

## Senate

## COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 2, 1969

The thirty-fifth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on April 2nd, 1969, at 2:30 P.M.

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

Also present were:

James Kielhack Chairman, Central Nevada Development Assoc.  
C. W. Cleary, Jr. State Conservationist, U. S. Dept. of Agri.  
Ray Knisley  
Senator Settlemyer  
Senator Titlow

Press representatives

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

SB-146 Proposed by Senator Titlow.  
Establishes Central Nevada resource development authority.

Mr. Kielhack spoke at some length about the bill, which would enable a Central Nevada Development Authority to borrow money and issue bonds for development purposes in Nevada -- in an area of about 11 million acres, on which only 4,000 people now live. He pointed out that this is not merely a straight conservation program and that the bill was suggested from Washington as action to implement the total plan. They are, he pointed out, asking Nevada for no money and have no thought of encumbering anyone. The program has been in the development stage for over eight years and would be an example of federal, state and local governments working with private developers to help the economy of the area. He added that it was, in fact, a survival action for the economy -- to preserve the area for the young people there (95% of whom now eventually leave the area.)

Senator Farr pointed out a newspaper article stating Senator Alan Bible, in which it was brought to public attention the federal funds of \$42,000,000.00 have already been allocated if the authority is created. He also questioned the language in the bill as it now exists insofar as the authority to borrow money and issue bonds. This same problem was further delineated by Senator Dodge, who felt the bill should be "tied down," responsibility more clearly spelled out, et cetera. Senator Dodge said that there should be a limitation to the powers in the bill and more supervision.

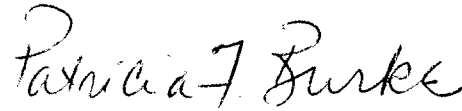
Mr. Cleary spoke briefly, stating the importance of this legislation in helping the total plan. He also spoke of the development of a recreation area which will be attractive to almost 20 million people eventually -- in southern California and southern Nevada. He added that the funds Senator Bible spoke of are both loan funds and grant funds -- \$25,000 per year each.

Mr. Knisley spoke and said he felt the authority was too broad (as per the language of the bill) and should be spelled out more carefully. The bill, he noted, was silent as to how the money was to be held and there was no limit set on the borrowing power.

After further discussion, Chairman Gibson stated that the committee would consider the bill and any possible amendments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Patricia F. Burke,  
Committee Secretary