

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Fourth Session
May 17, 2007**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Morse Arberry Jr. at 2:25 p.m., on Thursday, May 17, 2007, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley
Assemblyman Mo Denis
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblyman John W. Marvel
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain
Assemblyman David R. Parks
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith
Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Patricia Adams, Committee Assistant
Connie Davis, Committee Secretary

Assembly Bill 611: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for allocation to the Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition for outreach activities to identify and assist persons who are eligible for public programs of health care. (BDR S-1463)

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on A.B. 611.

Larry Matheis, representing the Nevada State Medical Association and Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition, appeared before the Committee to testify in support of A.B. 611 ([Exhibit C](#)), a bill that would provide funding for outreach activities designed to assist individuals eligible for public healthcare programs.



Mr. Matheis told the Committee that the requested funding would help to ensure that every Nevadan eligible for State Medicaid, Nevada Check Up, and Nevada Check Up Plus would receive early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment. Additionally, he advised that State Medicaid, Nevada Check Up, and Nevada Check Up Plus healthcare programs were also supported by federal matching funds.

Mr. Matheis provided the following information:

- A March 2007 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation study found that 61 percent of Nevada's uninsured children lived in a family of four with an income of less than \$40,000 a year, making most of the 150,000 uninsured children in Nevada eligible for one of the healthcare programs.
- The Nevada Covering Kids Coalition, in coordination with a number of organizations, a staff of three, and volunteers conducted statewide activities to increase enrollment and retention in Nevada Check Up and Medicaid programs.
- Back-to-school advertising campaigns conducted during July and August in southern, northern, rural, and frontier communities in Nevada identified the largest number of children eligible for Nevada Check Up.
- The outreach program targeted underrepresented populations in African-American, Native-American, Asian, Latino/Hispanic American communities, as well as teen pregnancies.
- Enhanced outreach activities increased Nevada Check Up applications by 50 percent in the current year over the previous year.
- Originally funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition was currently funded by the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, federal matching funds, and private donations.
- The legislation would appropriate \$100,000 in each year of the biennium to the HCFP for allocation to the Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition to add ten volunteers for outreach activities.
- The ten volunteers would be used to provide one-to-one application assistance in rural Nevada and to expand the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program to enhance outreach efforts in urban areas of the State.
- The Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition worked with Health Underwriters Association in northern and southern Nevada to reach out to small employers to ensure the provision of information on public healthcare programs to eligible individuals.
- The funding would also be used to expand outreach efforts through the Department of Education and school districts.

Mr. Matheis asked for the Committee's support of A.B. 611, which would provide the Coalition with additional resources to enhance outreach and education for uninsured Nevadans who were eligible for public healthcare programs.

Chairman Arberry thanked Mr. Matheis for his testimony and opened the hearing to public comment.

Jan Gilbert, representing the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, spoke in support of A.B. 611 and advised that nonprofit community groups worked with few resources to assist disadvantaged populations with healthcare needs. Ms. Gilbert encouraged the Committee's support.

Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on A.B. 611.

Assembly Bill 612: Revises provisions governing the Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program. (BDR 23-1491)

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on A.B. 612.

Mary Keating, a member of the State of Nevada Deferred Compensation Committee, introduced Brian Davie, Legislative Services Officer, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) Las Vegas, and Chairman of the State of Nevada Deferred Compensation Committee.

Mr. Davie testified on the merits of A.B. 612 via videoconferencing from the Las Vegas office of the LCB and provided the following information:

Assembly Bill 612 ([Exhibit D](#)) would allow the Committee to select one Deferred Compensation plan for participants in the Program versus two vendors as currently required by *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS). Mr. Davie advised that the two-vendor provision was enacted in 1995 with passage of A.B. No. 459 of the 68th Session. Mr. Davie indicated that he believed the 1995 legislation encouraged competition, and at that time, vendors dictated the lineup of funds in the program while the Committee primarily focused on hardship requests and did little in the way of overseeing the lineup of funds. In recent years, however, the Committee acquired an investment consultant and actively managed the funds available to participants. Mr. Davie advised that currently quarterly Committee meetings were spent analyzing the funds and the rates of return, comparing benchmarks, and attempting to ensure top-quality funds were provided to Program participants.

Mr. Davie reported that investment consultants recently advised that participants could benefit by economies of scale with lower fees and higher rates of return by moving to a one-provider system. Mr. Davie advised that if A.B. 612 was approved, the advantages and disadvantages of a one-provider system would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next quarterly meeting of the Deferred Compensation Committee scheduled for June 6, 2007.

Mr. Davie advised that the Committee was currently engaged in the request for proposal (RFP) process to determine who the Deferred Compensation Program providers would be for the next five years, but approval of A.B. 612 could require a second round of bid requests.

In response to Chairman Arberry who questioned whether the bill's July 1, 2007, effective date presented a problem, Ms. Keating indicated the date did not pose a problem.

Ms. Keating testified that when appointed to serve as a member of the Deferred Compensation Committee nine years ago, the Program had \$100 million in assets with only the state of Nevada participating. Currently, the Program held over \$400 million in assets for state of Nevada employee participants and over twenty local government participants.

Ms. Keating advised that at about the \$250 million mark, the Committee exercised some control over the Program vendors who agreed to eliminate their administrative fees, and since then the Program's assets had continually increased.

Ms. Keating advised that the Program had two vendors, one had 85 percent of the market and one had 15 percent. The majority of Nevada participants invested a large portion of their money in the fixed account for which the large provider paid 4.5 percent, and the small provider paid 4.15 percent. Ms. Keating indicated that it was "obvious" that the small provider could not compete and that one vendor could perhaps pay a 4.75 percent rate of return. Ms. Keating advised that passage of A.B. 612 would provide the Committee the ability to make a decision on the number of vendors based on providing the best investment possibilities for participants.

Additionally, Ms. Keating provided the following information:

- The Deferred Compensation Program included investment policies that dictated nothing less than three-star fund investments.
- Segal Advisors, Inc., New York, provided the Program with independent investment consulting services.
- A self-director brokerage account allowed participants to take a portion of their money to invest in almost 5,000 additional options.

In closing remarks, Ms. Keating said that the Program's 50 percent participation rate was high considering that the State did not contribute matching funds and indicated that all funds in the Program belonged to the employees. Ms. Keating encouraged the Committee's support of the bill, which she reiterated would allow the Deferred Compensation Committee to make decisions in the best interests of participants.

In response to questions Assemblyman Hardy asked regarding whether any thought had been given to issuing an RFP based on sole or shared providers, Ms. Keating advised that the current statute was specific to two providers. However, she believed that with passage of A.B. 612, the members would agree to amend the RFP to allow for one or two vendors. Ms. Keating indicated that it was unique to have two providers and that "almost without exception," government entities had one provider.

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing no response to a request for public comment, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on A.B. 112.

Assemblyman David Parks, Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation, read the following closing report for the Colorado River Commission into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, NATURAL
RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION HAS COMPLETED ITS
REVIEW OF THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION AND
RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CLOSING ACTIONS:

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION (296-4490) CO RIVER COMMISSION-1

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT FIVE POSITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN VACANT FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE BE ELIMINATED: AN ACCOUNTANT TECHNICIAN, AN ADMINISTRATIVE AID, AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, A PROGRAM OFFICER AND A NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST, WHICH INCREASES RESERVES BY \$539,799 OVER THE BIENNIUM. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEW SENIOR POWER FACILITIES ELECTRICIAN AND A POWER FACILITIES COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN POSITION WHICH REDUCES COST ALLOCATION TRANSFERS BY \$146,922 IN FY 2008 AND \$193,588 IN FY 2009. HOWEVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED THE CRC AND FISCAL STAFF TO RECLASSIFY TWO OTHER VACANT POSITIONS TO THESE POSITION TITLES. ACCORDINGLY, THE CRC IDENTIFIED TWO ADDITIONAL VACANT PROGRAM OFFICER POSITIONS THAT THE AGENCY REQUESTED BE RECLASSIFIED AS A SENIOR POWER FACILITIES ELECTRICIAN AND A POWER FACILITIES COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN THAT INCREASES EXPENDITURES BY \$70,610 IN FY 2008 AND \$69,798 IN FY 2009. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED RESERVE FUNDING OF \$168,331 IN THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO SUPPORT THE RECLASSIFICATION OF TWO CLASSIFIED ACCOUNTANT POSITIONS TO UNCLASSIFIED ENERGY ACCOUNTANT POSITIONS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS REDUCING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BY \$106,989 IN FY 2008 AND \$112,523 IN FY 2009 TO \$14,339 EACH YEAR. THE INCREASE FUNDS OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AS APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AT \$65,519 EACH YEAR BASED UPON THE AGENCY'S AVERAGE COST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND 2005.

FORT MOHAVE DEVELOPMENT FUND (296-4496) CO RIVER COMMISSION-9

THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FORT MOHAVE DEVELOPMENT FUND DISPLAYED A MINIMAL RESERVE OF \$33,902 AT THE END OF FY 2009. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST THE BUDGET FOR FY 2007 WORK PROGRAM CHANGES TO INCREASE LAND SALES INCOME, TREASURER'S INTEREST AND MISCELLANEOUS INCOME BY \$671,335, WHICH RESULTS IN A PROJECTED ENDING RESERVE OF \$705,237 AT THE END OF FY 2009, WHICH APPEARS TO BE ADEQUATE FOR THIS ACCOUNT.

CRC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (296-4497) CO RIVER COMMISSION-11

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR THAT INCLUDES FUNDING OF \$1.14 MILLION IN FY 2008 AND \$1.39 MILLION IN FY 2009 TO SUPPORT NEVADA'S SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THE LOWER COLORADO

RIVER MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM, A REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT TO PRESERVE WILDLIFE ALONG THE RIVER.

THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ACCOUNTS WERE CLOSED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR:

- POWER DELIVERY SYSTEM (502-4501) CO RIVER COMMISSION-13
- POWER MARKETING FUND (505-4502) CO RIVER COMMISSION-16

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Leslie and Assemblyman Hardy were not present for the vote.)

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on General Government, read the following closing report for the Department of Taxation into the record:

VOLUME I – DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION – 101-2361 – TAXATION 1

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION'S BUDGET FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS RESULT IN NET GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$1,162,617, WITH ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND COSTS OF \$115,007 IN FY 2008 AND GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$1,277,624 IN FY 2009 WHEN COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S REDUCED FUNDING RECOMMENDATION OF \$6,928,764 OVER THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM FOR TRANSITION COSTS AND LONG-TERM PRODUCTION SUPPORT OF THE UNIFIED TAX SYSTEM (UTS) PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT INDICATES \$28.8 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT TO DATE ON THE UTS PROJECT, WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2.5 MILLION PROJECTED TO BE INCURRED THROUGH JUNE 30TH 2007. AS A RESULT, THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THE PROJECT TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$9.2 MILLION LESS THAN THE ORIGINAL BUDGETED COST OF \$40.5 MILLION. THE PROJECT IS ON SCHEDULE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF FY 2007.

THE DEPARTMENT INDICATES THE TRANSITION COSTS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE FINAL TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER OF THE SYSTEM FROM THE VENDOR TO DEPARTMENT STAFF. BASED ON A REVISED VENDOR QUOTE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS SHIFTING FUNDING BETWEEN FISCAL YEARS, RESULTING IN AN INCREASE OF \$550,000 OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN FY 2008 AND A REDUCTION OF \$1,021,236 IN FY 2009. MOREOVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ADDING A PROVISION

AUTHORIZING, WITH IFC APPROVAL, THE CARRY FORWARD OF UNSPENT FY 2008 FUNDING TO FY 2009, A PROVISION SIMILAR TO THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVES THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO EXPAND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT ADDING SIX NEW POSITIONS, INCLUDING A NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND A DEDICATED DOIT DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR. THE DEPARTMENT STATES THE EXPANSION WOULD ENABLE THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE IN-HOUSE MAINTENANCE FOR THE NEW UNIFIED TAX SYSTEM AND OVERALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUNCTIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVES ADDING TRAVEL AND TRAINING COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION, RESULTING IN A REVISED TOTAL COST OF \$481,446 IN FY 2008 AND \$592,696 IN FY 2009.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION TO ADD FOUR NEW POSITIONS TO THE DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT STANDARDS. THE NEW POSITIONS WOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL ANALYSES, MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSES OF UTILITY COMPANIES AND AN ADDITIONAL AUDITOR FOR THE REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX SECTION. THE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS REQUIRE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT TOTALING \$226,497 IN FY 2008 AND \$213,411 IN FY 2009. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE AUDITOR II POSITION, AS THE POTENTIAL LOST REVENUES FROM THE INABILITY TO AUDIT THE LARGER REVENUE GENERATORS, ON A TIMELY BASIS, MAY OUTWEIGH THE COST OF THE NEW POSITION.

ADDITIONALLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER ONE POSITION INSTEAD OF TWO, AS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED, FROM DOIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION. THE REVISED FUNDING RESULTS IN A REDUCTION OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF \$107,177 IN FY 2008 AND \$113,324 IN FY 2009.
- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF \$659,190 IN FY 2008 AND \$979,030 IN FY 2009 FOR A LOCKBOX SERVICES CONTRACT ENHANCEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TAX RETURN DATA ENTRY AND SCANNING/IMAGING. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCKBOX SERVICES ENHANCEMENT TO FY 2009.
- THE ELIMINATION OF INCREASED FUNDING OF \$148,630 IN FY 2008 AND \$134,230 IN FY 2009 FOR E-PAYMENT TRANSACTION FEES AS PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION PLAN.

- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF \$96,247 TO REMODEL THE FRONT COUNTER AND RECEPTION AREA OF THE LAS VEGAS OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE WALK-IN TRAFFIC. THE DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THE REMODEL WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE LONG LINES AND WAIT TIME FOR TAXPAYERS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION TO POSTPONE THE REMODEL PROJECT TO FY 2009.
- APPROVAL OF NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES OF \$6,320 IN FY 2008 AND \$65,347 IN FY 2009 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION, RESULTING IN AN OVERALL REDUCTION OF \$1,004 AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF MOST OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES TO FY 2009.
- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION TO DELAY THE HOME OFFICE REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASE FOR OUT-OF-STATE AUDITORS UNTIL FY 2009. THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION RESULTS IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$12,000 IN FY 2008.
- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET REDUCTION TO POSTPONE THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE RECLASSIFICATION OF EIGHT POSITIONS TO THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION RESULTS IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$30,860 IN FY 2008 AND A NOMINAL INCREASE OF \$496 IN FY 2009.
- APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE AN INCREASE IN BASE EXPENDITURE FUNDING FOR THE STATE DEMOGRAPHER'S OFFICE, RESULTING IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$83,408 IN FY 2008 AND \$85,673 IN FY 2009.

FINALLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CLOSING THE REMAINDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION'S BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS NOTED BY STAFF.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Resources read the following closing report for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Aging Services, into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12/HUMAN SERVICES HAS DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DIVISION FOR AGING SERVICES BUDGETS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS REDUCE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DIVISION BY \$1,223,859 IN FY 2008 AND \$1,140,560 IN FY 2009.

AGING SERVICES GRANTS (BA 262-3140) AGING-1

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE GRANTS AND PROJECT ANALYST AND AUDITOR POSITIONS FROM THE AGING SERVICES GRANTS ACCOUNT TO THE AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT ACCOUNT (BA 3151) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. ALTHOUGH THE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FUNDED ENTIRELY WITH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN PAST BIENNIA, THE DIVISION HAS INDICATED THAT THE POSITIONS ALSO MANAGE AND AUDIT FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS FUNDED IN THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT ACCOUNT, IN ADDITION TO THE INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANTS FUNDED IN THIS ACCOUNT. SEVERAL POSITIONS CURRENTLY FUNDED IN THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT ACCOUNT ASSIST IN MANAGING THE INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANTS, IN ADDITION TO MANAGING FEDERAL GRANTS FUNDED IN THAT ACCOUNT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INCREASES IN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUES OF \$735,584 IN FY 2008 AND \$739,913 IN FY 2009 OVER THE AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE INCREASED REVENUES RESULT IN INCREASED FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANTS. AUTHORITY TO AWARD INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANTS IS INCREASED BY \$682,197 IN FY 2008 AND BY \$714,419 IN FY 2009. THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE TRANSFER OF \$311,631 IN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CHIP WAIVER SERVICES AND THE TRANSFER OF \$192,166 IN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE HOMEMAKER PROGRAM IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM.

AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT (BA 101-3151) AGING-5

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A NEW PERSONNEL OFFICER I POSITION FOR THE DIVISION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO ASSIST THE DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR WITH PERSONNEL MATTERS, BUT VOTED TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COSTS FOR THE POSITION WITH TITLE III AND TITLE XIX FUNDS RATHER THAN FUNDING THE POSITION ENTIRELY WITH GENERAL FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. SIMILARLY, THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE TWO NEW SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISOR POSITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR BUT VOTED TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COSTS FOR THE POSITIONS WITH TITLE III-B, TITLE VII AND TITLE XIX FUNDS, RATHER THAN FUNDING THE POSITIONS ENTIRELY WITH GENERAL FUNDS. THE TWO NEW SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISOR POSITIONS WILL SUPERVISE ELDER RIGHTS ADVOCATE POSITIONS THAT INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN LONG-TERM CARE

FACILITIES. CURRENTLY TWO ELDER RIGHTS ADVOCATE POSITIONS RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN SALARY FOR SERVING AS LEAD POSITIONS OVER OTHER ELDER RIGHTS ADVOCATE POSITIONS BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO SERVE A FULL CASELOAD BECAUSE OF THE SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE GENERAL FUNDS TOTALING \$126,699 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM THAT WERE ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED TO SUPPORT THE RSVP LIFELINE PROGRAM, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT IS CURRENTLY FUNDED WITH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE PRECEDENT THAT MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED IF INDEPENDENT LIVING GRANT RECIPIENTS WERE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE GENERAL FUNDS AS A MORE STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR THEIR PROGRAMS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION'S SENIOR RIDE PROGRAM BY \$390,014 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM.

SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM (BA 101-3146) AGING-17

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE 54 SLOTS FOR THE NEW ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DURING THE 2005-07 BIENNIUM. THE NEW WAIVER PROGRAM WAS THE RESULT OF THE 2005 LEGISLATURE'S ENACTMENT OF A.B. 284 AND PROVIDES FUNDING TO SERVE CLIENTS WHO ARE IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES THAT ARE FINANCED BY LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS AND ARE CERTIFIED AS AFFORDABLE BY THE HOUSING DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED ADDING 54 ADDITIONAL SLOTS FOR A NEW ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN SOUTHERN NEVADA, THE DIVISION INDICATED THAT THE NUMBER OF NEW SLOTS COULD BE REDUCED TO 25 AND THAT THEY WERE ONLY NEEDED FOR THE FINAL FOUR MONTHS OF FY 2009 BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE FACILITY IS NOT SCHEDULED TO OPEN UNTIL MARCH 2009.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD MEDICAID TITLE XIX FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652,132 IN FY 2008 AND \$922,701 IN FY 2009 FOR CASELOAD GROWTH IN THE DIVISION'S COMMUNITY HOME-BASED INITIATIVES PROGRAM (CHIP) AND WAIVER FOR ELDERLY IN ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE (WEARC) MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD 25 ADDITIONAL WEARC SLOTS IN FY 2008 TO ENABLE THE DIVISION TO SUPPORT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SENIOR SERVICES ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE'S INITIATIVE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO WAIVER SERVICES DIRECTLY FROM THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN ONLY FROM HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES. BASED ON THE DIVISION'S INABILITY TO SERVE THE LEGISLATIVELY-APPROVED WAIVER CASELOADS DURING THE CURRENT BIENNIUM, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT

APPROVE 73 ADDITIONAL CHIP SLOTS AND 34 ADDITIONAL WEARC SLOTS THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REDUCE WAIT TIMES FOR THE WAIVER PROGRAMS.

Assemblywoman Leslie advised that a staffing problem had occurred because of the State's inability to hire a sufficient number of Social Worker positions, and the Subcommittee worked with the Division to develop a more realistic number of positions in terms of their ability to hire staff to serve clients.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADD GENERAL FUNDS TOTALING \$53,040 IN FY 2008 AND \$127,296 IN FY 2009 TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR NINE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH BATHING, TOILETING AND FEEDING OVER THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM AS PART OF THE STATE-FUNDED PROGRAM TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES INSTEAD OF BEING PLACED IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE A NEW INFORMATION SERVICES SPECIALIST POSITION TO SERVE AS A PROJECT MANAGER OVER THE DIVISION'S SYSTEM APPLICATIONS AND TO SUPPORT THE CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE APPLICATION USED TO MANAGE ITS WAIVER PROGRAMS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEW COMPUTER NETWORK TECHNICIAN POSITION FOR THE DIVISION BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORKLOAD OF THE EXISTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS STAFF FOR THE DIVISION.

EPS/HOMEMAKER PROGRAMS (BA 101-3252) AGING-27

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO CLOSE THE EPS/HOMEMAKER ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH ONLY MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TITLE XX FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE ACCOUNT AND TO FUND ONE-HALF OF THE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY THE AGENCY IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.

SENIOR CITIZENS' PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE (BA 101-2363) AGING-31

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO DECREASE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BASED ON THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE PROGRAM DURING FY 2007 AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO REDUCE FUNDING FOR DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH BY \$627,363 IN FY 2008 AND BY \$891,095 IN FY 2009 AND TO REDUCE THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN FY 2008 BY \$335,000 BASED ON CARRY-FORWARD FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE REMAINING AT THE END OF FY 2007. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS IN THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR GENERAL FUNDS TOTALING \$48,532 IN FY 2008 TO CONVERT THE PROGRAM'S CURRENT ACCESS DATABASE TO A STRUCTURED QUERY LANGUAGE (SQL) DATABASE.

Assemblywoman Leslie extended her appreciation to Rick Combs, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, for his work in analyzing and assisting the Subcommittee in closing the Division of Aging Services' budgets. Assemblywoman Leslie asked the Committee to be aware that \$1.2 million was saved in fiscal year 2008 and \$1.1 million in fiscal year 2009.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on General Government, read the following closing report for the Department of Information Technology into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT) AND HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S 2007-09 BIENNIUM BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S ACTIONS RESULTED IN SAVINGS OF \$421,416 IN FY 2008 AND \$3.1 MILLION IN FY 2009 COMPARED TO AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. OF THESE AMOUNTS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE GENERAL FUND SAVINGS WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$158,000 IN FY 2008 AND \$1.2 MILLION IN FY 2009.

DOIT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (BA 721-1373) DOIT-1: THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE FUNDING FOR FOUR NEW IT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS RECOMMENDED TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY UNIT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SAW THE JOB FUNCTIONS OF THE FOUR NEW POSITIONS AS SIMILAR TO POSITIONS THAT WERE NOT APPROVED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE, AND IN LIGHT OF THE SECURITY ASSESSMENT INCREASE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ITS APPROVAL, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE POSITIONS. EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT A NEW CYBER SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM AND OTHER NETWORK ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO NOT APPROVED. THE SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTED THAT THE USE OF THE RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT APPEARED TO DUPLICATE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY PERSONNEL WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A CHIEF IT MANAGER POSITION TO AN UNCLASSIFIED CHIEF POSITION, BUT DID APPROVE EQUIPMENT TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT'S SECURE SPACE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AT A COST OF \$24,668. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY UNIT TO A NEW BUDGET TO BETTER DISTINGUISH SECURITY EXPENDITURES FROM THOSE OF THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SECURITY UNIT STAFF, NOR DID IT APPROVE STATE FUNDING FOR

SECURITY AWARENESS PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS INFORMED AT AN EARLIER BUDGET HEARING THAT THE ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS WERE NOT A HIGH PRIORITY OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AND NEW SECURITY UNIT MANAGER, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT WISH TO UTILIZE STATE FUNDING FOR SECURITY PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS THAT WERE FUNDED BY A FEDERAL GRANT PREVIOUSLY. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID APPROVE AN INCREASE OF 15 PERCENT IN FUNDING FOR IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR THE SECURITY UNIT STAFF OVER BASE YEAR EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT THE PERFORMANCE OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE STATE AND ATTENDANCE AT OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF THE DOIT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT TO THE STATE PURCHASING DIVISION TO BETTER ALIGN THE SOLICITATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS WITH SIMILAR FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY THE PURCHASING DIVISION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE RETENTION OF ONE POSITION FROM THIS UNIT IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET TO PERFORM CONTRACT MONITORING DUTIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPROVE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR THE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION UNIT BECAUSE THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR FOUR STAFF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,040 PER YEAR WOULD EXCEED THE BUDGETED TRAINING FUNDING FOR ALL OTHER STAFF IN THE PURCHASING DIVISION TO WHICH THE UNIT IS TRANSFERRING. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO TRANSFER A MANAGEMENT ANALYST III POSITION FROM THIS BUDGET TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORK ENGINEERING BUDGET TO SUPPORT FISCAL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED PROGRAMMING AND DATABASE ADMINISTRATION COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,735 TO CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POSTING DOIT BILLING INFORMATION FOR STATE AGENCIES ON THE STATE INTRANET AND APPROVED ONE NEW AND ONE REPLACEMENT SERVER TO IMPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY.

DOIT PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION (BA 721-1370)

DOIT-20: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROJECT DELIVERY UNIT. THE UNIT WAS CREATED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF LARGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS, BUT IT DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BILLABLE HOURS IN FY 2005-06 TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF THE CHIEF IT MANAGER POSITION OF THE PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION AND THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS DIVISION BE OVERSEEN BY THE MANAGER OF THE APPLICATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OUT OF TWO OF THREE POSITIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER TO OTHER DOIT UNITS. THE CAPACITY PLANNER

POSITION WAS APPROVED TO TRANSFER TO THE COMPUTING DIVISION BUDGET, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND A PLANNER POSITION WAS APPROVED TO TRANSFER TO THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT NEW DEPARTMENT-WIDE CUSTOMER SERVICE INITIATIVES. THE ENTERPRISE ARCHITECT WAS NOT APPROVED TO TRANSFER OUT OF THE PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION DUE TO THE STATEWIDE PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS POSITION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO DID NOT APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE CAPACITY PLANNER AND ENTERPRISE ARCHITECT POSITIONS, AND INSTEAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE CLASSIFICATION OF THESE POSITIONS BE STUDIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.

DOIT APPLICATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

(BA 721-1365) DOIT-28: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ELIMINATION OF TWO PROGRAMMER POSITIONS FROM THIS BUDGET DUE TO A REDUCED AMOUNT OF BILLABLE PROGRAMMER HOURS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO ELIMINATED TWO ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMER POSITIONS TO INCREASE THE BILLABLE HOURS PER POSITION FOR THE REMAINING PROGRAMMER POSITIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE TRANSFER OUT OF ONE IT MANAGER POSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, BUT ELIMINATED ANOTHER INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALIST POSITION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED TO TRANSFER TO TAXATION. THIS SECOND POSITION IS CURRENTLY VACANT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION WITHDREW ITS REQUEST FOR THE POSITION TRANSFER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTION EFFORT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR STAFF OF THIS UNIT, BUT REDUCED THE AMOUNT FROM APPROXIMATELY \$2,870 PER FTE IN FY 2007-08 AND \$2,582 PER FTE IN FY 2008-09 TO \$1,500 PER FTE IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID WISH TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE TRAINING FUNDING, BUT NOT THE APPROXIMATELY 100 PERCENT INCREASE THAT WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING FOR NEW FILE SERVERS AND SERVER SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,924.

DOIT COMPUTING DIVISION (BA 721-1385) DOIT-36: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR TWO NEW MAINFRAME ENTERPRISE SERVERS, ONE FOR PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSING AND ONE FOR DISASTER RECOVERY/BUSINESS CONTINUITY TO BE HOUSED IN GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE. THIS REPRESENTS THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDED HARDWARE SOLUTION THAT WAS MODIFIED AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET WAS SUBMITTED DUE TO A CHANGE IN AVAILABLE SYSTEM UPGRADES FROM THE STATE'S MAINFRAME VENDOR. THE APPROVED MAINFRAME HARDWARE ALSO ADDRESSES A RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL PROCESSING AND MEMORY CAPACITY ON THE EXISTING MAINFRAME. THE APPROVED SOLUTION ADDS A

COST OF \$1.94 MILLION OVER THE BASE BUDGET IN THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM, BUT THE APPROVED AMOUNT IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET FOR MAINFRAME EXPENSES. BECAUSE THE APPROVED PROJECT CONTAINS LARGE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, THE INCREASED COST IS OFFSET BY DEPRECIATION OVER TIME AND IS NOT FACTORED INTO THE AGENCIES RATES FOR SERVICES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMPUTER DATA CENTER IN SOUTHERN NEVADA TO HOUSE DISASTER RECOVERY AND SERVER HOSTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING TO CONSOLIDATE THE FILE SERVERS THAT HOUSE THE INTEGRATED FINANCIAL SYSTEM SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS INTO TWO LARGE SERVERS, WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVER HOSTING TO BE PROVIDED BY DOIT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE IN THIS PROJECT, AS WAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AFTER THE CONTROLLER'S STAFF OBJECTED TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND TIMEFRAME OF THE PROJECT. THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE DID NOT WISH TO MIGRATE ITS FINANCIAL SOFTWARE APPLICATION TO A NEW COMPUTER OPERATING SYSTEM AND DID NOT WISH TO HAVE ITS APPLICATION AND DATA HOUSED ON SERVERS AND STORAGE DEVICES MAINTAINED BY DOIT. THE SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTED THAT QUARTERLY REPORTS BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS, THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER II POSITION IN FY 2008-09 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S E-MAIL, WEB, AND SERVER HOSTING SERVICES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED REPLACEMENT SOFTWARE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEWIDE E-MAIL AND INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEMS, BUT REDUCED THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE INSTANT MESSAGING SOFTWARE FROM 8,000 LICENSES TO 2,000 LICENSES.

DOIT DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORK ENGINEERING (BA 721-1386) DOIT 49: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PC/LAN TECH SUPPORT SERVICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THREE FULL-TIME POSITIONS WERE APPROVED FOR TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES THAT HAD SUFFICIENT HISTORICAL UTILIZATION OF THE SERVICE TO WARRANT THEIR OWN POSITIONS. ONE POSITION WAS ALSO APPROVED FOR TRANSFER TO THE COMPUTING DIVISION BUDGET TO SUPPORT DOIT'S INTERNAL UNITS AND ITS HELPDESK SERVICE. TWO POSITIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE PC/LAN TECH SUPPORT SERVICE WERE APPROVED FOR ELIMINATION, AND ONE POSITION WAS APPROVED FOR RECLASSIFICATION AND REASSIGNMENT TO THE NETWORK ENGINEERING UNIT.

THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ONE OTHER POSITION IN THE NETWORK ENGINEERING UNIT WAS ALSO APPROVED.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ADDITIONAL POINT OF PRESENCE INTERNET SERVICE TO PROVIDE HIGHER BANDWIDTH SPEEDS AND CAPACITY FOR STATE AGENCIES. THE RECOMMENDED PRICE OF THIS SERVICE WAS REDUCED BY \$235,746 TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF COSTS. OTHER REPLACEMENT HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT WAS APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AS ADJUSTED BY BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

DOIT TELECOMMUNICATIONS (BA 721-1387) DOIT-61: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED ONE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AID POSITION TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING STATE PHONE OPERATOR STAFFING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND REDUCED FUNDING BY \$3,630 PER YEAR FOR CONTRACTOR STAFF IN SUPPORT OF THIS SERVICE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING OF \$125,000 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSES TO ADD 500 NEW USERS TO THE STATE'S PBX PHONE SYSTEM OVER THE BIENNIUM AND APPROVED FUNDING FOR AN INVENTORY OF REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING PHONE SYSTEM.

DOIT COMMUNICATIONS (BA 721-1388) DOIT-70: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING OF \$27,667 FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR UNIT STAFF, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED FUNDING OF \$256,796 FOR SPARE PARTS FOR RADIO SYSTEMS AND GENERATORS THAT COMPRISE THE STATE'S DIGITAL MICROWAVE SYSTEM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE REDUCED FUNDING FOR TRAVEL IN THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM DUE TO THE EXPECTED COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND THE MICROWAVE SYSTEM CONVERSION PROJECT.

DOIT SECURITY DIVISION (BA 721-1389) DOIT-81: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BUDGET ACCOUNT TO TRACK THE EXPENDITURES OF THE SECURITY UNIT AND TRANSFERRED ALL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THIS UNIT FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BUDGET. THE SECURITY UNIT'S NEW BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM, MAINLY DERIVED FROM SECURITY ASSESSMENT REVENUE.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto and Assemblyman Grady were not present for the vote.)

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Resources, read the following closing report for the Department of Education into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12/HUMAN RESOURCES COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGET ACCOUNTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EXCEPT THE DISTRIBUTIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNT, OTHER STATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND THE SCHOOL REMEDIATION TRUST FUND, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT A LATER DATE. THE CLOSING ACTIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN THESE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,506 FOR FY 2008 AND \$9,234 IN FY 2009. THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CLOSING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

EDUCATION STATE PROGRAMS (101-2673)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE GRANT WRITER POSITION THAT WAS CREATED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE AND SCHEDULED TO SUNSET ON JUNE 30, 2007. IN APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE POSITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS POSITION TO EACH MEETING OF THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION TO APPROVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ACCOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A NEW GIFTED AND TALENTED COORDINATOR POSITION TO BE FUNDED BY REDIRECTING A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT PROVIDED IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED SPECIAL UNITS. THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED THE ADDITION OF A PARENT COORDINATOR POSITION, BUT WITHHELD ANY DECISION, LEAVING THAT ISSUE OPEN AWAITING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE POSITION.

PROFICIENCY TESTING (101-2697)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS BUDGET BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ON WHAT SERVICES VENDORS COULD PROVIDE AND THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT FOR THE SCORING OF THE WRITING ASSESSMENT. THE RESULTS OF THE RFI SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE BY JUNE 2008.

TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSING (101-2705)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POSITIONS, A LICENSING ANALYST AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III, TO ASSIST WITH THE WORKLOAD IN THE OFFICE OF TEACHER LICENSURE IN LAS VEGAS. THESE POSITIONS WOULD BE FUNDED WITH TEACHER LICENSING FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,607 IN FY 2008 AND \$140,497 IN FY 2009.

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION (101-2605)

THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDED THE FULL-TIME POSITION IN THIS BUDGET BE REDUCED TO HALF-TIME DUE TO A DECREASE IN THE AVAILABLE FEDERAL FUNDING. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO REINSTATE THE OTHER HALF OF THE POSITION WITH FUNDING PROVIDED FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY (SAPTA). BASED ON THE SPLIT FUNDING FOR THE POSITION, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED, THE RELOCATION OF THIS POSITION TO THE EDUCATION STAFFING SERVICES BUDGET ACCOUNT (101-2719), WHERE THE POSITION WOULD BE FUNDED EQUALLY BY TRANSFERS FROM THE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION ACCOUNT AND THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY ACCOUNT.

GEAR UP (101-2678)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING FOR A SECOND GEAR UP PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR; THE FIRST PROGRAM WILL END IN FY 2007. FUNDS FOR THE NEW GEAR UP GRANT WILL TOTAL \$18 MILLION OVER SIX YEARS, BEGINNING IN FY 2007.

THE GOAL OF NEVADA GEAR UP IS TO HELP MORE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS BECOME PREPARED ACADEMICALLY AND FINANCIALLY TO ENTER INTO AND SUCCEED IN COLLEGE. FINDINGS FROM THE FIFTH YEAR EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM INDICATE THAT MANY NEVADA GEAR UP STUDENTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE, BASED UPON THEIR CURRENT PERFORMANCE ON STATEWIDE TESTS AND GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL. BECAUSE OF THESE FINDINGS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A LETTER OF INTENT REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE STAFF WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FIRST GEAR UP PROGRAM IN THE FORM OF SEMIANNUAL REPORTS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE DURING THE INTERIM. THE INTERIM REPORTS SHOULD INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS THAT SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF THESE STUDENTS THAT ENROLLED IN A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION, AS WELL AS THE STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE NEW GEAR UP PROGRAM.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – TITLES II, V, AND VI (101-2713)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED FEDERAL TITLE VI FUNDING OF \$442,365 IN EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE UPCOMING BIENNIUM FOR SUPPORT OF THE SAIN PROGRAM; THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUNDS OF \$321,161 IN FY 2008 AND \$336,173 IN FY 2009 APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE SAIN PROGRAM THROUGH THE OTHER STATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS BUDGET ACCOUNT (BA 2699). THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO BRING THE SYSTEM INTO COMPLIANCE WITH NEW SECURITY REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT), WHICH WILL SUPPORT FULL PUBLIC EXPOSURE TO THE SAIN SYSTEM DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. IN ADDITION, THESE FUNDS WILL SUPPORT LINKING THE STATE STUDENT INFORMATION DATA

COLLECTION SYSTEMS WITH THE TEACHER LICENSURE DATABASE DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM.

STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANTS (101-2606)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THIS BUDGET CLOSE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. HOWEVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT CONGRESS MAY ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP) AND THE SPECIAL LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SLEAP) FEDERAL GRANTS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A LETTER OF INTENT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION, IF ANY, OF THE LEAP AND SLEAP GRANTS TO THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANTS TO STUDENTS SO THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO PROVIDE REDUCED GRANTS TO STUDENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THIS BUDGET, OR DISCONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION (IDEA) (101-2715)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED A REDUCTION IN GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IN THIS BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,611 IN FY 2008 AND \$75,862 IN FY 2009 TO BETTER ALIGN WITH THE ANTICIPATED NEEDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF DISABLED STUDENTS IN APPROPRIATE FACILITIES OUTSIDE THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGH THE NRS 395 PROGRAM.

OTHER ACCOUNTS WITH NO MAJOR CLOSING ISSUES

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS: EDUCATION STAFFING SERVICES, EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES, SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION-AIDS, DISCRETIONARY GRANTS-UNRESTRICTED, DISCRETIONARY GRANTS-RESTRICTED, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION-TITLE I, CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THESE ACCOUNTS BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto and Assemblyman Grady were not present for the vote.)

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on General Government, read the following closing report for the Department Agriculture and the Division of Minerals into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGET ACCOUNTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DIVISION OF MINERALS. THE CLOSING ACTIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAVE RESULTED IN GENERAL FUND SAVINGS TOTALING \$79,335 IN FY 2007-08 AND \$186,381 IN FY 2008-09 WHEN COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET.

ADMINISTRATION (101-4554) AGRICULTURE – 1

AS REPRESENTED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S COST ALLOCATION PLAN DID NOT CONFORM TO THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE REVISED COST ALLOCATION PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FEDERAL FUNDS FOR INDIRECT COSTS TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT WERE REDUCED, WHICH INCREASED GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$82,000 EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A VARIATION OF THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WHICH REALLOCATES STATEWIDE COST ALLOCATIONS, ATTORNEY GENERAL COST ALLOCATIONS, PURCHASING ASSESSMENTS, RENT, AND UTILITIES TO THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES TO COST ALLOCATIONS FROM THE SUPPORTING ACCOUNTS. THE REVISED COST ALLOCATION PLAN FURTHER TRANSFERS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INDIRECT COST RECOVERY FROM FEDERAL FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORTING ACCOUNTS. THE MODIFIED PLAN CONTINUES TO BE BASED ON FTE COUNTS AS APPROVED BY THE 2005 LEGISLATURE.

GAS POLLUTION STANDARDS (101-4537) AGRICULTURE – 9

THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO DEFER THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE TWO NEW GAS CHROMATOGRAPHS TO TEST ALTERNATIVE FUELS UNTIL THE DEMAND FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL TESTING INCREASES ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY THE \$120,000 COST FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE \$17,325 IN EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM TO FUND THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL SAMPLES STATEWIDE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT.

PLANT INDUSTRY (101-4540) AGRICULTURE – 15

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF REVISED REVENUE PROJECTIONS WHICH INCREASE LICENSING AND FEE REVENUE BY \$23,251 IN FY 2007-08 AND \$86,140 IN FY 2008-09 WITH CORRESPONDING REDUCTIONS TO GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS OF \$150,080 IN FY 2008 AND \$16,952 IN FY 2009 FOR 14 DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE DIVISION'S SPARKS AND LAS VEGAS OFFICES, INCLUDING BUILDING EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS, ADA SIGNAGE, FENCING IMPROVEMENTS AND THE RELOCATION OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE GALLETTI WAY PROPERTY IN SPARKS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A THREE-GRADE PAY INCREASE FOR 4.0 FTE SWORN PEACE OFFICERS IN ORDER TO BRING THE AGENCY'S PEACE OFFICERS INTO PAY PARITY WITH THE SWORN OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

LIVESTOCK INSPECTION (101-4546) AGRICULTURE – 35

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF REVISED REVENUE PROJECTIONS, WHICH INCREASE VARIOUS FEE REVENUES BY A TOTAL OF \$107,220 IN FY 2007-08 AND \$258,083 IN FY 2008-09 WITH CORRESPONDING, INCREASES TO RESERVE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A THREE-GRADE PAY INCREASE FOR 2.5 FTE SWORN PEACE OFFICERS IN ORDER TO BRING THE AGENCY'S PEACE OFFICERS INTO PAY PARITY WITH THE SWORN OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (101-4551) AGRICULTURE – 53

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INCREASING THE AGENCY'S PETROLEUM INSPECTION FEE REVENUE PROJECTIONS BY \$65,768 IN FY 2007-08 AND \$70,970 IN FY 2008-09 WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES TO THE AGENCY'S RESERVE. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE \$30,000 OVER THE BIENNIUM TO REPLACE EXISTING EQUIPMENT THAT HAS REACHED ITS USEFUL LIFE. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE ONE VEHICLE, AS THE AGENCY'S RESERVE LEVEL IS PROJECTED TO EQUAL LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE MONTH OF THE AGENCY'S OPERATING EXPENDITURES OVER THE BIENNIUM.

COMMISSION ON MINERAL, DIVISION OF MINERALS (101-4219) MINERALS – 1

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO REPLACE ONE THREE-QUARTER TON PICK-UP TRUCK AND COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR ONE NEW THREE-QUARTER TON PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE AGENCY'S ABANDONED MINE LAND PROGRAM AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BARBED WIRE AND T-POSTS TO SECURE ABANDONED MINE SITES.

THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ACCOUNTS WERE CLOSED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE WITH ONLY MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S REVISED COST ALLOCATION PLAN:

- GRADE & ID OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS (101-4541) AGRICULTURE – 24
- AGRICULTURE REGISTRATION/ENFORCEMENT (101-4545) AGRICULTURE -28
- VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICES (101-4550) AGRICULTURE – 44
- NOXIOUS WEED & INSECT CONTROL (101-4552) AGRICULTURE – 59
- MORMON CRICKETS & GRASSHOPPERS (101-4556) AGRICULTURE – 66
- PREDATORY ANIMAL & RODENT CONTROL (101-4600) AGRICULTURE – 71

- NEVADA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD (101-4980)
AGRICULTURE – 75

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DIVISION OF MINERALS' CLOSING REPORT.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto and Assemblyman Grady were not present for the vote.)

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chairwoman, Joint Subcommittee on General Government, read the following closing report for the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation into the record:

THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF THE BUDGETS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION (DETR) AND HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S 2007-09 BIENNIUM BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FUNDING IN THE ESD SPECIAL FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT (235-4771) FOR A STUDY THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR A REPLACEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT SYSTEM. THIS UNRESOLVED ISSUE IS THE FINAL ITEM IN THIS REPORT AND REQUIRES ACTION BY THE FULL COMMITTEE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS RESULT IN A GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF \$85,173 IN FY 2008 AND \$80,362 IN FY 2009 AS COMPARED TO THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND SAVINGS IS CONTINGENT ON THE FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOCATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

DETR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (BA 101-3272) DETR-1: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANAGEMENT ANALYST II AND AN ESD PROGRAM SPECIALIST III POSITION DUE TO DETR BEING ASSIGNED FISCAL AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED RECLASSIFICATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II TO A PROGRAM OFFICER I IN ORDER TO RELIEVE SENIOR LEVEL STAFF OF TECHNICAL LEASING AND CONTRACTING DUTIES. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET ACCOUNT SO THAT OVERALL DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOCATIONS ARE REDUCED. EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS OF \$54,106 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM WERE APPROVED BY REDUCING REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND BY DEFERRING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ESTABLISHING THE NEW MANAGEMENT ANALYST II AND ESD PROGRAM SPECIALIST III FROM OCTOBER 2007 TO JANUARY 2008.

INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT AND PROCESSING (BA 101-3274)

DETR-7: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET ACCOUNT SO THAT OVERALL DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOCATIONS ARE REDUCED. EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS OF \$359,730 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM WERE APPROVED BY ELIMINATING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND A PROJECT TO REDESIGN AND UPGRADE THE DETR WEBSITE AND BY REDUCING NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

NEVADA EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION (BA 101-2580) DETR-19:

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE EXPENSES BY \$285,448 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM IN TO ORDER ALIGN EXPENDITURES TO ANTICIPATED FEDERAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CONTRACT REVENUE. THIS EXPENDITURE REDUCTION RESULTS FROM THE ELIMINATION OF 2.5 VACANT FTE POSITIONS. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY \$50,000 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM IN THIS BUDGET ACCOUNT THROUGH PERSONNEL VACANCY SAVINGS.

DETR REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION (BA 101-3268)

REHAB 1: IN ORDER TO INCREASE ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES AND ENHANCE THE STATE USE PROGRAM AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY (101-3156) WITHIN THE REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND AND COST ALLOCATED EXPENDITURES BY \$15,072 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM BY REDUCING IN-STATE TRAVEL COSTS AND NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.

BUREAU OF DISABILITY ADJUDICATION (BA 101-3269)

REHAB-17: ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDED A 9.9 PERCENT INFLATIONARY INCREASE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, RECORDS, AND TRAVEL COSTS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A 6.6 PERCENT INCREASE FOR EXAMINATIONS AND RECORDS, AND DID NOT APPROVE AN INFLATIONARY INCREASE IN CLIENT MEDICAL TRAVEL COSTS. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR INFLATION FOR MEDICAL RECORDS AND EXAMINATION COSTS, THE ACTION TO APPROVE A 6.6 PERCENT INFLATIONARY INCREASE RESULTS IN THE ADDITION OF \$267,975 MORE THAN THE AMOUNT IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM BECAUSE FUNDING FOR INFLATION FOR FY 2007 WAS OMITTED FROM THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE FOR CONTRACTED MEDICAL DETERMINATION COSTS TOTALING \$167,544 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE

APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A VACANT COMPUTER TECHNICIAN POSITION TO A SENIOR PHYSICIAN IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF CONTRACTED MEDICAL CONSULTANT SERVICES THAT RESULTS FROM A LIMITATION SET ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS CONTRACTORS CAN PERFORM WORK FOR DETR. BASED UPON A RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED A REDUCTION IN CONTRACT SERVICES OF \$122,200 IN BOTH YEARS OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO ADJUST THE BUDGET FOR MEDICAL SERVICES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE NEW SENIOR PHYSICIAN POSITION.

BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (BA 101-3265)

REHAB-25: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED REESTABLISHING CLIENT SERVICES TO THE MODIFIED FUNDING LEVELS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AN ADJUSTMENT THAT PROVIDES EQUAL AMOUNTS OF CLIENT SERVICES EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION IN BOTH YEARS OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S ACTION RESULTS IN CLIENT SERVICES FUNDING OF \$6,081,157 IN BOTH YEARS OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM, WHICH COMPARES TO THE FY 2006 EXPENDITURE AMOUNT OF \$6,099,927. THE NET ADJUSTMENT APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF CLIENT SERVICES IS \$2,802,733 FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. TO ALLOW MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT EVALUATION OF REHABILITATION PROGRAM DATA, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED \$202,952 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO CREATE DATA WAREHOUSING CAPABILITIES FOR THE REHABILITATION AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEM OF NEVADA. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS THROUGH PERSONNEL VACANCY SAVINGS, REDUCING TRAVEL AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PURCHASES; ELIMINATING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY, AND DECREASING STAFF TRAINING.

BUREAU OF SERVICES TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (BA 101-3254) REHAB-33:

THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED REESTABLISHING CLIENT SERVICES TO THE MODIFIED FUNDING LEVELS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH AN ADJUSTMENT THAT PROVIDES EQUAL AMOUNTS OF CLIENT SERVICES EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION IN BOTH YEARS OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S ACTION RESULTS IN CLIENT SERVICES FUNDING OF \$1,436,000 IN BOTH YEARS OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM, WHICH COMPARES TO THE FY 2006 EXPENDITURE AMOUNT OF \$1,440,603. THE NET ADJUSTMENT APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF CLIENT SERVICES IS \$1,523,881 FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS THROUGH PERSONNEL VACANCY SAVINGS, REDUCING TRAVEL AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PURCHASES, AND DECREASING STAFF TRAINING.

BLIND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (BA 101-3253)

REHAB-41: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED FUNDING OF \$951,098 DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM FOR EXPANSION OF THE BLIND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE FUNDING WILL PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING, TRAVEL, AND BENEFITS FOR BLIND VENDORS AS WELL AS THE REMODEL OF TWO EXISTING BLIND VENDOR FACILITIES, AND THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW BLIND VENDOR FACILITIES DURING THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM.

DETR CAREER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (BA 205-4767)

ESD-10: DUE TO CONCERNS REGARDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE RESERVE BALANCE IN THIS BUDGET, THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT APPROVE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM BY \$2.5 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. INSTEAD, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED \$1 MILLION FOR FY 2008 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM UNTIL EXISTING INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING CONTRACTS EXPIRE. FUNDING FOR THE INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM WAS NOT APPROVED FOR FY 2009. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE REQUESTED A BDR THAT WOULD REMOVE FROM STATUTE THE AUTHORITY FOR DETR TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR INCUMBENT WORKERS. DUE TO SAVINGS GENERATED FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND, THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF \$360,000 IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM FOR TEN INTERMITTENT POSITIONS TO CONTINUE THE REEMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS UNEMPLOYED WORKERS RETURN TO WORK MORE QUICKLY.

Assemblywoman Leslie expressed concerns regarding the bill draft request (BDR) to remove from statute the authority for the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) to provide training for incumbent workers and questioned whether the current funding level would continue.

Assemblywoman McClain advised that the Subcommittee raised concerns regarding the large amount of funding provided to the Career Enhancement Program, which was expanded by the 2003 Legislature to include training for incumbent workers. However, Assemblywoman McClain pointed out that the training for incumbent workers was only recently initiated in September 2006. Assemblywoman McClain indicated that staff had also proposed an option that continued the current \$1 million level of funding in each year of the 2007-09 biennium.

Assemblywoman Leslie requested that the BDR be eliminated and that the Committee approve \$1 million in each year of the 2007-09 biennium to continue the current level of funding for the incumbent worker training program.

Assemblywoman McClain agreed.

DETR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SPECIAL FUND (BA 235-4771)
ESD-17: THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED \$3,463,366 OVER THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO FUND BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR AGENCY OWNED BUILDINGS, REDUCING THE GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDED FUNDING BY \$411,417 TO DELETE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED PARKING AT THE LAS VEGAS ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND CARPET REPLACEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT’S CARSON CITY OFFICE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE GOVERNOR’S PROPOSAL TO SPEND \$2,591,502 TO COMPLETE A 24-MONTH STUDY THAT WOULD DEVELOP THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR AN INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM TO REPLACE THE CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT SYSTEMS. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, DETR HAS REEVALUATED THE GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE INCREASED RISK TO THE SYSTEM’S REPLACEMENT, THE SPECIFICATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CAN BE REDUCED BY \$593,144 TO PROVIDE TOTAL FUNDING OF \$1,998,358 FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED THE BUDGETS FOR THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BUREAU (101-3273), THE CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (101-3258), AND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PROGRAM (205-4770). THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THESE BUDGET ACCOUNTS BE CLOSED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH MINOR TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS.

THE FOLLOWING CHART SUMMARIZES THE GENERAL FUND SAVINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE’S ACTIONS:

Budget Account	Budget Description	FY 2008	FY 2009
2580	Equal Rights Commission	\$25,000	\$25,000
3268	Rehabilitation Administration	\$162	\$162
3265	Vocational Rehabilitation	\$46,714	\$44,259
3254	Services To The Blind And Visually Impaired	\$13,297	\$10,941
Total General Fund Savings:		\$85,173	\$80,362

Chairman Arberry questioned the decision to reduce expenses in the Equal Rights Commission (ERC) budget by eliminating 2.5 full-time equivalent positions.

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, indicated that the positions were eliminated based on a lack of federal funding.

In response to concerns Chairman Arberry raised regarding how elimination of the positions would affect the ERC caseload backlog, Eric King, Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, advised that federal funding was established based on caseload and indicated he believed that the elimination of vacant positions would not affect the caseload.

In response to Chairman Arberry who asked whether the ERC performance indicators reflected caseload data, Mr. King advised that the ERC Performance Indicators did reflect caseload history.

Additionally, Mr. King advised the Committee that the funding for the ERC budget had fluctuated within \$100,000 to \$200,000 since 2004, and the fluctuation was not out of the ordinary.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CLOSING REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND REHABILITATION BUDGET WITH ONE REVISION TO APPROVE \$1 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM.

Mr. Stevens referenced the Employment Security Special (ESD) Fund (235-4771) and pointed out that the Subcommittee took no action on the budget recommendation to spend \$2,591,502 to complete a 24-month study to develop the specifications for an information processing system to replace the current unemployment contribution and benefit systems. Mr. Stevens advised that the Committee had to take action on the recommendation and provided the following options:

- No funding
- Provide the \$2,591,502 originally recommended in the budget
- Reduce the original \$2,591,502 to \$1,998,358 for the 2007-09 biennium

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE AMENDED HER MOTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CLOSING REPORT FOR THE DETR BUDGET AND TO APPROVE \$1 MILLION IN EACH YEAR OF THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM TO FUND THE INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE APPROVAL TO FUND THE ESD SPECIAL FUND BUDGET ACCOUNT 235-4771 AT THE REDUCED LEVEL OF \$1,998,358 FOR THE 2007-09 BIENNIUM. THE FUNDING WOULD COMPLETE A STUDY TO REPLACE THE CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT SYSTEM.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto, Assemblywoman Smith, and Assemblyman Grady were not present for the vote.)

Assembly Bill 149: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services in the Department of Health and Human Services for the prevention of the abuse of methamphetamine. (BDR S-1038)

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on A.B. 149 ([Exhibit E](#)), and staff distributed a copy of Proposed Amendment 4100 ([Exhibit F](#)).

Assemblywoman Leslie advised the Committee that A.B. 149 appropriated funding to the Division of Mental Health and Development Services for the prevention of the abuse of methamphetamine. The Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services moved the bill "do pass" to the Assembly

Committee on Ways and Means. Assemblywoman Leslie further advised that the Joint Subcommittee on K-12/Human Services closed the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services' budget with a \$2 million appropriation for the prevention of the abuse of methamphetamine as included in The Executive Budget. Section 1 of Proposed Amendment 4100 removed the \$2 million from the bill since the Joint Subcommittee closed the Mental Health and Developmental Services' budget with the funding included.

Assemblywoman Leslie advised that she had served as a member of the Attorney General's Task Force to find ways to reduce methamphetamine supply and addiction problems, and Section 2 of the amendment proposed language consistent with recommendations proposed by the Task Force on how to distribute the proposed funding.

Assemblywoman Leslie further advised that the Department of Human Resources assisted in drafting the amendment to include a provision that funding must be used by Community Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions to increase awareness, provide public education, and implement environmental strategies.

Additionally, Assemblywoman Leslie advised that Subsection 3 of the Amendment required the coalitions to document involvement with local, elected and appointed officials. Assemblywoman Leslie indicated that all legislators should have received a letter advising of coalition contacts within their particular communities.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS MOVED APPROVAL TO AMEND AND DO
PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 149.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto,
Assemblywoman Smith, and Assemblyman Grady were not present
for the vote.)

**Assembly Bill 354 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the health of
pupils. (BDR 34-850)**

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie advised the Committee that Assemblywoman Parnell sponsored A.B. 354 (R1) ([Exhibit G](#)), a bill that revised provisions governing the health of pupils.

Assemblywoman Leslie indicated that she raised concerns relative to A.B. 354 (R1) after a previous amendment removed a \$75,000 appropriation to the Health Division to convene two statewide meetings to identify children's health-related issues but required the Legislative Committee on Health Care to hold at least one hearing that focused on children's health-related issues.

Larry Matheis, who represented the Nevada State Medical Association, prepared an amendment ([Exhibit H](#)), which reverted to the original language in the bill to ensure that all Nevada elementary school students had two health screenings.

Chairman Arberry noted that the amendment removed the \$75,000 appropriation but ensured that students received health-care screenings.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED APPROVAL TO AMEND
AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 354 (R1).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

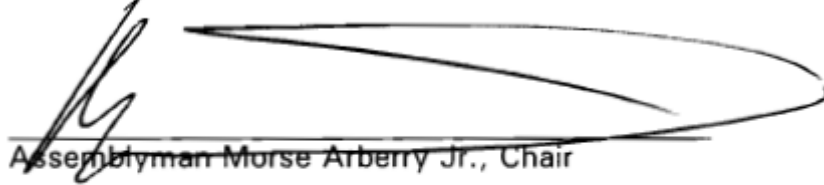
THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Koivisto, Assemblywoman Smith, and Assemblyman Grady were not present for the vote.)

Chairman Arberry adjourned the hearing at 4:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Connie Davis
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
Committee Name: <u>Committee on Ways and Means</u>			
Date: <u>May 17, 2007</u>		Time of Meeting: <u>1:30 p.m.</u>	
Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Guest List
<u>AB611</u>	C	Larry Matheis, Nevada State Medical Association and Nevada Covering Kids and Families Coalition	Appropriation to Health Care Financing and Policy for outreach activities to assist those eligible for health care.
<u>AB612</u>	D	Brian Davie, Legislative Services Officer, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) Las Vegas, and Chairman of the State of Nevada Deferred Compensation Committee	Revises provisions governing Deferred Compensation Program.
<u>AB149</u>	E	Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie	Appropriation for the prevention of methamphetamine abuse.
<u>AB149</u>	F	Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie	Amendment
<u>AB354</u>	G	Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie	Revises provisions governing the health of pupils.
<u>AB354</u>	H	Larry Matheis, Nevada State Medical Association	Amendment