

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./p.m. on February 24, 1983, 19\_\_ in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Steineger

Committee staff present:  
Research Department: Marlin Rein, Mary Galligan, Carolyn Rampey, Judith McConnell  
Revisor's Office: Norman Furse  
Committee: Mark Skinner, Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Art Griggs, Attorney, Department of Administration  
Bill Hanzlick, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission  
Charles Wurth

Introduction of Bills Requested by Department of Administration

Mr. Griggs explained the following bills: 3 RS 0518, 3 RS 0521, 3 RS 0485, 3 RS 0486, 3 RS 0586, 3 RS 1030, 3 RS 0587, 3 RS 0276, 3 RS 0590, 3 RS 1144, and 3 RS 0588.

The Chairman asked Senator Bogina to comment on proposals which the Joint Committee on State Building Construction had studied. Senator Bogina said the Building Construction Committee had no problems with the first four bills. The fifth proposal (3 RS 0586) is a matter of policy, since the Governor deleted \$200,000 or a group of people from the Architectural Services branch (General Fund money). An attempt is being made to retain those people by charging a one percent fee on construction costs. When that fee is charged on prison and historical museum construction, the state will continue to support that fee fund. Consequently, the Building Construction Committee had reservations, but recommended that it be introduced.

Senator Bogina then commented on (3 RS 1030), which deals with the steam plant. He noted that the policy matter involved is the depreciation fund. In the proposal, capital improvements would be funded from that fund. He suggested that the bill be introduced, but asked for the right to discuss it at a later date.

Senator Hein commented on (3 RS 0521 and 3 RS 0586), and suggested that they be introduced and a hearing held to determine whether or not to report them favorably.

Motion was made by Senator Bogina and seconded by Senator McCray to introduce the above mentioned bills. The motion carried by voice vote.

Introduction of Bill concerning income taxes on gain from corporate liquidation

Mr. Wurth presented a bill which had a proposed amendment to 1983 SB 836, which taxes corporations. He explained the proposal, and committee members questioned him.

Motion was made by Senator Doyen and seconded by Senator Bogina to introduce the bill requested by Mr. Wurth. The motion carried by voice vote.

SB 109, FY 1984 Appropriations, Park and Resources Authority, etc.  
SB 153, FY 1983 Appropriations (Companion Agencies in SB 109)

SB 109, Section 4 - Park and Resources Authority

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section. The report included a recommendation for FY 1985, and Senator Hess asked if the recommendation was to let the agency know the general intent of the subcommittee. Mr. Rein commented that he felt that would be an appropriation on a multi-year basis for FY 1985. Senator Hein added that his subcommittee wanted to clarify that it is something which they want to have done, but it, of course, is not binding. He stated that the \$100,000 from the agency would be from the Fee Fund.



SB 109, Continued

Section 4 - Park and Resources Authority, Continued

Senator Hess noted that it is apparent that the park requiring the most fiscal attention is at El Dorado, and he asked if there weren't a lot of items being cut from the budget at El Dorado. Senator Hein acknowledged that this is true, but said the subcommittee had been in touch with the Park and Resources Authority during their deliberations, and he felt the subcommittee had not cut funds beyond what the agency feels they can work with at the present time. He added that there will be a need for additional people at the park at a later date.

SB 153, Fish and Game Commission, Supplemental Appropriation for FY 1983

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section. He explained that, during the subcommittee's consideration of this proposal, the data available was not reflected in a price per gallon (Recommendation No. 2). As a result, the subcommittee used the formula noted in the recommendation.

SB 109, Section 5 - Fish and Game Commission

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on Section 5. Following his report, he noted that the Fish and Game Commission got the report extremely late and have not been able to make any appeals to the subcommittee. He suggested that the full committee may want to hear from them.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning subcommittee recommendation No. 10. Senator Hein said his subcommittee felt this should be called to the committee's attention, and that the decision should be made by the full committee. He noted that the Fish and Game Commission has \$2 million in their fee fund. In the past, they have asked that the interest on that money be returned to them for investment purposes; and it may be that there had been a tradeoff in the past that the State General Fund gets the interest and the Fish and Game Commission not contribute 20% to the General Fund. Mr. Rein commented that they are not the only agency which does not have the 20% rule.

Senator Hess asked about the amount of money which could be raised. Senator Hein said there would be a transfer of \$200,000 from the Fish and Game Fee Fund to the State General Fund; however, if anything further were done about the cap of \$200,000 on contributions to the State General Fund, there could be a total transfer of about \$1 million from various agencies.

There was discussion about Fish and Game fees, and Senator Hein said the people who pay these fees feel that they are not unreasonable. Senator Werts suggested the committee keep in mind that there is a \$6 million bond issue outstanding which is predicated, among other things, on all that money being available. He added that this is part of the money looked to for payment of the bonds.

No action was taken on recommendation No. 10.

SB 153, State Historical Society

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on this section. Committee members were given opportunity to question him.

SB 109, Section 7 - State Historical Society

Senator Hein presented the subcommittee report on Section 7. He explained the reason for some of the recommendations was to attempt to move the opening date of the new museum to as soon in FY 1985 as possible. There was discussion among committee members concerning this problem.

Motion was made by Senator Hein and seconded by Senator Warren to approve all subcommittee reports for SB 109 and corresponding reports for SB 153 except the Department of Administration and the reference to the All Sports Hall of Fame transfer from the Department of Administration to the State Historical Society. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.