

## COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 16, 1969

The forty-second meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments met on the 16th day of April, 1969, at 4:30 P.M.

Committee members present: James Gibson, Chairman  
Warren Monroe  
Marvin White  
Chic Hecht  
F. W. Farr  
Carl F. Dodge  
Vernon Bunker

Others present were:

Assemblyman Hilbrecht  
Assemblyman Smith

Press representatives

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order. Several bills were under consideration.

ACR-52 Proposed by Mr. Swackhamer.  
Congratulates partners in Cortez Gold Mine.

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

AB-763 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Changes population basis for the exercise of powers by local governments when based upon population.

Mr. Smith explained that this bill was the result of a request from Washoe county, and that Mr. McDonald had drafted this bill to take care of the necessary corrections in the population basis they have on the effective moment, which will be the delivery of the census to the president in October of 1970.

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

AB-788 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Prohibits incorporation of new cities in Clark County without approval of legislature.

Mr. Smith commented on this bill, stating that it was brought about as the result of the introduction of AB-783 which was the consolidation bill -- they had run into serious problems in their delegation meeting and everyone

was concerned that there is now prepared and ready for introduction a new charter for a new city in the Las Vegas area, which would seriously complicate their problems today. This bill was brought out to stop that annexation.

Chairman Gibson stated that he felt this was an essential piece of legislation. Following discussion, Senator Monroe moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Hecht. Vote for passage was unanimous.

AB-458 Proposed by Messrs. Branch, Mello, May, Schouweiler, Wilson, Tim Hafen, Bowler, Bryan, Espinoza, Wood and Hilbrecht. Provides that annual audit of funds and accounts of local governments shall be made under supervision of Nevada tax commission.

Mr. Smith stated that this bill came about as the result of a long series of meetings with accountants, the Nevada Tax Commission, with municipalities, school people, county people, et cetera, and they felt they now have the language everyone approves of. Mr. Hilbrecht pointed out that previously this bill had provided that the Tax Commission would select the auditors, which was objectionable to the local subdivisions, so it was changed to its present language which now reads that they still have the responsibility of selecting their own auditor, but that the Tax Commission, under its examination authorities may make a determination in the public interest that a "re-audit" be done. In the event they should make that determination then they will pick another auditor and basis is given here for consultation with the Nevada Board of Public Accountants, the local government involved, the attorney general and anybody else who can supply that information.

Senator Dodge felt that they had not outlined sufficiently the type of information needed from the original audit, or if, in fact, some special information comes to light, or there is an area that has not been reviewed, then they should go in in that area alone -- they should not (as the bill says) order a re-examination and another audit. Mr. Smith replied that they had found it impossible to sit down and define every area that the audit should be conducted in.

There was extensive discussion regarding this bill, with the conclusion that more information was needed before any action could be taken on it.

AB-762 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs. Requires local governments to use accrual or modified accrual accounting systems.

Mr. Smith stated that the only problem they had had on this was working out the time schedule -- all the municipalities or affected organizations were contacted, and the accountants took into account the time required to bring all these people up to a standard.

After brief discussion, Senator Farr moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Hecht. Vote for passage was unanimous.

AB-792 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Requires creation of special committee to study local government problems in Clark County.

Mr. Hilbrecht explained the background on this bill, stating that it arose out of AB-783 which was a bill that would have required the formation by the Clark County Commission of a charter committee to draft a new charter for a certain designated area in Clark County, which would have been Winchester, Paradise, the City of Las Vegas, and the City of North Las Vegas. There was a good deal of resistance from the City of North Las Vegas, although they did not express opposition to a study approach to the problem -- that was what was attempted to be effectuated by this bill. He further stated that this bill received unanimous approval in the Assembly. Mr. Hilbrecht proceeded to go through the bill section by section explaining the intent of each provision.

Following discussion, Senator Dodge moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator Bunker. The vote on this motion carried, with the exception of Senator White voting "nay".

AB-754 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Authorizes counties to establish hospital districts.

Mr. Smith stated that this was introduced at the request of Bryan Hafen specifically for Mesquite. This would permit the Board of County Commissioners to establish a hospital district very similar to a fire district and under the control of the county hospital board a hospital would be constructed and maintained -- the cost would be put up by the residents of the hospital district. This would give the people in some of the far out parts of the county an opportunity to build a small hospital that they could afford to maintain and get the medical service that they badly need now.

There was further discussion after which the committee decided to consult Mr. Daykin of the Legislative Counsel Bureau before taking action.

AB-437 Proposed by Messrs. Hilbrecht and Smith.  
Extends requirement of approval of local government bond issues by county bond commission.

In regard to this bill Mr. Smith said he felt this was a very significant piece of legislation -- he had served on the bond commission in Clark County for the past year and found that they had no tools with which to work. This does provide the guidelines with which the bond commission can work. There was discussion as to the composition of the bond commission and its purpose. Senator Farr requested that they hold this bill until he could consult his own bond commission in this regard.

Chairman Gibson then turned to a proposed bill (not yet introduced) concerning the North Las Vegas audit. The Summary on the bill is as follows: "Authorizes additional expenditure from legislative fund by joint committee

"appointed to investigate municipal financing." It was felt that this bill should be introduced as soon as possible.

AB-138 Proposed by Messrs. Smith, Swallow, Lowman, Espinoza and Reid.  
Permits certain library and school district purchases by informal bids. Executive estimate of cost: None.

There was discussion regarding this bill and the needed amendments. Senator Bunker moved Amend and Do Pass, seconded by Senator Monroe. Vote for this action was unanimous.

AB-713 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Authorizes Mineral County power system to purchase equipment, supplies of value under \$2,500 without advertising for bids.

Chairman Gibson went over the necessary amendments to this bill. Following discussion Senator Bunker moved Amend and Do Pass, seconded by Senator Monroe. Vote for this action was unanimous.

AJR-43 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Urges certain federal officials to cooperate with Nevada in obtaining federal funds to complete RENOVation.

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

AB-186 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs.  
Increases public employer contribution under group insurance program.

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

AB-282 Proposed by Committee on Government Affairs (By request).  
Permits highway engineer to give final acceptance to contracts in some instances if uncompleted portion is insubstantial. Executive estimate of cost: None.

Senator Dodge went over the background and purpose of this bill, stating that he felt it was a justifiable bill. Following discussion Senator Bunker moved Do Pass, seconded by Senator White. Vote for passage was unanimous.

AB-400 Proposed by Messrs. Getto and Dini.  
Authorizes volunteer firemen to join public employees' retirement system.

Chairman Gibson stated that he felt this should be re-referred to the Finance Committee as they had been handling all of the retirement bills.

Senator Monroe moved that this bill be re-referred to the Finance Committee, seconded by Senator Bunker. Vote for this action was unanimous.

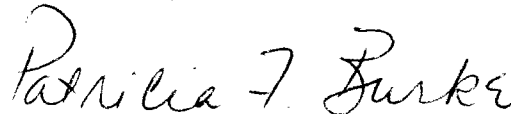
AB-646 Proposed by Messrs. Close and Bowler.  
Exempts certain suppliers of water from requirement to fluoridate water.

Chairman Gibson referred to the Nevada Revised Statutes reading the applicable provisions as referred to in this bill (NRS 445.033 to 445.037). It was decided after brief discussion to hold action on this pending further clarification.

Chairman Gibson then turned to SB-526 (setting county officials salaries). He said that he would prepare suggested amendments to the table of salaries that would answer all the presentations that had been given to him. The committee concurred that he should work this out and bring it back for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Patricia F. Burke,  
Committee secretary

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**A. C. R. 52**


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**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—  
MR. SWACKHAMER**
**APRIL 9, 1969**


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**Read and adopted**
**SUMMARY—Congratulates partners in Cortez Gold Mine. (BDR 1935)**

**EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.**


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**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Congratulating the  
partners in the Cortez Gold Mine Venture.**

- 1    **WHEREAS**, The recent opening of the Cortez Gold Mine in northeastern  
2 Nevada places Nevada in the runner-up position among the gold-  
3 producing states of the nation; and  
4    **WHEREAS**, This significant event is an occasion to emphasize the great  
5 interest of the people of this state in the mining industry; and  
6    **WHEREAS**, The discovery and development of the Cortez Gold Mine is  
7 a tribute to the progressive spirit which is prevalent in the mining indus-  
8 try; now, therefore, be it  
9    *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of Nevada, the Senate concur-*  
10 *ring*, That American Exploration and Mining Company, Bunker Hill Co.,  
11 Vernon F. Taylor, Jr. and Webb Resources Inc., partners in this mining  
12 venture, are hereby congratulated for promoting the interests of the State  
13 of Nevada and contributing to the economy of the state in such a com-  
14 mendable fashion; and be it further  
15    *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted  
16 forthwith by the legislative counsel to each partner in the Cortez Gold  
17 Mine Joint Venture.

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 763

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 ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 763—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 31, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Changes population basis for the exercise of powers by local governments when based upon population. (BDR 20-1938)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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 AN ACT relating to county populations; changing the population basis for the exercise of powers by local governments when based upon population; 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 6.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 2 6.045 1. The district court in and for any county with a population  
 3 of **[75,000]** *100,000* or more, as determined by the last preceding  
 4 national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Depart-  
 5 ment of Commerce, may by rule of court designate the clerk of the court  
 6 or one of his deputies as jury commissioner, and may assign to the jury  
 7 commissioner such administrative duties in connection with trial juries  
 8 and jurors as the court finds desirable for efficient administration.  
 9 2. If a jury commissioner is so selected, he shall in January of each  
 10 year estimate the number of trial jurors which will be required for attend-  
 11 ance on the district court until the next annual selection, and shall select  
 12 such number from the qualified electors of the county not exempt by law  
 13 from jury duty, whether registered as voters or not. He shall keep a  
 14 record of the name, occupation and address of each person so selected.  
 15 SEC. 2. NRS 62.123 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 16 62.123 1. The judge or judges of each judicial district which includes  
 17 a county having a population of **[120,000]** *200,000* or more, as deter-  
 18 mined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census  
 19 of the United States Department of Commerce, may appoint a director  
 20 of court services directly responsible to the court to coordinate the serv-  
 21 ices of and serve as liaison between the court and all agencies in the  
 22 judicial district dealing with juveniles, including, but not limited to, the  
 23 welfare division of the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation,  
 24 the public schools of the judicial district, all law enforcement agencies of

**A. B. 788****ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 788—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

APRIL 11, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

**SUMMARY**—Prohibits incorporation of new cities in Clark County without approval of legislature. (BDR S-2014)**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT to prohibit the incorporation of cities in Clark County except pursuant to some act of the 55th session of the legislature.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

- 1     **SECTION 1.** The legislature finds that:  
2     1. The problems of financing city government are peculiarly acute in  
3     Clark County, which has experienced the most rapid and extensive urban-  
4     ization in the state.  
5     2. The creation of new cities without careful exploration of their  
6     potential financial resources can only compound these problems.  
7     3. The problems of Clark County in these respects are unique and  
8     perhaps transitory, to which a general law cannot be made applicable.  
9     **SEC. 2.** After the effective date of this act, no city may be incorpo-  
10    rated in Clark County pursuant to any general law, unless such law was  
11    newly enacted by this 55th session of the legislature of the State of  
12    Nevada. This section does not preclude the incorporation of a city by or  
13    pursuant to a special law enacted by this 55th session of the legislature of  
14    the State of Nevada.  
15    **SEC. 3.** This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.



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 10 rated in Clark County pursuant to any general law, unless such law was  
 11 newly enacted by this 55th session of the legislature of the State of  
 12 Nevada. This section does not preclude the incorporation of a city by or  
 13 pursuant to a special law enacted by this 55th session of the legislature of  
 14 the State of Nevada.  
 15 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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A. B. 762

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 762—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 28, 1969

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires local governments to use accrual or modified accrual  
accounting systems. (BDR 31-1947)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to local governments; requiring local governments to use an  
accrual or modified accrual accounting system; 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 244.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 244.275 1. The board of county commissioners shall have power  
3 and jurisdiction in their respective counties:  
4 (a) To purchase any real or personal property necessary for the use  
5 of the county.  
6 (b) To lease any real or personal property necessary for the use of  
7 the county. The provisions of NRS 244.320 shall not apply concerning  
8 leases of real property, and members of the board shall be allowed to  
9 vote on any contract or lease which extends beyond their terms of office.  
10 2. No purchase of real property shall be made unless the value of the  
11 same be previously appraised and fixed by three disinterested persons to  
12 be appointed for that purpose by the district judge. The persons so  
13 appointed shall be sworn to make a true appraisal thereof according  
14 to the best of their knowledge and ability.  
15 [3. Where a county has selected the cash basis of accounting pursu-  
16 ant to NRS 354.622, the board of county commissioners may enter into  
17 secured transactions or contracts providing for deferred payment of the  
18 purchase price of any equipment, supplies, materials or other personal  
19 property purchased for the county, but as provided in NRS 244.320, no  
20 member of the board shall be allowed to vote on any contract which  
21 extends beyond his term of office.]  
22 SEC. 2. NRS 354.622 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
23 354.622 [The] 1. *Until June 30, 1972, the business of every local*  
24 *government shall be transacted upon a cash, accrual or modified accrual*

1 basis as defined in NRS 354.470 to 354.626, inclusive, at the option of  
2 the local governing body, with the approval of the Nevada tax commis-  
3 sion, which option shall first be exercised by resolution of the governing  
4 body prior to July 1, 1965. After July 1, 1965, change from one system  
5 of accounting to another shall require the approval of the Nevada tax  
6 commission.

7 2. After June 30, 1972, the business of every local government shall  
8 be transacted upon an accrual or modified accrual basis as the Nevada  
9 tax commission may by regulation prescribe.

10 SEC. 3. 1. Section 2 of this act shall become effective upon passage  
11 and approval.

12 2. Section 1 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1972.

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**A. B. 792**


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**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 792—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**
**APRIL 14, 1969**


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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

**SUMMARY—Requires creation of special committee to study local government problems in Clark County. (BDR S-2026)**


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**EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.**


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AN ACT requiring the board of county commissioners of Clark County to appoint a special committee to study the problems of local governments in Clark County; 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. The legislature finds that:  
 2 1. The varied problems facing the municipal governments in Clark  
 3 County are of interest to the entire State of Nevada but are of special  
 4 concern to the people of Clark County.  
 5 2. The solution to such problems is necessary to the best interests  
 6 of the State of Nevada but an adequate solution requires a careful exam-  
 7 ination of the situation which would extend beyond the present session  
 8 of the legislature.  
 9 SEC. 2. 1. The board of county commissioners of Clark County shall,  
 10 within 30 days after the effective date of this act, appoint a special com-  
 11 mittee to study the problems of local government in Clark County. Such  
 12 committee shall be composed of all members of the assembly and senate  
 13 from Clark County.  
 14 2. The committee shall select its own chairman and its members are  
 15 entitled to receive such per diem and expense allowances as are provided  
 16 by law.  
 17 SEC. 3. The committee appointed for the purposes provided in sec-  
 18 tion 2 of this act shall:  
 19 1. Determine the need to realign or consolidate any local govern-  
 20 ments or other public agencies.  
 21 2. Hold public hearings, seminars and conferences as necessary to  
 22 insure that the people of Clark County are fully informed on any con-  
 23 templated improvements before such improvements are implemented.

1 3. Recommend to the board of county commissioners and other gov-  
2 erning bodies such changes as may be necessary which can be made by  
3 ordinance, interlocal agreement or by any other means locally available.

4 4. Recommend to the next regular or special session of the legislature  
5 any necessary or appropriate legislation, including the adoption of new  
6 city charters.

7 5. Prepare one or more charters for adoption by the people of existing  
8 cities or other designated areas.

9 SEC. 4. 1. The board of county commissioners of Clark County shall  
10 submit any proposed charter which is prepared by the special committee  
11 for adoption by the people to the registered voters:

12 (a) Of the area designated in such proposed charter to be included in  
13 the new city.

14 (b) In the manner and within such time as may be prescribed in such  
15 proposed charter.

16 2. If any such charter receives the favorable vote of a majority of the  
17 registered voters voting on the question, it shall become effective accord-  
18 ing to its terms.

19 SEC. 5. To assist the committee in carrying out the functions required  
20 by this act, the board of county commissioners of Clark County shall:

21 1. Employ as consultant the nonprofit corporation known as Public  
22 Administration Service of Chicago, Illinois.

23 2. Provide office space, staff and secretarial services, necessary publi-  
24 cation costs and such other financial assistance as may be necessary.

25 SEC. 6. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

**A. B. 138**


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 ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 138—MESSRS. SMITH, SWALLOW,  
 LOWMAN, ESPINOZA AND REID
 

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 JANUARY 30, 1969
 

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Permits certain library and school district purchases by informal bids. Executive estimate of cost: None. (BDR 27-156)

 EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.
 

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AN ACT relating to library purchases; permitting certain purchases without advertising; permitting term subscriptions; 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. Chapter 332 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

 3 1. *The purchase of books and library materials for public libraries*  
 4 *and school districts in an amount exceeding \$1,000 may be let on a*  
 5 *contract, by subscription or otherwise, without advertising if requests for*  
 6 *informal bids have been submitted to and such bids have been received*  
 7 *from at least three persons who are capable of performing the contract.*

 8 2. *The contract price for the purchase of such books or library mate-*  
 9 *rials by subscription may be paid in advance of the receipt of such books*  
 10 *or materials.*

11 SEC. 2. NRS 333.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

 12 333.280 1. The chief shall have power to let contracts, by advertis-  
 13 ing therefor in the manner provided for by law, for the furnishing of sup-  
 14 plies, materials and equipment for a period of not more than 1 year, on  
 15 a standard form of contract [.] , *except that contracts may be let for*  
 16 *more than 1 year for the purchase of books or library materials for the*  
 17 *Nevada state library, or public libraries or school districts electing to use*  
 18 *the facilities of the purchasing division, on a subscription basis without*  
 19 *advertising if requests for informal bids have been submitted to and such*  
 20 *bids have been received from at least two persons who are capable of*  
 21 *performing the contract or if such books or library materials may only*  
 22 *be purchased from a single source.*

 23 2. *The contract price for the purchase of such books or library mate-*  
 24 *rials by subscription may be paid in advance of the receipt of such books*  
 25 *or materials.*

- 1 SEC. 3. Chapter 380 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new sec-
- 2 tion which shall read as follows:
- 3 *The price for the purchase of books or library materials by subscrip-*
- 4 *tion may be paid in advance of the receipt of such books or materials.*

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Original bill is on file at  
the Research Library.

**A. B. 713****ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 713—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
AFFAIRS**

MARCH 18, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes Mineral County power system to purchase equipment,  
supplies of value under \$2,500 without advertising for bids. (BDR S-1886)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to authorize the board of county commissioners of the county of Mineral, State of Nevada, to purchase, acquire and construct an electrical power and telephone line, extending from the Lundy generating plant of the Nevada-California power company, situated in the county of Mono, State of California, to the town of Hawthorne, Nevada, and thence via Luning and Mina to the town of Simon in the county of Mineral, State of Nevada, and branches thereof; providing for the maintenance and operation of said line as a public utility; the issuance and sale of bonds therefor; the levy and collection of taxes for the payment of such bonds, and other matters relating thereto," approved March 4, 1921, as amended.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of the above-entitled act, being chapter 45,  
2 Statutes of Nevada 1921, as last amended by chapter 371, Statutes of  
3 Nevada 1963, at page 805, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
4 Section 17. (a) The county commissioners of Mineral County shall  
5 constitute the board of managers. The board of managers shall employ  
6 as general manager of such system, and fix his compensation at not to  
7 exceed \$1,000 per month, a qualified and competent person, but who  
8 must have had at least three years' practical engineering experience with  
9 an electric utility, or as a general or assistant manager or superintendent  
10 of an existing public utility, who shall qualify as required by law, and  
11 give bond in the sum of not less than five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for  
12 the faithful discharge of his duties, who shall have complete charge of  
13 and be liable to said board for his actions in connection with the operation  
14 of said system, and who shall devote his entire time thereto. He shall have  
15 charge of such system, and be responsible to such board for his actions in  
16 connection with the operation thereof. He shall devote all necessary time  
17 thereto, or such time as may be required by such board, and receive such  
18 compensation as may be fixed by said board in their order appointing



A. J. R. 43

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 11, 1969

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges certain federal officials to cooperate with Nevada in  
obtaining federal funds to complete RENOvation. (BDR 1791)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging certain federal officials to cooperate  
with Nevada in obtaining federal funds to complete the plans for RENO-  
vation.

1 WHEREAS, The legislature of the State of Nevada is delighted with the  
2 laudable efforts of all concerned in the progress and plans of the exciting  
3 new concept of RENOvation; and

4 WHEREAS, When Project RENOvation is completed, Reno will be one  
5 of the outstanding tourist attractions in the western United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Although private donations and local support have been  
7 prodigious, additional funds are needed to complete the four-stage  
8 redevelopment program; and

9 WHEREAS, Additional funds may be available from the Federal Gov-  
10 ernment for the completion of the Project RENOvation; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,*  
13 That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of  
14 Health, Education, and Welfare and the Nevada congressional delegation  
15 are respectfully urged to cooperate with the governor and lieutenant  
16 governor of the State of Nevada in obtaining federal funds for the com-  
17 pletion of Project RENOvation; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the legislative counsel prepare and transmit copies of  
19 this resolution to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to  
20 the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and to each member  
21 of the Nevada congressional delegation.

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

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A. B. 186

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 186—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 6, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Increases public employer contribution under group  
insurance program. (BDR 23-531)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public employees; authorizing the employer to contribute up to 100 percent of the premium for coverage of employees under a group insurance program.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 287.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
 2 287.010 The governing body of any county, school district, municipal  
 3 corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other public  
 4 agency of the State of Nevada shall have the power:  
 5 1. To adopt and carry into effect a system of group life, accident or  
 6 health insurance, or any combination thereof, for the benefit of such of  
 7 their officers and employees, and the dependents of such officers and  
 8 employees, as shall or may elect to accept the same and who, *where nec-*  
 9 *essary*, have authorized the governing body to make deductions from their  
 10 compensation for the payment of premiums on such insurance.  
 11 2. To purchase group policies of life, accident or health insurance,  
 12 or any combination thereof, for the benefit of such officers and employees,  
 13 and the dependents of such officers and employees, as shall have author-  
 14 ized the purchase, from insurance companies authorized to transact the  
 15 business of such insurance in the State of Nevada, and, *where necessary*,  
 16 to deduct from the compensation of such officers and employees the  
 17 premiums upon such insurance and pay such deductions upon the pre-  
 18 miums.  
 19 3. To defray [a part, not to exceed 50 percent, of the cost of such  
 20 premiums by contribution.] *part or all of the cost of the premiums upon*  
 21 *such insurance*. The funds for such contributions shall be budgeted for in  
 22 accordance with the laws governing such county, school district, munic-  
 23 ipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other public  
 24 agency of the State of Nevada.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 282—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (By request)

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Permits highway engineer to give final acceptance to contracts in some instances if uncompleted portion is insubstantial. Executive estimate of cost: None. (BDR 35-366)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to highways; providing that the state highway engineer may give final acceptance of a contract if the work remaining to be done does not exceed 5 percent of the total contract price and cannot be completed because of factors beyond the control of the contractor; 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 408.920 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 408.920 1. The engineer may authorize partial payments at the end  
3 of each calendar month, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to any con-  
4 tractor satisfactorily performing any highway improvement or construc-  
5 tion as the work progresses. The progress estimates shall be based upon  
6 materials in place, or on the job site, or at a location approved by the  
7 engineer, and invoiced, and labor expended thereon. Not more than 90  
8 percent of the contract price of any work shall be paid in advance of full  
9 completion and final acceptance of such improvement or construction,  
10 except that at any time after 50 percent of the work has been completed,  
11 if the engineer finds that satisfactory progress is being made, he may  
12 make any of the remaining partial payments in full, based upon the  
13 progress estimates.  
14 2. The withheld percentage of the contract price of any such work  
15 or improvement or construction shall be retained until the contract is  
16 completed satisfactorily and finally accepted by the engineer. [and any  
17 authorized representative of the United States Government having super-  
18 vision of highways within the meaning of this chapter.] *Whenever a*  
19 *project is sufficiently completed to be placed into service and a portion*  
20 *of the contract work not to exceed 5 percent of the total contract price*  
21 *of the project in value cannot be readily completed because of factors*

1 *beyond the contractor's control, the engineer may give his final acceptance*  
2 *in the manner provided in NRS 408.925 and deduct from the retained*  
3 *percentage such sum as he may determine sufficient to complete the con-*  
4 *tract by the department or by other means.*

5 3. If it becomes necessary for the department to take over the com-  
6 pletion of any highway contract or contracts, all of the amounts owing  
7 the contractor, including the withheld percentage, shall first be applied  
8 toward the cost of completion of the contract or contracts. Any balance  
9 remaining in the retained percentage after completion by the department  
10 shall be payable to the contractor or the contractor's creditors.

11 4. Such retained percentage as may be due any contractor shall be  
12 due and payable at the expiration of the 30-day period as provided in  
13 NRS 408.900 for filing of creditors' claims, and such retained percentage  
14 shall be due and payable to the contractor at such time without regard  
15 to creditors' claims filed with the department.

16 SEC. 2. NRS 408.925 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 408.925 1. Before making final payment on any contract as pro-  
18 vided in this chapter the engineer shall cause the publication of a notice of  
19 the date of final acceptance of the contract for a period of at least 2 weeks  
20 in every issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the county wherein  
21 the major portion of the contract work was performed, and such notice  
22 may also be published each day for a period of at least 10 days in one  
23 or more daily newspapers of general circulation throughout the state.

24 2. No final settlement of the contract shall be made with the con-  
25 tractor until 30 days after the date of such final acceptance of the con-  
26 tract.

27 [3. If the facts so warrant, the engineer, in his discretion, may direct  
28 that the retained percentage be paid to the contractor, except for any  
29 amount which in the engineer's opinion is necessary for completion of the  
30 work.]

31 SEC. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.