

MINUTES OF MEETING - ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE - APRIL 12, 1971

FIFTY-SIXTH NEVADA ASSEMBLY SESSION

PRESENT: Homer, Dini, Swackhamer, Ronzone, Bryan, Olsen, and Getto

SB 118

ABSENT: Lowman and Fry

OTHERS: Ernest Gregory, Health Department; Eric Cronkite, Division of Parks;
Senator Wilson

Chairman Homer called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M.

Discussion began on A.B. 495 which "Requires sewage disposal and water quantity and quality of new subdivisions to be approved by Health Division." Mr. Ernest Gregory spoke. He said the Health Department has no authority on subdivisions and they run into problems of chemicals being placed in the water and the subdividers building in areas where there is a water shortage. With the passage of this bill they would have authority in these matters. They could make the subdivider drill wells and study water quality. These builders come in and make roads, etc., which can create a drainage problem also. Mr. Swackhamer wondered if this type of authority would be in conflict with Mr. Westergard. Mr. Gregory said it would not. They would work together. Mr. Bryan commented that this seemed to give the Health Department authority in the unincorporated areas and he wondered about giving the same authority in the incorporated areas. Mr. Gregory didn't think this was necessary because the water systems are pretty much already set up in the incorporated areas. Mr. Bryan moved "do pass". Mr. Ronzone seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Eric Cronkite then spoke on S.B. 209 which "Transfers certain powers and duties concerning development of state parks and outdoor recreation in Washoe and Douglas Counties and Carson City from State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to Nevada State Park System; corrects land description." He said the purposes of the bill were fourfold:

1. To make the technical change of Ormsby County to Carson City.
2. To expand the boundaries by 800 acres to encompass Spooner's Meadow.
3. To request a five-year expansion of the condemnation authority which will run out on May 1 of this year.
4. To shift the responsibility from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to the State Park System.

Mr. Swackhamer questioned why they were requesting the five-year extension of the condemnation authority. Mr. Cronkite said they had had it once for five years and had requested on two-year extension and now this was the second request. He went on to say that they anticipate the Federal Government purchasing this land and the State won't have to do it. Mr. Getto moved "do pass". Mr. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Wilson then spoke on S.B. 118 and A.B. 811. As soon as the Senate gets A.B. 811, it will be put out on the floor. The wording in that bill which is the same as in S.B. 118 will be left in. Mr. Bryan moved "do pass" S.B. 118. Mr. Ronzone seconded. Motion carried.

S.J.R. 12 "Urges Congress to adopt certain legislation concerning recreational values of public lands." Mr. Bryan moved "do pass". Mr. Ronzone seconded. Motion carried.

A.B. 523 which "Gives Nevada Department of Fish and Game certain control of off-highway vehicle operation" was again discussed. As had been decided at a previous meeting, mining and agricultural vehicles will be excluded and the bill will be passed as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.