

MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON FINANCE

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June 3, 1981

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman, at 9:00 a.m., in on Wednesday, June 3, 1981, in Room 231 of the Nevada State Legislature Building, Carson City, Nevada.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman, at 9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLY BILL 708

Mr. Lawrence Katzenberger, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and Mr. William McDonald, District Attorney for Humboldt County, gave the presentation on this bill.

Mr. Katzenberger stated that the effort to start this proposal has been an ongoing project for the last eight years. He said that Law Enforcement Assistance had been appropriating money for the implementation of such programs in the past, and Nevada is now the only state without such a facility. He said that because of this, Nevada has had trouble receiving valuable information from other states who do have such systems because they feel that there is no reciprocity with Nevada for obtaining this valuable information. He said that the present system that is being utilized by law enforcement agencies and the legal departments around the State do not have the capability to deal with the present demands placed upon it.

He said that the desire behind this legislation is to develop a complete plan to have a central criminal records storage facility in the Department of Motor Vehicles which would make this information available to all law enforcement and legal agencies in the State. He also said that they have not as yet worked out a viable funding mechanism for this system, but he did indicate that there are viable alternatives being proposed. He said that one idea has been to have whatever State agency who utilizes this system reimburse the storage facility on an annual basis for its portion of the facility's usage.

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Mr. Katzenberger indicated that the implementation of a storage facility will create more storage space within the offices of many State agencies and will cut down on the administrative costs to these State agencies because they will not have to maintain their own records any longer.

Mr. Katzenberger also indicated that in working out this plan for a storage facility, they are going to attempt to institute and maintain a uniformity of design with the other records storage facilities already on-line within other State agencies so as to avoid any duplication of services.

Mr. William McDonald then addressed the Committee on this proposed legislation. He addressed the problems that many law enforcement and legal agencies have encountered in trying to determine the criminal record or an individual under question.

Senator Gibson asked if either of these two gentlemen had any estimate as to the cost of such a system.

Mr. Katzenberger said that they have estimated that the cost will be from \$1 million dollars to \$1,150,000 dollars.

Senator McCorkle asked if it would be possible to beef-up any of the present computer storage facilities currently in use by any of the State agencies, i.e., Metro's facility, and achieve the same results.

Mr. Katzenberger stated that the SCOPE system they utilize at present is already outdated, but they are planning to incorporate as part of the design of this proposed system the records that Metro has in storage within this system when they design their proposed storage system.

Senator Jacobsen asked why they had chosen the Department of Motor Vehicles as the recipient of this particular storage facility.

Mr. Katzenberger stated that the reason they chose the Department of Motor Vehicles is because it is the most frequently used records facility in the State.

Senator Jacobsen asked if this would not create a storage problem within the Department of Motor Vehicles, especially in light of the fact that a records storage facility already exists in the Attorney General's Office. He expressed his concern that this will place too great a burden on some of the other agencies within State government, i.e., the prisons, because the efficiency will generate a larger prison population.

Mr. Katzenberger replied that it probably will create this problem, but he stressed that the good will far outweigh the bad. He indicated that there will be some time limit imposed upon each category of information being stored so as to help alleviate this problem.

Mr. Katzenberger then read a letter in support of this bill from Mr. Richard Bryan, State Attorney General. He also told the Committee that he and Bart Jacka, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, are of the opinion that this proposed study will not take the whole

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\$50,000 dollars of the appropriation because much of the preliminary investigation work has already been completed.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 273

Mr. Sparks told the Committee that this is the medical bill with the amended salaries which provides for a similar pay increase as the classified employees received under the provisions of Senate Bill 516, an 8 percent salary increase plus \$100 dollars per month and an 8 percent cost of living increase. He did emphasize, though, that these are classified positions whose salaries are set by the Legislature.

Senator Gibson stated that he assumed that a conflict will be created because of some of the language in the bill regarding who this legislation affects, and he asked Mr. Sparks to prepare an amendment to circumvent this conflict.

SENATOR GLASER MOVED TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE  
IN THIS BILL IN ORDER TO CIRCUMVENT THE  
CONFLICT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR GLASER MOVED DO PASS.

SENATOR ECHOLS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE BILL 562

Senator Gibson requested that Senators Jacobsen and Glaser request of one of the members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee as to why they moved to reduce the amount of the appropriation in this bill to \$40,000 dollars.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 709

Mr. Sparks told the Committee that the basic intention of this bill is to legally appropriate the expenditure of General Fund monies.

He directed the Committee's attention to page 12 of the bill, Sections 57 through 60, and page 13, Sections 61 through 64; to page 12, Sections 65, Subsection 2, Sections 66 through 68; to page 14, Subsections 2, 3 and 4; and to page 14, Subsection 59, and explained the import of these provisions.

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Senator Gibson asked what the total amount of all General Fund appropriations is.

Mr. Sparks stated that the total General Fund Operating Appropriations totals \$798.6 million dollars for the biennium.

SENATOR MCCORKLE MOVED DO PASS AND TO PLACE THIS BILL, UPON ITS REFERRAL TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, ON THE SENATE GENERAL FILE.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 710

Mr. Sparks explained that the intent of this legislation is to apportion the State Distributive School Fund for the biennium 1981-83 biennium and makes an appropriation and authorizes certain expenditures.

He then directed the Committee's attention to the bill, and he proceeded to explain the import of Section 1, 2, the chart on page 2, and Section 3.

Senator Gibson asked if the figure of \$798.6 million dollars includes the figures prescribed in Section 3 of the bill, \$124,412,326 (1981-82) and \$146,473,833 (1982-83).

Mr. Sparks replied that these figures are within the \$798.6 million dollars for Total General Fund Operating Appropriations. He said that the \$124,412,326 dollars for Fiscal Year 1981-82 represents the increase in General Fund beyond the Governor's recommendation of \$7.6 million dollars; and in the second year, the \$146,473,833 represents an increase of \$23.9 million dollars beyond the recommendation of the Governor.

He then referenced the Committee to Section 4 of the bill, and he proceeded to explain this section to the Committee. He stated that this section contains the authorization for the expenditure of the other funds contained within the Distributive School Fund for the State's responsibility for the support of schools. He said that if these two amounts are added together, you can arrive at the State's total responsibility for each fiscal year. In 1981-82, the total State responsibility will be \$157,415,000 dollars, and in 1982-83, the total State responsibility will be \$183,496,000 dollars.

Mr. Sparks then referenced the Committee to Subsection 4, line 46, and told them that this provides for the allotment of the work program, which does not differ with past policies and procedures.

He directed the Committee's attention to page 4, Section 5, line 13, which is the language that provides that the State will make up any loss of the PL 874 money from the Federal Government; however, he stated, before there is a replacement of any amount of this money, there must be sufficient funds available within the Distributive School Fund to do this.

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Senator McCorkle asked what Public Law 874 is.

Senator Gibson replied that it is the Federal money which is available as Federal impact aid. He also inquired what the status of this aid program is.

Mr. Sparks replied that it appears that the State will receive at least a quarter of its share for the next fiscal year, (81-82); therefore, the \$1 million dollar reduction made by the Committee in this category will be alright. He said that there may be more money available in the future, but it is hard to tell now what will be available.

Mr. Sparks then directed the Committee's attention to Section 6, which contains language which identifies the State match for the School Lunch Program from the appropriation for the schools. He said that this match has never been reflected, but that appropriation has always been utilized for State matching programs.

Mr. Barrett said that that came about as a result of the recommendation of Ted Sanders, Superintendent of Schools.

SENATOR WILSON MOVED DO PASS AND TO PLACE THIS BILL ON THE SENATE GENERAL FILE UPON ITS REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE.

SENATOR JACOBSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATE BILL 562

Senator Glaser told the Committee that he and Senator Jacobsen had talked with Assemblymen Bergevin and Hickey, and they had been told that the Subcommittee on this bill had received testimony assuring them that the extension to the County Fairgrounds could be completed for \$40,000 dollars; that the additional money, if needed, would be available through the two-way match which is provided by Washoe County and the Junior Livestock Program's match.

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SENATE BILL 538

Mr. Sparks told the Committee that this bill contains language which provides for the cap on the amount of the appropriation to be lifted in the event that the ADC adult caseload in the Title 19 Program should go above a prescribed number of recipients. The Assembly, however, has amended the trigger language out.

Mr. Barrett said that, according to the the most recent figures they have received, the ADC caseload number is declining, by approximately 20 or 30 recipients this month. He emphasized that this does indicate that the caseload number is declining.

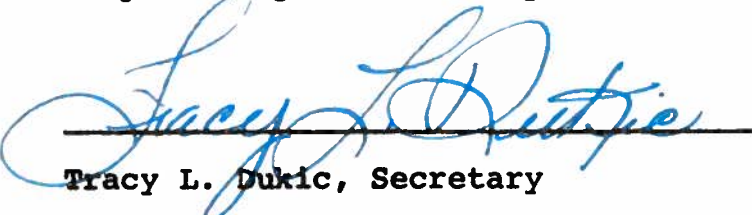
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The Committee elected to concur with the Assembly.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned  
at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Tracy L. Dukic, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_