

Columbia, South Carolina
November 7, 1951

The State Budget and Control Board met in the Governor's office at 3:00 P. M. on November 7. Governor Byrnes and Mr. Verner were present at this meeting. Senator Brown was not present because of sickness; Mr. Bates was in New York on State's business, and Mr. Rhodes was absent because of a previous engagement.

The Board studied the tentative budget submitted by the State Auditor and the estimate of revenue prepared by him. After amending the budget with respect to appropriations proposed for some of the departments and institutions, the revised budget was adopted by the Board conditioned on the approval of the absent members.

The State Auditor was directed to contact these members of the Board and to get their approval or their suggestions for any proposed changes.

Mr. Tatum Gressette, Director of the State Retirement System, attended the meeting in the interest of a request by Mr. Charles F. Lynn, an employee of the Research, Planning and Development Board, who was leaving the service of the State. Mr. Lynn had a record of 19 years and 9 months service with the State, and an additional four months service which he claimed because of work performed for the University while a student there, for which work he was paid, as evidenced by verification from University officials. The Board had previously ruled that service as a student assistant would not be considered in computing the service of a state employee.

The Board had before it an opinion of the Attorney General that such service is valid, the Board to decide each case on the facts.

In view of the Attorney General's opinion and the established fact that Mr. Lynn did actually perform work at the University, for which he was paid, the Board agreed that in his case the service rendered the University would be permitted to be computed as service within the meaning of the Retirement Act. The State Auditor was directed to so notify the Director of the Retirement System and Mr. Lynn.

The Board then adjourned.

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