

**Assembly**

MINUTES OF MEETING - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

MARCH 27, 1969

55th SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Young at 3:30 P.M. in the Ways and Means Room.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Bowler, Ashworth, Webb, Jacobsen, F. Young  
Close, Glaser

Absent: None

Mr. Reese Taylor, Chairman, Mr. Gene Milligan, Secretary, Mr. Evo Granata, and Mr. Noel Clark were present to discuss the Public Service Commission and Taxicab Regulation.

Mr. Taylor stated that there are presently 27 persons working for the Public Service Commission. Twelve new positions are requested. An additional Mechanical Engineer is requested to be placed in Las Vegas where he will handle gas and water utility cases and problems. The addition of an Electrical Engineer will carry out the multitude of regulatory responsibilities connected with telephone and telegraph companies, paying services, and community antenna television companies. A Utility Tariff Clerk has been requested to handle the many revisions in tariff filings presented to the Commission daily. Four additional Field Investigators and one Senior Field Investigator are requested. A senior Accountant is requested in the first year of the biennium. A Principal Auditor is requested in the second year to allow for increased auditing activities. A senior Clerk-Stenographer, and Senior Legal Stenographer are to add support to the increase staff. One full time Legal Counsel is requested.

Presently the mill tax is at a rate of 2 mills. The Commission is proposing to raise this rate to 2.75 mills which will provide them with sufficient monies for the recommended increase in regulatory funds.

Mr. Taylor commented on A.B. 723 which limits definition of public utilities and raises tax rate on intrastate revenues of public utilities, and A.B. 732 Increases certain motor vehicle carrier license fees.

Mr. Taylor referred to the Personnel Supplement which states that the Branch Manager in Las Vegas is an Unclassified position. Mr. Taylor felt this position should either be a Classified position or should have an extensive increase in salary.

Taxicab Regulation

Included in salaries is 5% of the Commissioners' salaries and 50% of one of the Public Service Commission's staff auditors. The Commission estimates that this is the amount of time the Commissioners and auditor will spend on taxicab regulations.

Mr. Taylor discussed S.B. 155 which establishes regulations for taxicabs.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Budget is \$15,000 short. A.B. 731 which amends registration and license fee schedules for certain motor carriers would cause the Commission to lose this revenue.

The Governor recommends 6 new positions, Administrative Services Administrator, Senior Clerk Stenographer, and six Senior Field Investigators. Agency requests 10 new positions, \$13,000 is requested for the Taxicab Commissioner.

Mr. Taylor read a letter from Mr. Dave Henry regarding the Taxicab problem.

Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Bowler, Mr. May and Mr. Espinoza indicated that a presentation be made to the Ways and Means Committee on the situation in Clark County regarding the Central Telephone Company.

Mr. F. Young suggested that an appropriation be made for making an extensive study of billing practices and procedures. A Commission should also be made to analyze and make a report to the Committee.

Mr. Milligan said he contacted Stone and Webster in California and they would make an investigation for approximately \$35,000. Operating equipment, financing, traffic problems, etc. would be investigated, but this would not include depreciation, and services. There is no reference to this investigation in the Budget.

Mr. F. Young commented that it is a frustrating experience to use the telephone in Southern Nevada. He suggested a good engineering study be made as to what should be done.

A.B. 629 Authorizes Board of Regents, University of Nevada to issue revenue bonds for construction of college of education building, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mr. F. Young moved that A.B. 629 be reported out with a DO PASS.  
Mr. Close seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 630 Authorizes Board of Regents, University of Nevada to issue revenue bonds for phase II construction of chemistry and lecture demonstration buildings of physical science building project and construction of college of education building, both at University of Nevada, Reno.

Mr. Webb moved that A.B. 630 be reported out with a DO PASS.  
Mr. Close seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 631 Amends 1967 act authorizing sale of University securities for construction of chemistry and lecture buildings of physical science building project, phase I University of Nevada, Reno, by redefining "pledge revenues".

Mr. Webb moved that A.B. 631 be reported out with a DO PASS.  
Mr. Close seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

A.B. 700 Authorizes project by Nevada Building authority.

Mr. Close moved that A.B. 700 be reported out with a DO PASS.

Mr. Ashworth seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 191 Increases Vehicle Registration Fee for Benefit of Nevada Highway Patrol.

Mr. Close moved that S.B. 191 be reported out with a DO PASS.

Mr. Glaser seconded the motion.

Motion lost.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

BILLS IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS OF MARCH 27, 1969

- A.B. 139 - Provides program of state grants for public library services.  
Estimate of cost: \$650,000 for biennium 1969-71.
- A.B. 140 - Provides for central depository for distribution of state publications. Estimate of cost: \$11,500 per year.
- A.B. 390 - Creating law enforcement assistance bureau.
- A.B. 411 - Clarifies pay provisions, enlarges leaves of absences for Nevada National Guard. Estimate of cost: \$1,207.43.
- A.B. 557 - Increases basic per pupil support paid by state.
- A.B. 615 - Makes expenses of criminal actions commenced by attorney general's office obligation of state.
- A.B. 629 - Authorizes board of regents, University of Nevada, to issue revenue bonds for construction of college of education building, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Estimate of cost: None to State's general fund.
- A.B. 630 - Authorizes board of regents, University of Nevada, to issue revenue bonds for phase II construction of chemistry and lecture demonstration buildings of physical science building project and construction of college of education building, both at University of Nevada, Reno. Estimate of cost: None to State's Gen. Fund.
- A.B. 631 - Amends 1967 act authorizing sale of University securities for construction of chemistry and lecture of physical science building project, phase I, University of Nevada, Reno, by redefining "pledged revenues"
- A.B. 650 - Makes substantial changes in public school support formula.
- A.B. 661 - Makes substantial changes in public school support formula.
- A.B. 683 - Provides compensation for victims of crime.
- A.B. 700 - Authorizes project by Nevada building authority.
- A.B. 714 - Makes general fund appropriation to Lincoln County School District to assist in effecting school consolidation.
- A.B. 748 - Provides for superintendent of State Printing to be appointed.
- S.B. 62 - Adjusts formula for optional benefits under legislative retirement system and extends permitted lapse in service.
- S.B. 80 - Raises fee for certifying that certain mobile home equipment is properly installed.

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- S.B. 191 - Increases vehicle registration fee for benefit of Nevada highway patrol.
- S.B. 201 - Changes method of computing personnel administrative costs.
- S.B. 250 - Creates position of highway business manager in department of highways. Estimate of cost: \$17,900 per year.
- S.B. 277 - Deletes requirement that rental moneys remaining in buildings and grounds operating fund revert to state agencies pro rata on June 30.
- S.B. 278 - Provides for payment of costs of returning parole, probation violator~~s~~ from reserve for statutory contingency fund and payment of extradition costs by governor from appropriated moneys.
- S.B. 279 - Creates higher education student loan fund. Estimate cost: \$30,700.
- S.B. 300 - Provides for community training centers for retarded persons.
- S.B. 306 - Increases maximum sum payable for death or disability due to silicosis.
- S.B. 317 - Permits advisory boards of juvenile correctional institutions to hold necessary meetings.
- S.B. 333 - Abolishes state economic development and publicity fund.
- S.B. 334 - Amends statutes relating to state financial administration to conform to present practices.
- S.B. 426 - Increases compensation of members of Nevada gaming commission.

"BILLS IN THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS OF MARCH 27, 1969"

- A.B. 163 - Provides for bureau of criminal identification and investigation.
- A.B. 200 - Creates presidential primary election.
- A.B. 202 - Revises salary and personnel provisions relating to courts.
- A.B. 305 - Proposes constitutional convention.
- A.B. 327 - Makes appropriation for protection of Lake Mead and Las Vegas Wash.
- A.B. 376 - Creates Nevada commission on the status of women.
- A.B. 584 - Provides for state to pay certain criminal prosecution costs.
- A.B. 657 - Makes general fund appropriation to assist in construction of stadium and sports center in Clark County.
- S.B. 175 - Makes general fund appropriation to public service commission to participate in short-haul air transportation study. Estimate cost: \$22,000

A.C.R. 30 Authorizes Nevada State Park system to acquire certain land in White Pine County.

A.C.R. 36 Authorizes acquisition of land in Lincoln County by Nevada State Park system.

A.C.R. 42 Authorizes acquisition of lands for State Park System.

A.C.R. 24 Authorizes acquisition of certain lands for state park system.

A.C.R. 37 Authorizes acquisition of certain lands of State Park System  
Estimate of cost: None for acquisition.

A.C.R. 38 Authorizes acquisition of certain lands for State Park System.

A.C.R. 39 Authorizes acquisition of certain lands for Nevada State Park System.