

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

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The Seante Committee on Human Resources and Facilities was called to order by Chairman Joe Neal, at 9:04 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 1981, in Room 323 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joe Neal, Chairman
Senator James N. Kosinski, Vice Chairman
Senator Richard E. Blakemore
Senator Wilbur Faiss
Senator Virgil M. Getto
Senator James H. Bilbray

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Richards, Committee Secretary

SENATE BILL NUMBER 81

Dr. Ralph Disibio, Director, Department of Human Resources came forth to speak in opposition to S. B. No. 81. He said that he bases this opposition primarily on financial and management reasons. The Division of Aging is a small division; very uncomplicated and unsophisticated, existing primarily for the distribution of money from the federal government to local agencies. The Division of Aging evaluates program responses from various local agencies throughout the state. It presents these programs with the federal dollars and monitors them to see that the money is spent effectively, in areas such as nutrition, senior citizens, and transportation. He said that the effective management of the programs is handled at the local level.

Senator Faiss asked Dr. Disibio if it is a fact that the State of Nevada is the fastest growing state in terms of senior citizen population in the nation.

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Dr. Disibio responded that this is the case, however, he felt that the growing population of the senior citizens in the state only requires that divisional level be maintained. Unless the scope of activity within the division is changed, a department is not required. He said that as it is presently structured, making the division a department will not provide any additional services or increases in aid.

Senator Faiss said that he believes that a separate department for the aged could work more efficiently for senior citizens and possibly receive greater federal funding by taking advantage of all available programs.

The Chairman asked Dr. Disibio how the present structure of the division is set up.

Dr. Disibio said that there is a division chief, an assistant administrator, several field workers, and one or two contract specialists who evaluate the programs as they come in. He said there is also a small office located in Las Vegas which houses three individuals, with a total of about 16 working for the division.

The Chairman asked Dr. Disibio what is involved in changing a division into a department.

Dr. Disibio said that if the same basic structure is left in tact, with the same responsibilities the only change would be cosmetic, in that a department would be established with the same employees. The main improvement would be that the department would become a secondary cabinet officer, with direct access to the governor.

The Chairman asked Dr. Disibio if he would lose control if the division is changed to a department.

Dr. Disibio said that the Chairman was correct in this assumption. He said that he has no objection to this, but felt that the establishment of the division as a department is not necessary management-wise.

The Chairman asked that the issue be looked at from the point of the needs of the senior citizens. He asked whether the establishment of a department for the aging would provide a more rapid redress to the senior citizens.

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Dr. Disibio said that he does not think that the redress to senior citizens would be any more rapid if a department were established. He said that the programmatic delivery of services to the senior citizens emanates at the local level, not at the state level. He said that the division as it currently exists does not control services in any way, it simply approves the conditions upon which the local government accepts the money and monitors that it is spent as approved.

Senator Bilbray asked if the people assigned to the Division of Aging Services are full-time employees with the division, or if they have other duties.

Dr. Disibio responded that the employees work full-time for the Division of Aging Services.

Senator Bilbray said that he would like to hear Dr. Disibio's other recommendations for the Division of Aging Services if he does not feel that the establishment of a department is necessary.

Dr. Disibio said that he felt more services could be provided at the local level, stating that the state could supplement transportation and nutrition needs more fully monetarily.

Senator Bilbray said that advocates of the bill for the creation of a department for the aging feel that the department itself could better represent itself on budget needs than can the Department of Human Resources because the department has to set its own priorities and those may not always be in the best interests of the Division of Aging Services.

Senator Faiss agreed with Senator Bilbray's comments.

Dr. Disibio said that the creation of a department for the aged would allow the department to ask for and probably receive greater amounts of money. He said that a creation of a department for the aged would not be wise as far as management is concerned because the governor would gain too great a span of control in having so many departments reporting directly to him.

Senator Faiss asked whether some states have already established

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a separate department of aging.

Dr. Disibio said that approximately 20 percent of the states have a separate department of aging.

Senator Kosinski asked Dr. Disibio if it would cost more money to make the division a separate department.

Dr. Disibio said that initially there would be no added expense.

Senator Kosinski said that there are many important services which are provided by state government through the Department of Human Resources, either through Rehabilitation, Welfare, or the Mental Health Division. He said that keeping the Division of Aging Services within the department of Human Resources serves a positive purpose from the standpoint of coordinating those programs. If the Division of Aging Services were to become a separate department, the ability of the administrator of that department to coordinate with the other divisions within the department of Human Resources would be weakened. Senator Kosinski expressed a concern that this would work to the divisions' detriment.

Dr. Disibio said that he shares Senator Kosinski's concern to a degree, however the Department of Human Resources does not do a great deal of direct coordination, but meets with the other division directors regularly to share concerns, regulatory problems, and policy issues.

Senator Bilbray expressed a concern as to the constitutionality of the bill, referring to the director of a Department of Aging being required to be 65 years of age or older.

Mr. Wallace H. Roanhaus, Assistant Administrator to the Division of Aging Services introduced himself to the committee.

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. Roanhaus what position Mr. McSweeney is taking on the bill.

Mr. Roanhaus said that Mr. McSweeney had not yet taken any position, but does have some concern as to the request for a 65 year old director.

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. Roanhaus to share any pros and

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cons with the committee that he may have discussed with Mr. McSweeney.

Mr. Roanhaus said that he agrees with Dr. Disibio. He said the Division of Aging Services is a member of a department with aging service scattered throughout.

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. Roanhaus if he sees any advantage to making the Division of Aging Services into a department.

Mr. Roanhaus said that he does not.

The Chairman asked Mr. Roanhaus to name some programs that exist within the Department of Human Resources which are not under the Division of Aging Services.

Mr. Roanhaus cited Medicaid and Medicare which are coordinated through the Welfare Division. Elderly people who are handicapped get transportation through the Rehabilitation Division coordinated with the Highway Department. Mental health of the elderly is provided through the Mental Health Division.

The Chairman asked Mr. Roanhaus how an elderly person in need of service would go about receiving that service.

Mr. Roanhaus said that the person must go through the information referral service where information is gathered about the person and that person is referred to the agency that can provide the services he is in need of.

The Chairman asked Mr. Roanhaus if it is probable that a person in need of services from the Department of Human Resources might never come in contact with the Division of Aging Services.

Mr. Roanhaus said that it is probable that a person could receive Medicaid, Medicare, or mental health services and the division would never know about it. He said that this can occur because the person can go directly to the agency that can provide the services he needs.

The Chairman asked Mr. Roanhaus what the Division of Aging Services does directly for senior citizens.

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Mr. Roanhaus responded that the only thing the division is allowed to do directly is to gather information and refer individuals to the division that can provide the services needed.

The Chairman asked if the fact that a person had been referred to another agency by the Division of Aging Services would give that person priority in receiving assistance and aid.

Mr. Roanhaus replied that the individual would receive priority and his case would also be followed up on to be sure that the person had in fact received the services needed.

Senator Blakemore asked how many people are employed by the Division of Aging Services.

Mr. Roanhaus said that there are 17 people employed by the Division of Aging Services and that that number was reduced this year by 2.

Senator Kosinski asked if the Warren King Report had recommended some changes within the Division of Aging Services.

Mr. Roanhaus said that the recommendation had been a ten percent cut in the personnel but the division had done better than that and is saving approximately \$20,000 more per year than was recommended.

Senator Kosinski asked what positions had been cut.

Mr. Roanhaus said that one field representative, one secretary and one additional $\frac{1}{2}$ position had been cut.

Senator Kosinski asked whether any of those positions would have to be returned if the division is turned into a department.

Mr. Roanhaus said that they would not necessarily have to be returned.

Senator Faiss asked how salaries within the Division of Aging Services compare to other divisions within the Human Resources Department.

Mr. Roanhaus said that salaries within the Division of Aging Services are somewhat lower.

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Mr. Alex Lipsoln suggested spot checks for private nursing homes as well as a clinic where patients could go for checkups and testing without having to check into a hospital. He said he supports S. B. No. 81 stating that all divisional services to the aged should be coordinated by one department.

Senator Faiss said that a clinic already exists in North Las Vegas. He said that payment is based on the patient's income.

Mr. Roanhaus said that there are people within the Department of Human Resources who do make unannounced visits to nursing homes. He also said that there is a health clinic in Reno that is based on ability to pay and he stated that the clinic is very successful.

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. Roanhaus if the inability of Division of Aging Service to provide services is federally or state mandated.

Mr. Roanhaus said that it is federally mandated.

Senator Kosinski asked if the division were made into a department if it would then have the ability to provide services.

Mr. Roanhaus replied that it would not.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 (EXHIBIT C)

Senator Bilbray moved that S. J. R. No. 5 be adopted.

Senator Faiss seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry. (senators Neal, Faiss, and Bilbray voted yes; Senators Getto, Kosinski, and Blakemore voted no.)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 (EXHIBIT D)

Senator Bilbray moved that S. C. R. No. 2 be adopted.

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 (EXHIBIT E)

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. Frank Daykin whether or not the resolution contains a conflict.

Mr. Daykin said that if it is assumed that inflation continues; the first resolving clause is necessary as an attempt to treat the symptom, while the second resolving clause is an attempt to treat the disease. He said that only if the federal Congress eliminates inflation, will increases due to the cost of inflation no longer be necessary.

Senator Kosinski asked whether increasing benefits available under federal programs contributes to inflation.

Mr. Daykin said that it does, but it must be assumed that this refers to programs of relief funded by the federal government; whenever it is the same extent of Social Security benefits increase. Both increases contribute to federal spending. He said that if the federal government were to balance its budget and thereby restore the worth of the dollar, there would be no need for Social Security benefits to increase in dollar amount, or for other benefits to increase in dollar amount. He clarified that he was referring to benefits to each recipient, not to the number of recipients.

Senator Blakemore said that as he understood it, the issue concerns the dollar amount which determines eligibility, not increasing the benefit. The resolution is asking that if inflation increases at such a great rate, eligibility keep pace.

Mr. Daykin agreed with Senator Blakemore.

Senator Getto moved that S. J. R. No. 2 be amended and adopted.

Senator Kosinski seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry. (Senators Neal, Faiss, Blakemore, and Bilbray voted no.)

Senator Bilbray moved that S. J. R. No. 2 be adopted.

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Senator Faiss seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senators Getto and Kosinski voted no.)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 (EXHIBIT F)

Senator Getto moved that S. C. R. No. 3 be adopted.

Senator Bilbray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 (EXHIBIT G)

Senator Kosinski moved that S. C. R. No. 4 be indefinitely postponed.

Senator Getto seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 (EXHIBIT H)

Senator Bilbray moved that S. C. R. No. 5 be amended and adopted.

Senator Faiss seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senator Getto voted no, Senator Kosinski abstained from voting.)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 (EXHIBIT I)

Senator Bilbray moved that S. C. R. No. 6 be adopted.

Senator Faiss seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senators Getto and Kosinski voted no.)

The Chairman asked that there be a committee introduction on the following Bill Draft Requests:

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NUMBER 38-182 (S.B. 179)

Provides for protective service and placement to certain adults.

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BILL DRAFT REQUEST NUMBER 38-164 (S.B. 180)
Changes requirements concerning meeting of state welfare
board and standing committees of medical care advisory group.

BILL DRAFT REQUEST NUMBER 38-255 (S.B. 181)
Limits use of federal money for foster children.

Senator Getto moved that the Bill Draft Requests be adopted
for committee introduction.

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at
10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Connie Richards, Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Senator Joe Neal, Chairman

DATE: Feb. 9, 1981

SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee on Human Resources and Facilities , Room 323 .

Day Tuesday , Date February 3 , Time 9:00 a.m.

S. B. No. 81--Creates department of services to the aging.

S. J. R. 5

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES**

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Memorializes Congress to continue federal aid for libraries and to include law libraries in the federal law on public library services and construction. (BDR 55)

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

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the Congress of the United States to continue federal aid for libraries and to include law libraries in the federal law on public library services and construction.

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The final grants being disbursed on behalf of the Max C.
2 Fleischmann Foundation in Nevada bring to a close many generous gifts
3 which the foundation has imparted to numerous libraries in this state as
4 well as others; and
5 **WHEREAS**, In an effort to ensure the quality and value of the books,
6 other materials and services available to Nevadans through their libraries
7 now that these grants are fully bestowed, it is essential that certain levels
8 of funding continue to be maintained; and
9 **WHEREAS**, The existing program of federal assistance to libraries has
10 been of great benefit to libraries in Nevada and it is important that the
11 program be continued; and
12 **WHEREAS**, Law libraries in this and every other state perform valuable
13 public services and offer vital assistance to the public and they, too, need
14 to be made eligible to receive federal aid; and
15 **WHEREAS**, An amendment to Title 20 of the United States Code, §§
16 351 et seq., to provide for federal aid to publicly supported law libraries
17 would permit law libraries to maintain or improve the quality of those
18 invaluable services which they provide on a daily basis; now therefore,
19 be it
20 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
21 That the legislature hereby memorializes the Congress of the United
22 States to continue federal aid to public libraries and to amend Title 20 of
23 the United States Code, §§ 351 et seq., to make publicly supported law
24 libraries eligible for federal aid; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
- 2 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the President of the United States,
- 3 the Vice President of the United States as President of the Senate, the
- 4 Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the
- 5 Nevada congressional delegation; and be it further
- 6 *Resolved*, That this resolution shall become effective upon passage and
- 7 approval.

S. C. R. 2

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES**

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requests that state board of education sponsor workshops or other training for school librarians who are not professionally trained in library science. (BDR 53)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requesting that the state board of education sponsor workshops or other training for school librarians who are not professionally trained in library science.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The efficient operation of a school library is an important
- 2 part of the efficiency of the school as a whole in imparting education, and
- 3 such operation depends upon the skill of the persons in charge of the
- 4 library; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Adequate library skills learned and developed in youth are
- 6 necessary tools for all who hope to function as responsible, informed and
- 7 productive adults; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** It is difficult to argue against the emphasis which should be
- 9 placed upon teaching children how to cultivate such skills; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** A necessary first step in this process of development is for
- 11 school districts to employ qualified personnel who are able to instruct
- 12 and instill in pupils the ability to use libraries to their fullest advantage;
- 13 and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Because the vast majority of Nevada's school districts are
- 15 unable to afford a staff of librarians who are professionally trained, or
- 16 district enrollments are too small to warrant such a staff, one reasonable
- 17 solution to this dilemma is to offer special workshops and training to
- 18 teachers and others whose full-time function or part-time duties may
- 19 include administering school libraries; and
- 20 **WHEREAS,** Such workshops and training would allow teachers and
- 21 others to learn more about library science and, in turn, would enable
- 22 them to be of greater benefit to pupils at a crucial point during the devel-
- 23 opment and molding of lifelong library skills; now, therefore, be it
- 24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly con-*
- 25 *curring,* That the legislature requests that the state board of education
- 26 sponsor an annual school library workshop or other appropriate training
- 27 for school librarians who have not received professional training in the

- 1 field of library science, and that the state board use the resources of the
- 2 department of education, the school districts of the state, the Nevada
- 3 state library and the Nevada Library Association in conducting the work-
- 4 shop or other training; and be it further
- 5 *Resolved*, That school districts are strongly encouraged to support this
- 6 project and allow their personnel the time necessary to attend workshops;
- 7 and be it further
- 8 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
- 9 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the state board of education, the
- 10 superintendent of public instruction, the Nevada state library, all school
- 11 districts in Nevada and the Nevada Library Association.

S. J. R. 2

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—SENATOR FAISS

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Calls upon Congress to alleviate hardships of inflation. (BDR 336)

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



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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Calling upon Congress to alleviate hardships of inflation.

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Persons with fixed or low incomes experience the greatest
2 hardships of inflation; and
3 **WHEREAS,** The periodic increases of Social Security benefits represent
4 a national measure of the appropriate relief; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Continuous deficit financing by the Federal Government
6 supports and increases these inflationary conditions; and
7 **WHEREAS,** The national debt now amounts to hundreds of billions of
8 dollars and is increasing enormously each year as federal spending
9 exceeds federal revenues; and
10 **WHEREAS,** Payment of the increased interest on the national debt
11 imposes a tremendous burden on the taxpayers of this country; now,
12 therefore, be it
13 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
14 That the Nevada legislature hereby calls upon the Congress of the United
15 States to increase any dollar amount which determines a person's eligi-
16 bility for programs of relief funded by the Federal Government when-
17 ever and to the same extent as Social Security benefits increase; and be
18 it further
19 *Resolved,* That this legislature calls upon the Congress of the United
20 States to develop a fiscal program to eliminate inflation by immediately
21 balancing the federal budget and gradually reducing the national debt;
22 and be it further
23 *Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted
24 by the legislative counsel to the Vice President of the United States as
25 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
26 of the United States and to each member of the Nevada congressional
27 delegation; and be it further
28 *Resolved,* That this resolution shall become effective upon passage
29 and approval.



S. C. R. 3

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES**

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Directs Nevada state library and department of education to study possibilities of joint or shared use of facilities, staffs or other resources of school and public libraries. (BDR 54)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Nevada state library and the department of education to study the possibilities of joint or shared use of the facilities, staffs or other resources of school and public libraries.

1 **WHEREAS**, There is a growing concern and necessity to limit govern-
2 ment spending while still maintaining a certain standard of integrity for
3 the provision of essential services which have been provided in the past
4 by federal, state and local governments; and

5 **WHEREAS**, In Nevada, educators and school librarians as well as
6 librarians of public libraries are especially aware of the importance of
7 scrutinizing budgets to obtain the maximum benefits from tax dollars
8 spent; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Representatives of the schools and the public libraries have
10 expressed an interest in investigating the possibilities of combining their
11 resources and thereby improving their library services while at the same
12 time effecting economies as a result of the joint effort; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly Con-*
15 *curring*, That representatives from the Nevada state library and the
16 department of education are hereby directed to study the possibilities of
17 joint or shared use of their respective facilities, staffs, materials and
18 other resources in an attempt to provide the greatest practicable benefits
19 to both public schools and public libraries; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the study include a thorough investigation of ways of
21 financing any system of joint or shared use; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the findings of the study, together with any recom-
23 mendations and suggested legislation, be presented to the governor and
24 to the 62nd session of the legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it
25 further

26 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
27 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the state librarian and the superin-
28 tendent of public instruction.

S. C. R. 4

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES**

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requests representatives of Nevada state library, Nevada council on libraries and Nevada Library Association to develop detailed proposal for state certification of librarians. (BDR 75)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requesting representatives of the Nevada state library, the Nevada council on libraries and the Nevada Library Association to develop a detailed proposal for state certification of librarians.

- 1 **WHEREAS**, In Nevada, the only credential by which a librarian in a
2 public library is recognized for education, knowledge or experience is a
3 master's degree in library science; and
4 **WHEREAS**, The department of education provides three levels of certi-
5 fication for personnel employed in school libraries; and
6 **WHEREAS**, The time has come to consider giving recognition to those
7 librarians in public libraries who have accumulated valuable education,
8 training or experience, but who have not earned advanced degrees in
9 library science; now, therefore, be it
10 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly concur-*
11 *ring*, That the legislature requests representatives of the Nevada state
12 library, the Nevada council on libraries and the Nevada Library Associ-
13 ation to develop a detailed proposal for a system of state certification for
14 librarians which will be submitted to the sixty-third session of the Nevada
15 legislature in 1985; and be it further
16 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
17 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the Nevada state library, the
18 Nevada council on libraries and the Nevada Library Association.

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S. C. R. 5

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES**

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requests state board of education to develop statement of policy which recognizes that school libraries are integral part of the public educational system. (BDR 77)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requesting the state board of education to develop a statement of policy recognizing that school libraries are an integral part of the public educational system.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are 244 public school libraries in Nevada; and
2 WHEREAS, School libraries are storehouses for information and it is
3 imperative that children learn basic library skills which are vitally essen-
4 tial throughout one's life; and
5 WHEREAS, The educational community must support school libraries
6 to ensure that young minds discover, develop and continue to recognize
7 and enjoy the endless bounties which libraries offer; now, therefore, be it
8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly concur-*
9 *ring,* That the legislature requests that the state board of education
10 develop a statement of policy which recognizes that school libraries are
11 an integral part of the public educational system and encourages school
12 districts to provide adequate financial support for school libraries; and
13 be it further
14 *Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
15 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the president of the board of trus-
16 tees of each school district in the state and to the superintendent of public
17 instruction.

S. C. R. 6

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

JANUARY 20, 1981

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requests inclusion of library science in program of the Western
Interstate Commission for Higher Education. (BDR 76)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Requesting that library science be
included in the program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher
Education for this state.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nevada has an appreciable shortage of trained librarians;
2 and
3 WHEREAS, As Nevada's population continues to grow and its economy
4 becomes increasingly dependent upon a society with complex informa-
5 tional resources, this shortage will become even more acute because the
6 University of Nevada System does not offer an undergraduate major or
7 a graduate program in library science; and
8 WHEREAS, By including library science in the field of options available
9 for Nevadans who participate in the program of the Western Interstate
10 Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), the strain on future
11 library services can be somewhat alleviated; now, therefore, be it
12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly con-*
13 *curring,* That the legislature requests the Nevada commissioners for the
14 Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education to include library
15 science as an added option available to Nevadans participating in the
16 WICHE program; and be it further
17 *Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
18 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the governor of the State of
19 Nevada and to each of this state's commissioners for the Western Inter-
20 state Commission for Higher Education.