

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-third Session
May 26, 2005**

The Joint Meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair William J. Raggio at 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2005, in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator William J. Raggio, Chair
Senator Bob Beers, Vice Chair
Senator Dean A. Rhoads
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske
Senator Bob Coffin
Senator Dina Titus
Senator Bernice Mathews

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Morse Arberry Jr., Chair
Ms. Chris Giunchigliani, Vice Chair
Mr. Mo Denis
Mrs. Heidi S. Gansert
Mr. Lynn C. Hettrick
Mr. Joseph M. Hogan
Ms. Ellen M. Koivisto
Ms. Sheila Leslie
Mr. John W. Marvel
Ms. Kathy A. McClain
Mr. Richard D. Perkins
Mr. Bob Seale
Mrs. Debbie Smith
Ms. Valerie E. Weber

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven J. Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Gary L. Ghiggeri, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Bob Guernsey, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Sandra Small, Committee Secretary

CHAIR RAGGIO:

This is a delayed meeting regarding budget closures as shown in Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Differences – May 25, 2005, ([Exhibit C](#)). We will start with budget account (B/A) 101-1011 for the Washington Office.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Washington Office – Budget Page ELECTED-9 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-1011

CHAIR ARBERRY:

I will accept a motion from the Assembly to concur with the Senate budget closure as shown on page 1 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-1011.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI VOTED NO.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-1011.

Lieutenant Governor – Budget Page ELECTED 30 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-1020

GARY L. GHIGGERI (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Assembly closed this budget with the same technical adjustments as the Senate but reduced the in-state travel funding as shown on page 1 of [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR RAGGIO:

I will accept a motion to concur with the Assembly budget closure.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-1020.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-1020.

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Controller's Office – Budget Page ELECTED-99 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-1130

MR. GHIGGERI:

There are two differences as shown on page 1 of [Exhibit C](#). The Senate approved a two-grade increase for certain positions and the Assembly approved a one-grade increase. The Senate approved funds for additional space and the Assembly eliminated the funds.

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-1130.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-1130.

K-12 EDUCATION

NDE-Education State Programs – Budget Page K-12 ED-14 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-2673

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate closed this budget with a grants writer position shown on page 1, [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR ARBERRY:

I will accept a motion from the Assembly to concur with the Senate budget closure with a two-year sunset and a Letter of Intent.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-2673 WITH THE ADDITION OF A TWO-YEAR SUNSET AND A LETTER OF INTENT.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

I will accept a motion to concur with the Assembly sunset provision and the Letter of Intent.

SENATOR MATHEWS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-2673 WITH THE ADDITION OF A TWO-YEAR SUNSET AND A LETTER OF INTENT.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-2673.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Nevada State Library – Budget Page CULTURAL-18 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-2891

CHAIR RAGGIO:

There is a request to hold B/A 101-2891 and the University and Community College System of Nevada budgets.

WICHE

W.I.C.H.E. Administration – Budget Page WICHE-5 (Volume I)
Budget Account 101-2995

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate and Assembly Committees did not approve the Vista volunteer. The Senate approved an individual dedicated to WICHE issues. The Assembly approved additional in-state travel funds as shown in [Exhibit C](#), page 2.

CHAIR ARBERRY:

I will accept a motion from the Assembly to concur with the Senate budget closure for B/A 101-2995.

ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-2995.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:
The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-2995.

W.I.C.H.E. Loan & Stipend – Budget Page WICHE-1 (Volume I)
Budget Account 614-2681

MR. GHIGGERI:
The Senate approved seven new dental slots per year which the Assembly eliminated.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS APPROVE FOUR NEW DENTAL SLOTS IN THE FEDERAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:
A motion is required by the Senate to agree with the Assembly motion. Are there federal matching funds available for all four slots?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:
Yes, matching funds are available.

SENATOR MATHEWS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE APPROVE FOUR NEW DENTAL SLOTS IN THE FEDERAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

SENATOR COFFIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:
The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on the dental slots for B/A 614-2681.

MR. GHIGGERI:
The Senate approved five new mental health slots in each year of the biennium. The Assembly eliminated them as shown on page 2 of [Exhibit C](#).

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CHAIR ARBERRY:

I will accept a motion from the Assembly to concur with the Senate's recommendation for five mental health slots.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR FIVE NEW MENTAL HEALTH SLOTS IN THE FEDERAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on the mental health slots for B/A 614-2681.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly eliminated the five pharmacy slots which the Senate approved with a Letter of Intent as described on page 2 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:

The Letter of Intent should require the slots go to out-of-state schools until the new pharmacy school in Nevada is in the WICHE program.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The suggestion is that the five pharmacy slots be approved with a Letter of Intent stating the slots would go to out-of-state schools.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS APPROVE FIVE PHARMACY SLOTS IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM WITH A LETTER OF INTENT STATING THE SLOTS WILL BE FOR OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

A motion is required by the Senate to agree with the Assembly motion that the slots go to out-of-state schools.

SENATOR BEERS:

The pharmacy school in Nevada is accredited.

CHAIR ARBERRY:

Our understanding is that the school is excellent, but the entry requirements are less stringent than other schools. We could look at the Nevada school two years

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from now. The Letter of Intent will say the slots are for out-of-state schools for this biennium.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO INCLUDE A LETTER OF INTENT REQUIRING THE PHARMACY SLOTS GO TO OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on the pharmacy slots and B/A 614-2681.

SENATOR COFFIN:

I support the motion, but we should be careful in speaking about the Nevada school. We only know that the pharmacy school is accredited and its graduates are working. They may not want to be in the WICHE compact.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Committees are not passing judgment on the new school in any respect.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:

When the slots have a federally-funded portion, the slots can be in state. The policy has been if there is not a federally funded portion, the slots must be out of state.

SENATOR TITUS:

I have heard there is a need for pharmacists in rural Nevada. What is the reason there is no federal matching funds for these slots?

CHAIR ARBERRY:

A Letter of Intent is signed by the individual receiving WICHE funds to locate in an underserved area.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

Does that mean that WICHE has the ability to tell applicants they must commit to serve in rural areas?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:

The WICHE can only do that when federal funds are used. Perhaps there are no underserved areas for pharmacy slots. Perhaps federal funds will be available in two years.

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

HR, Northern Nevada Child & Adolescent Services – Budget Page DCFS-112
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Budget Account 101-3281

HR, Southern Nevada Child & Adolescent Services – Budget Page DCFS-123
(Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3646

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The issue is the same in B/A 101-3281 and 101-3646 as shown on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR B/A 101-3281 AND B/A 101-3646.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS BEERS, CEGAVSKE AND RHOADS VOTED NO.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committees are in concurrence on B/A 101-3281 and B/A 101-3646.

HEALTH

HR, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control – Budget Page HEALTH-66
(Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3215

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly closed this budget adding funds; the Senate recommended an Interim Finance Committee request if additional funds are needed as indicated on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR RAGGIO:

Everyone was concerned that we do provide the medication. The difference is the way the funds are provided. I would entertain a motion from the Senate concurring with the Assembly action.

SENATOR TITUS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ACTION OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR B/A 101-3215.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance Committee are in concurrence on B/A 101-3215.

WELFARE

HR, Assistance to Aged and Blind - Budget Page WELFARE-42 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-3232

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly closed the budget with a rate increase shown on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#). The Adult Group Care Facilities are seeking a \$41 per month rate increase. That would require an additional funding of \$122,000 per year.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

What would be the actual rate increase and the final amount required?

MR. GHIGGERI:

The rate increase, if the Committees decide to approve it, would be an additional \$41 per month for 416 individuals. The total cost would be approximately \$205,000 each year. The Governor's recommended budget was reduced by approximately \$94,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2006 and \$98,000 in FY 2007.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

Should the motion be to increase the rate to \$41 each month?

MR. GHIGGERI:

That is correct.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE RATE INCREASE IN B/A 101-3232 BE FIXED AT \$41 EACH MONTH.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED THAT THE RATE INCREASE IN B/A 101-3232 BE FIXED AT \$41 EACH MONTH.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-3232.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION

DETR, Equal Rights Commission – Budget Page DETR-22 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-2580

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Committees differ on accepting funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which allows the Commission to investigate housing discrimination complaints described on page 3 of [Exhibit C](#).

SENATOR BEERS:

Is the Commission taking on a new scope of work in housing discrimination and receiving funds from HUD for this purpose?

MARK W. STEVENS (Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

The Assembly action removed housing discrimination complaints from the Commission leaving that duty to HUD.

SENATOR BEERS:

The Commission testified to the Senate that their caseload is down and if they did not enter into the discrimination duties, they would be overstaffed.

MR. STEVENS:

The Commission indicated that the caseload backlog was not as high as it has been. The Assembly felt HUD would be better at handling the housing discrimination duties.

SENATOR BEERS:

The Assembly proposes to maintain the Commission staffing even though the workload is down.

MR. STEVENS:

The Assembly closing replaces the HUD dollars with federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission funds if a sufficient number of cases are closed.

SENATOR BEERS:

Would we receive the full match for General Funds?

MR. STEVENS:

We would not spend General Funds or the federal funds.

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SENATOR BEERS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS IN CLOSURE OF B/A 101-2580.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-2580.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Commission on Tourism – Budget Page ECON DEV & TOURISM-21 (Volume II)
Budget Account 225-1522

CHAIR RAGGIO:

There are a number of differences in this budget as shown on pages 3 and 4 of [Exhibit C](#). We will take them one at a time. The first is the TV Advertising budget.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly provided an increase and the Senate decreased the recommended funding as shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR ARBERRY:

The Assembly recommends splitting the difference between the Senate and Assembly.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

I will accept a motion from the Senate to split the difference allowing staff to adjust the budget in that manner.

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE FUNDING FOR TV ADVERTISING IN B/A 225-1522 AND ALLOW STAFF TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KOIVISTO MOVED TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE FUNDING FOR TV

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ADVERTISING IN B/A 225-1522 AND ALLOW STAFF TO MAKE THE ADJUSTMENTS ACCORDINGLY.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on TV Advertising in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate decreased the budget for Ad Placement as indicated on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#). I want to remind the Committee these are all enhanced funding, so there are no reductions to the Base Budget.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR AD PLACEMENT IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on Ad Placement in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly eliminated additional sporting program events and the Tourism University reducing in-state travel shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR IN-STATE TRAVEL IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on In-State Travel in B/A 225-1522.

The next item is the funding for the Mexico Office. This office is being funded by the local government.

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SENATOR MATHEWS MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS FOR THE MEXICO OFFICE IN B/A 225-1522.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR COFFIN VOTED NO.)

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on the Mexico Office in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly reduced the E-Mail Blasts budgeted amount in FY 2007 by 50 percent as indicated on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR E-MAIL BLASTS IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on E-Mail Blasts in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly reduced the E-Subscription amount by 50 percent as shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR E-SUBSCRIPTION IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on E-Subscription in B/A 225-1522.

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MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate reduced the amount recommended by the Governor for Rural Grants by 33 percent as shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR RURAL GRANTS IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on Rural Grants in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate approved the new accounting position recommended in the budget as shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR THE NEW ACCOUNTING POSITION IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on the new accounting position in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate increased the funding level by \$50,000 per year for the Winter Olympics as shown on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR RAGGIO:

If this action is approved, the Senate will not process a bill with additional funding for the Winter Olympics.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR THE WINTER OLYMPICS ITEM IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on the Winter Olympics item in B/A 225-1522.

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate approved a transfer to the Department of Wildlife of \$400,000. The Assembly approved a transfer of \$200,000 as indicated on page 4 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE TRANSFER IN B/A 225-1522.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on the Department of Wildlife item in B/A 225-1522. The Committees are in concurrence with the Commission on Tourism budget.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

I want to disclose that my daughter sits on the Equal Rights Commission.

Commission on Economic Development – Budget Page ECON DEV &
TOURISM-1 (Volume II)
Budget Account 101-1526

CHAIR ARBERRY:

The Assembly would like to hold this budget.

Procurement Outreach Program – Budget Page ECON DEV & TOURISM-17
(Volume II)
Budget Account 101-4867

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Budget Division submitted an amendment to this account to replace the anticipated loss of federal funding with General Funds. The Assembly did not concur with that amendment as indicated on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYMAN PERKINS MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR B/A 101-4867.

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ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-4867.

CORRECTIONS

Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Center – Budget Page
CORRECTIONS-87 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3761

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly added \$250,000 per year to this budget for transitional housing service indicated on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#).

CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Senate heard minimal testimony on this budget. Are we setting a precedent in providing funds when local governments lose federal funding? Perhaps we could agree on an amount with a Letter of Intent to review the success of this program.

CHAIR ARBERRY:

The federal funds have been eliminated. The Assembly suggests \$195,000 each year of the biennium.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:

The Letter of Intent should make clear that this funding cannot be in the Base. There must be accountability for the funds and an evaluation of the program. If the program is worthwhile, the state should provide the funding.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED TO PROVIDE \$195,000 EACH YEAR FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES FOR FEMALE INMATES IN SOUTHERN NEVADA WITH A LETTER OF INTENT STATING THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BASE; THERE WILL BE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE FUNDS AND AN EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM NEXT SESSION.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO PROVIDE \$195,000 EACH YEAR FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES FOR FEMALE INMATES IN

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SOUTHERN NEVADA WITH A LETTER OF INTENT STATING THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BASE; THERE WILL BE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE FUNDS AND AN EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM NEXT SESSION.

SENATOR MATHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR BEERS:

I have problems with the state replacing a local governments' federal funding.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

I will be voting no for the same reason.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS BEERS AND CEGAVSKE VOTED NO.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-3761.

High Desert State Prison – Budget Page CORRECTIONS-41 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3762

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Assembly deleted funding for positions to implement "unit management" as indicated on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#).

SENATOR CEGAVSKE MOVED THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CONCUR WITH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ON B/A 101-3762.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS COFFIN AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-3762.

CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Resources – Budget Page DCNR-55 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4171

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MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate increased General Fund support by approximately \$1 million in FY 2006 and \$820,000 in FY 2007 to add 11 new positions to address a backlog experienced in the Division of Water Resources as described on page 5 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR B/A 101-4171.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-4171.

WILDLIFE

Wildlife – Budget Page WILDLIFE-1 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4452

MR. GHIGGERI:

The Senate approved \$300,000 for sage grouse habitat and split the funding 50-percent General Fund and 50-percent Upland Game Bird fees. The Assembly recommended \$150,000 for sage grouse projects funded by the Upland Game Bird fees as shown on pages 5 and 6 of [Exhibit C](#).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI:

The Assembly can close with the Senate if we can agree to let staff work on using reserves rather than General Funds for the additional \$150,000.

SENATOR BEERS MOVED TO CLOSE B/A 101-4452 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION GIVING STAFF AUTHORITY TO ADJUST THE RESERVE CATEGORY BY \$150,000 RATHER THAN USE GENERAL FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF SAGE GROUSE PROJECTS.

SENATOR RHOADS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

Is the proposal that the funds will come from reserves rather than the General Fund?

CHAIR RAGGIO:

That is correct.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR B/A 101-4452.

ASSEMBLYMAN SEALE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:
The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-4452.

Wildlife Obligated Reserve – Budget Page WILDLIFE-23 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-4458

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED THAT THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CONCUR WITH THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR B/A 101-4458.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET CLOSED.

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CHAIR RAGGIO:
The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-4458.

MILITARY

National Guard Benefits – Budget Page MILITARY-12 (Volume III)
Budget Account 101-3653

MR. GHIGGERI:
Once the Assembly processes Senate Bill (S.B.) 78, both Committees are in concurrence on this issue as shown on page 6 of [Exhibit C](#).

SENATE BILL 78: Makes permanent authority of Board of Regents of University of Nevada to grant waivers for registration and laboratory fees for active members of Nevada National Guard. (BDR S-89)

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CHAIR ARBERRY:
Are we in concurrence regardless of S.B. 78?

CHAIR RAGGIO:
We are in concurrence as long as the Assembly processes S.B. 78.

CHAIR ARBERRY:
The Assembly will do that.

CHAIR RAGGIO:
The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance are in concurrence on B/A 101-3653.

This meeting will be in recess until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2005. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m., at the call of the Chair, without reconvening.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Sandra Small,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator William J. Raggio, Chair

DATE: _____

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

DATE: _____