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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58th SESSION

April 18, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 A.M. in the Ways and Means Committee room.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Weise and Mr. Wittenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Bill Bible, John Koontz, Bob York, Mary Rusco, Don Tuohy, Sheila Burks, Richard Brooks, Robert Elstrom, Jean Myles, and John Meder.

AB 210 "Establishes Nevada Archeological survey and makes appropriation."
BDR 33-270.

Bob York, Bureau of Land Management, stated that the Bureau has jurisdiction over 48 million acres of Nevada land. The Federal Government has many pieces of Legislation regarding the protection of archeological resources and they need a good agency to work with to clear projects. Presently, they contract with several other states, but would like to do more contracting with Nevada.

Donald Tuohy, Curator of Anthropology at the State Museum, stated that archeological resources are important and have a great scientific impact. Nevada has neglected conservation of this resource. They need a coordinated program involving all professional archeologists of the state.

Sheila Burks, Chairman of the Anthropology Department at UNLV, stated that they are asking for funds to stabilize the survey so volunteers do not have to be asked. A special grant of \$29,000 was given to Nevada and they made a film that is requested by schools, church groups, community organizations, state and federal agencies, etc. There is now a generalized interest in Nevada.

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Mary Rusco, Staff Archeologist at State Museum, stated that since the first of July they have been doing contract supported research for the museum. She stated that many Acts have been passed to protect the archeological resources on public lands. Steps must be taken to preserve the archeological remains. They have had serious destruction of archeological resources by construction. \$99,000 state money is needed to bring more funds into the state. This would allow for administration and conducting contracts up to \$350,000.

Richard Brooks, Director of the Museum, UNLV, spent six years on the archeological survey and had \$60-\$70,000 worth of contracts. Last year they generated over \$250,000 worth of contracts from railroads, utilities, etc., but additional help is needed to continue.

Robert Elstrom stated that the first Antiquities Act was made in 1906 and there have been many Acts passed since regarding the saving and protection of archeological resources.

Jean Myles gave the committee a petition signed by 114 people and stated this would not have any effect on tourism. Valley of Fire is one park that is mainly for protecting the archeological resources and they had 40,000 visitors last year. They would like to generate dollars for personnel and to obtain more revenue. Out of State people are ready to help if Nevada does not want to and will take the jobs that this would provide for Nevadans and they often take the artifacts out of the state.

John Meder, Administrator of the Division of State Lands, has reviewed the Legislation and feels there is a need for an archeological survey. If this is approved he hopes that a resolution would be included that would provide specific programs for specific areas rather than in general.

John Koontz, Director of the State Museum, stated that UNR, UNLV, the Museum and the Desert Research Institute have archeological programs. The contracts these agencies make are forwarded to the museum where they are processed. They have no bookkeeper or clerical help to do this work. They need an organized and equipped staff to handle the additional

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contracts.

Don Tuohy stated that of all the artifacts taken out of the state they can recall 50%. The Federal lands belong to all the people throughout the nation and the artifacts actually belong to all the people. He stated also that if artifacts are found on private property they belong to the owner of the property but they have a moral obligation to give them to the state.

Mrs. Brookman asked how many indians they consult with when they dig on indian land. It is against the culture of the indians to have indian bones dug up.

Mary Rusco replied that she has close ties with tribal commissions. Indian participation will become more involved and any burials that are dug up will be reburied after analysis. They are very careful in the exhibits about respecting their sensitivity in displaying the human burials.

John Koontz stated that these are non-profit contracts in one sense, but they would provide for an automobile, cameras and other equipment.

Bob York stated that the contracts are not necessarily opened up for bidding, but they contact each individual and determine what would be a fair price.

AB 201 "Makes appropriation from general fund to department of human resources for construction of a half-way house in Clark County, Nevada." BDR S-832.

Chairman Mello suggested that this bill be amended on line 15 by deleting "appropriate local authority" and adding "Clark County Commission." Mrs. Brookman made a motion to adopt this as an amendment. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Brookman made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass" and as amended. Mr. Wittenberg seconded. Motion passed.

AB 67 "Authorizes use of reserve for statutory contingency fund for tax payments on state lands." BDR 31-540.

Mr. Glover made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". **Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.**

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SB 164 "Makes appropriation from general fund in state treasury to division of state parks of state department of conservation and natural resources."
BDR S-849.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Dreyer seconded. Motion passed.

SB 349 "Provides for transfers of funds from highway fund from salary adjustment account to department of motor vehicle automation account."
BDR S-708.

Mrs. Brookman made a motion to recommend a "Do-Pass". Mr. Glover seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend approving the following Capital Improvement Projects:

- 75-21 Improve Buildings, Mental Health Institute
- 75-25 Supplemental Funds D.R.I.
- 75-26 Modification Verdi Fish Hatchery
- 75-29 Replace Boilers - UNR
- 75-31 Land Acquisition - UNLV

Mrs. Brookman seconded these motions. Motions passed.

75-18 Cottages - Girls Training Center. Mr. Robinson stated that they felt this could be reduced by \$80,000 and still have enough and so moved. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-19 Northern Nevada Emotionally Disturbed Childrens Facility - Mr. Robinson stated that if this project was deferred two years as they would like, it would another 4-5 years before the project would be finished and therefore moves that this project be approved. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-20 Site Development, Mental Health Institute - Mr. Robinson made a motion to reduce this project by \$733,000 because the amount requested was to provide cobblestone walkways and unnecessary landscaping. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-22 Day Activity Facility, Mental Health Institute - Mr. Robinson made a motion to reduce this project by \$5,000 as a contract for \$3600 was going to be made to remove a fence around a tennis court at an unnecessarily high cost. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-23 Supplemental Funds Western Nevada Community College - Mr. Weise stated that the Architectural and Engineering fees would be used to develop additional plans for an addition to the building. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this project. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-24 Supplemental Funds Clark County Community College - Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this project. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-27 Remodel Heroes Memorial - Mr. Robinson made a motion to delete the tunnel between the Heroes and the Supreme Court and reduce this project by \$45,000. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Bremner and Mr. Weise voted no.

75-28 Heat Management, UNR - Mr. Weise felt that the janitorial crews could check the windows at a much lesser cost than a computer and all the lights, etc., could be operated manually. John Dolan stated that since they have the central heating plant, this project will continue for future buildings. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this project. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise and Mr. Bremner voted no.

75-30 Exhaust System, UNR - Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this project. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Weise voted no.

75-32 Industrial Building, Maximum Security Prison - Mr. Weise stated that this is a pre-fabricated building and there is no need for architectural and engineering fees. Mr. Robinson made a motion to reduce this project by \$40,000. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

75-33 Gym - NYR Elko - Mrs. Brookman recommended that the State Public Works Board consider adapting the plans from the present facility for the new one. However, since they are not positive that it will work, Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the project and hope that some of this money will be able to revert. Mrs. Brookman seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.



STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of State Lands

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

April 17, 1975

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: John L. Meder, Administrator
Division of State Lands

RE: Comments on AB 210

The State Land Use Planning Agency's program for areas of critical environmental concern, large-scale developments, key facilities, and state-wide inventory will require archaeological information. Many other state and local programs also require this type of information. All construction projects which use federal funds, such as highways and sewage treatment plants, must include detailed archaeological data. An organization responsible for inventorying available information and performing needed surveys would eliminate duplication of field work for each new program or project.

In addition to the statewide data coverage which would be of great value, the Division of State Lands will also need timely archaeological information on specific sites. An archaeological survey program which includes both a statewide comprehensive survey and provisions for performing specific field research within a short time would most effectively meet state and local needs.