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Statement Prepared by the Council Ways and Means Committee.

THE TERRITORY'S FINANCES.

More Bonds and Higher Taxes are Both Opposed.— Heavy Cuts Recommended.

Following is the report of the Council ways and means committee on the financial condition of the Territory:

Mr. President—Your committee on ways and means respectfully represent that a financial condition confronts the present Legislature that should, in our judgment, receive our most careful attention. It is not dissimilar, however, only in increased proportions, to that which has attended the last three sessions.

January, 1888, the appropriation bill provided for an expenditure for the two years ensuing in excess of the revenue to the amount of—

Total appropriations	$422,700 00
In January, 1890, for	206,000 00
In January, 1892, for	326,121 61
Making a total deficit of	$954,821 61

To meet this deficit bonds were issued as follows:

First series, in 1888, for	$200,000 00
Second series, in 1890, for	250,000 00
Third series, in 1892, for	300,000 00
Total amount of bonds issued	$750,000 00

The entire amount has been discussed in meeting the deficits enumerated, and a balance remains for the present legislature to provide for of $43,000.61, and to this the amount expended by the Utah World's Fair commission, for which no appropriation was made, of $58,537.25, which leaves a deficit of $101,537.86 confronting the present Legislature.

Your committee have carefully considered the various items of sundry expenditures necessary to be made, based upon reports received for the ensuing two years, a detailed statement of which is herein attached, marked exhibit A, and made a part of this report. These items represent the amount necessary, as stated by officers in charge, for the maintenance of the Territorial public institutions and the payment of salaries of officers, jurors, witnesses, interests on territorial bonds, contingent expenses and claims now considered and being considered before the claims committee.

Your committee in this statement have not provided for the appropriation of any sums for erection or repairs of public buildings, university and agricultural supplies, canines, militia, etc. That the revenue from all sources will not exceed for the years 1894 and 1895 the revenue for the two past years seems quite conclusive, unless the general tax should be increased. Entirely free from this point of view there will then be a deficit of about $207,421.86.

Your committee feel of the opinion that it would be bad policy at your Legislature to meet this deficit by the issuance of bonds or the increasing of the general tax. The current economic, in our judgment, should not exceed the revenue, a policy entirely to which would in due time lose our Territorial financial rank.

Your committee after a careful and full consideration of the question, are of the opinion that the amount as shown by exhibit A be appropriated to pay the salaries and the current expenses for the ensuing two years.

The deficits as above offered from the amounts named for by the officers of the several public institutions, or the amounts heretofore paid for salaries, are requested on account of the present condition of business, will doubtless be sufficient for the purpose, but the deficit of $58,537.25 will be left for private relief.

All of which is respectfully submitted. ELIAS MORRIS,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT A.

Estimate expenditures for the years 1894 and 1895:

Salaries as per auditor's report, for	
Utah Militia, for	$ 12,000 00
Territorial printing for the ensuing two years	15,000 00
Territorial binding for the ensuing two years	10,000 00
Territorial contingent expenses for the ensuing two years	15,000 00
Territorial library, for the ensuing two years	2,000 00
Territorial stationery, for the ensuing two years	2,000 00
Territorial telegraph, for the ensuing two years	1,000 00
Territorial telephone, for the ensuing two years	1,000 00
Territorial treasurer's salary	3,000 00
Territorial treasurer's clerk hire	2,000 00
Interest on territorial bonds, coupons, etc., for the ensuing two years	90,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's salary	3,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's clerk hire	1,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's traveling expenses	1,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's office expenses	1,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's printing	1,000 00
Territorial school commissioner's postage	500 00
Territorial school commissioner's telegraph and telephone	500 00
Territorial school commissioner's incidentals	500