Committee that follows this Committee meeting this morning.

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Mr. Sparks then reviewed with the Committee what would be discussed with the Ways and Means Committee in their joint meeting, explaining what the differences are between each Committee's recommendations.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Tracy L. Dukie, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

DATED: _____

Exhibit A

**THIS EXHIBIT IS MISSING FROM BOTH THE ORIGINAL
MINUTES AND THE MICROFICHE.**

Exhibit B

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MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
CAPITOL COMPLEX
CARSON CITY, NEVADA
885-4420

Date: May 20, 1981
For: Ron Sparks
From: Linda Ryan
Subject: Budget Account 4861

In our telephone conversation today, you asked how much spending authority we need in this account and how much time we need to complete the program which we started in January.

We will have a completed planning document for the rural counties, both MX and non-MX impacted areas, no later than June 30, 1982. We need spending authority for \$193,500 to accomplish this. These funds will be (or have been) received from the following sources:

- Community Services Administration
- Farmers Home Administration
- MX Local Oversight Committee

The budget breakdown which we need for the funding is:

01	\$36,770
02	1,016
03	1,969
04	4,264
17	34,281
18	69,160
19	37,326
26	<u>8,714</u>

\$193,500

* Ron, with this approval we will have provided something of real value to Rural Nevada...from their perspective. I will not try to continue any of these functions after this program terminates.

By the way, the only amount of the above funding which is being spent in Carson City is the amounts shown in 01 and 26; the balance is being spent in rural counties.

If you would like further information, please let me know. Thanks.

MEMORANDUM

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
CAPITOL COMPLEX
CARSON CITY, NEVADA
885-4420**

Date: May 21, 1981
For: Ron Sparks
From: Linda Ryan
Subject: Budget Account 4861

The budget categories which I gave you in the original memo should have been explained as follows:

01 Personnel	\$ 36,770	
02 Out of State Travel	1,016	
03 In State Travel	1,969	
04 Operating	4,264	
17 Farmers Home Rural Planning	34,281	All funds shown in these 3 categories are being contracted directly with the rural counties for the gathering of information. Because there are three federal sources involved, it is necessary for accounting purposes that categories be separated.
18 CSA Rural Planning	69,160	
19 Local Oversight MX Planning	37,326	
26 OCS Support Services	8,714	
	<u>\$193,500</u>	

If you need further clarification, please let me know. Thanks

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STATE NEVADA PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

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WILLIAM E. HANCOCK, A.L.A.
Secretary and Manager

May 21, 1981

Mr. Ron Sparks
Fiscal Analyst
Legislative Counsel Bureau
Carson City, Nevada

RE: 1981-83 OPERATING BUDGET

Dear Ron:

The Ways and Means Committee's recommendation to eliminate our only staff electrical engineering position and to further reduce our 1982-83 Operating Budget by \$125,878 will result in the following adverse affects:

1. **Eliminate Electrical Engineer:** eliminate any possibility for "in-house" design; eliminate capability of checking consulting electrical engineering work; increase consulting engineering costs; eliminate providing electrical engineering services to institutions and agencies; curtail in-house master planning as related to power, signal, fire alarm and communication systems and curtail staff construction inspections.

The proposed \$150,000 prison planning program will be impacted since we will have no alternative other than increasing the consulting services to replace Board capability on electrical matters. The staff engineer is needed to estimate electrical costs, inventory electrical installations, evaluating expansion capabilities and adequacy of existing systems and to review consultant recommendations.

As indicated in our budget presentation, we plan to update institutional master plans for the NYTC, NGTC, Community Colleges, Parks & Forestry facilities, Capitol Complex and Las Vegas Administrative Complex in 1982. The engineer would have a role in each of these planning programs.

2. **Reduce the 1982-83 Operating Budget by \$125,878:** This will require a substantial reduction in staff. I have advised Ways and Means that I would propose to transfer the Chief Inspector and Assistant Chief Inspector out of the operating budget and into the inspection budget. This will obviously impact that budget and necessitate additional fund transfers from construction. The further reductions of one professional position (architect or engineer), a draftsman and a clerical position will have an adverse affect on our ability to accomplish the existing and proposed Capital Improvement Program.

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Ron Sparks
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As I advised the Committee in our budget presentation, I do not recommend reducing staff in the forthcoming biennium. There are simply too many costly and complicated projects and planning programs to complete with what is already a minimum staff. If, however, the 1983-85 CIP is at a low level, the Board is committed to budget reduction.

Attached, for your information are copies of letters to Bill Bible, Assemblyman Bremner and the Board concerning this serious matter.

Very truly yours,



William E. Hancock, AIA
Secretary-Manager

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Enc.

cc: All Board Members

Oran K. Gragson

10 April 1981

Assemblyman Roger Bremner
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
Legislative Building
Carson City NV 89710

Dear Assemblyman Bremner,

Please be advised that as a member of the State of Nevada Public Works Board I am in complete agreement with the comments contained in Mr. William E. Hancock's letter dated April 7 to you as Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee regarding the 1981-1983 operating budget.

It is my judgement that the reduction of this budget and the elimination of the Electrical Engineer position will not serve the best interest of the state of Nevada.

Therefore, I urge you and your committee to reconsider restoration of this budget back to its original amount.

Respectfully yours,

Oran K. Gragson
Oran K. Gragson

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✓ cc: all Ways and Means Committee Members

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WILLIAM E. HANCOCK, A.I.A.
Secretary and Manager

Mr. William Bible
Fiscal Analyst
Legislative Counsel Bureau
Carson City, Nevada

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April 9, 1981

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

Dear Bill:

Reference is made to your April 7 letter concerning action by the Ways and Means Committee on the State Public Works Board Operating Budget.

By now, you have received a copy of my letter to Chairman Bremner which notes that it will be extremely difficult if not impossible for the Board to function without an Electrical Engineer. I should note that the position of Mechanical-Electrical Engineer you refer to has been changed to Electrical Engineer by Personnel. That information had been previously conveyed to Judy.

If we are forced to reduce our budget by 20% in FY 82-83, it would be necessary to reduce personnel, since 83.4% of our Budget is salary.

Subject to the approval of the Board, I would prefer to transfer the Chief Inspector and the Assistant Chief Inspector out of our operating budget and into the inspection budget. Their salary and travel would then be paid with project funds. Under this scheme, it would also be necessary to terminate one Draftsman, an Architect or the only Civil/Structural Engineer and one clerical position.

As I noted in my letter to Mr. Bremner, I do not recommend reducing the staff in the forthcoming biennium. There are simply too many costly and complicated structures to complete with what is already a minimum staff. As I told the Committee, if the 1983 program is at a low level, we certainly can reduce our budget at that point in time. I am therefore requesting the Committee to re-open our budget to reconsider these problems.

Very truly yours,


William E. Hancock, AIA
Secretary-Manager

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April 7, 1981

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

RE 1981-1983 OPERATING
BUDGET

Assemblyman Roger Bremner
Chairman, Ways & Means Committee
Legislative Building
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Assemblyman Bremner:

I have been advised of the Committee's decision to eliminate the Board's only staff Electrical Engineer position and to reduce the 1982-1983 operating budget by an additional 20%.

The elimination of the Electrical Engineer position will very seriously affect the Boards' ability to complete current projects satisfactorily and cause the loss of all in-house design capability.

While I would estimate that at least 75% of all Capital Improvements involve electrical engineering, the position also provides design, maintenance and operating assistance to most State institutions and many State agencies.

The position has been vacant since last October, but through no fault of the Board. While it has been vacant, we have attempted to meet the needs with architects and private engineering consultants. This is neither satisfactory or economical. For the Board to fulfill its statutory obligations satisfactorily, it must have in-house capability in architecture, mechanical, electrical, civil and structural engineering.

The decision to reduce the Boards' 1982-1983 operating budget, which has already been cut by the Governor, will most seriously affect both current and proposed programs. To realize such a reduction, it will be necessary to eliminate at least 4 staff positions as well as commensurate reductions in operating costs. Since it now appears that in addition to the 1981-1983 CIP, over \$80,000,000 in current projects will be under construction during the next biennium, a loss of 1/4 of the professional and technical staff will obviously delay and very seriously affect the ability to complete those improvements satisfactorily. Most public works organizations with which I am familiar would require staffs 3 to 4 times the current size of the Boards' to accomplish a program of such similar magnitude.


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April 7, 1981
Assemblyman Roger Bremner
RE: 1981-1983 OPERATING BUDGET

In my professional opinion, this is not the time for a reduction in either staff or budget. There are some very major and complicated buildings yet to be completed.

Sincerely,


William E. Hancock, AIA
Secretary-Manager

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cc: All Board Members
Mr. William Bible, Fiscal Analyst, LCB



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

April 7, 1981

E.H. Fitz, Chairman
William Flangas, Vice-Chairman
Frank Caine, Member
Hazel Gay, Member
Oran Gragson, Member
Robert Hill, Member
William Nisbet, Member
I.J. Sandorf, Member
Wesley Wiechmann, Member
Donald Zimmer, Member

FROM: William E. Hancock, AIA
Secretary-Manager

SUBJECT: 1981-1983 OPERATING BUDGET

I have been advised that the Ways and Means Committee has closed the State Public Works Boards' 1981-1983 Operating Budget with a recommendation that the vacant Electrical Engineer position be eliminated and that there be a 20% reduction in the Boards' Operating Budget for the second year of the 81-83 biennium.

As indicated by the attached, I have advised the Committee Chairman that the elimination of our one Electrical Engineer position, which has been vacant for 6 months through no fault of this office, will create extreme problems in the project administration, eliminate any possibility for in-house design and adversely affect institutional maintenance and operating programs.

Under the current schedules, the two Pavilions, the Business and Hotel Administration Building at UNLV, the Mackay School of Mines at UNR, the Learning Resource Center at the Clark County Community College, the EPA Facility at UNLV, the Stead Armory and the Medical School will all still be under construction during the next biennium. The satisfactory completion of this work, plus any additional work authorized by this Session of the Legislature, will require a complete and hard working staff for the 2 year period.

Attached is a copy of the membership of the Ways and Means Committee. I would urge you to contact them and request that the Boards' budget be reopened to reconsider a decision that could be most serious.
Enc. (2)

cc: Howard Barrett, Ex-Officio Member

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