

## Senate

## COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 7, 1969

The twenty-third meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on March 7, 1969 at 12:30 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson  
Warren L. Monroe  
Vernon E. Bunker  
Chic Hecht  
Carl F. Dodge  
Marvin L. White

Also present were:

Senator Cliff Young  
Ray Knisley

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. Under consideration was one bill.

AB-278 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Declares recreational use of water a beneficial use.

Both Chairman Gibson and Mr. Knisley spoke briefly on this bill. Its importance at this time was involved with the California legislators in their consideration of The Nevada-California Compact. It was stressed that passage of this bill would materially aid the California legislators in switching their opinion and would aid in the Compact Bill going through. This bill would involve the change of 30,000 acre feet from agricultural use (so designated) to recreational use. Senator Monroe spoke regarding his concern for Pyramid Lake and the Indians. Senator Gibson noted the bill provides no recreational use with priority and would include fishing and wild-life.

Senator Farr moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Bunker. Vote was unanimous for passage.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia F. Burke*

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Committee Secretary

**A. B. 278**

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**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 278—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS****FEBRUARY 13, 1969**

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**Referred to Committee on Government Affairs****SUMMARY—Declares recreational use of water a beneficial use. (BDR 48-1447)****EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.**

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**AN ACT relating to water; declaring that the use of water for recreational purposes is a beneficial use; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*****The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:***

- 1** SECTION 1. NRS 533.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2** 533.030 *1.* Subject to existing rights, all such water may be appro-
- 3** priated for beneficial use as provided in this chapter and not otherwise.
- 4** *2.* *The use of water, from any stream system as provided in this*
- 5** *chapter and from underground water as provided in NRS 534.080, for*
- 6** *any recreational purpose, is hereby declared to be a beneficial use.*