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COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- March 15, 1971

The twenty-third meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments met on the 15th day of March, 1971.

Committee members present:           James I. Gibson  
  Coe Swobe  
  Stan Drakulich  
  Warren L. Monroe  
  Lee Walker  
  Chic Hecht  
  Carl F. Dodge

Also present were:

Mel Close, Senator  
John Foley, Senator  
Cliff Young, Senator  
Roy L. Trovinen, Assemblyman  
Ray Knisley  
Elizabeth Johnson, President, Nevada Library Association  
Nathaniel Goodhue, Chairman of Trustees for Ormsby Library  
Russ McDonald, Legislative Counsel Building  
Joe Anderson, State Librarian  
Mike Brierley, City of Sparks  
W. C. Behrens, Nevada Jr. Livestock Show Board  
Fred Settlemeier  
C. B. Kinnison, Washoe County Manager  
Ira Kent, Fallon Agricultural Counsel  
Marsh Sobrio, Nevada State Fair Board  
John Creighton, Manager, Washoe Fairgrounds  
Fred Dressler, President, Jr. Livestock Show  
Lester Russell, Washoe County Park and REcreation Department  
Curt Blyth, Nevada Municipal Association  
Gene Sullivan, City of Reno  
Earl Branson, Carson Grazing District of BLM  
Bill Hicks, Nevada Agriculture and Livestock Counsel

Press representatives

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. He noted that there were two bills that had been previously reported out of committee, but as the result of requests he had asked that these bills be placed on the secretary's desk.

They will now hear additional information and testimony; however, AB-43 and SB-107 are not technically in the committees possession.

AB-43     Permits Washoe County to have 99-year lease on fairgrounds.

Mr. Ray Knisley presented the committee with a proposal for the amendment of AB-43 on which the parties are in substantial agreement. (Copy attached hereto as Exhibit "A".) This does not materially change the sense of the bill, but cleans it up. He testified that this bill sets harsh arbitrary requirements and it could result in the cancellation of the present lease with nothing to substitute for it. It also contains references to water rights which are no longer in existence and contains a legal description they are unable to check out. He referred to the footnote on Exhibit "A" and said that these items should be added.

Chairman Gibson asked Mr. Kinnison of Washoe County whether or not this bill had been drafted at their request? Mr. Kinnison said that the Washoe County Commissioners had requested this legislation, but on the terms as the bill presently reads -- that the present existing lease be extended, period. He noted that the county commissioners concern is based on the fact that over the past few years Washoe County has invested about three quarters of a million dollars on these facilities. The extension of the lease is requested to protect these investments and future investments. There are considerable plans for expanding the facilities at the fairgrounds, but presently the county commissioners as well as some of the other investors are showing some reluctance to invest based on the relatively short-term lease.

Bill Behrens, Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Livestock Show, spoke briefly on this matter and submitted a list of improvements made on the Washoe County Fairgrounds from 1958-1960, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Chairman Gibson requested that Mr. Kinnison report back to the committee before they take action on this proposal, as to whether or not this is acceptable to the county.

SB-428     Authorizes conveyances of Deer and Ardmore Parks by Washoe County to city of Sparks.

Mr. Kinnison commented that this had been taken before the county commissioners and they voted to appear against this bill simply because they have a lot of land in the City of Reno leased to the State of Nevada and to the City of Reno on the same type of leases. They believe that if this happened in Sparks it would happen in Reno and the county would lose some land that they have plans for. They don't believe that the legislature should give the counties land away.

SB-107     Designates mustang as official state animal of Nevada.

The committee listened to testimony in opposition to SB-107. Mr. Bill Hicks, representing the Nevada Agricultural Livestock Counsel, expressed the opinion that if this animal were declared the state animal it would be protected and we would be overrun with these animals (whatever they are). He said that if we must have a state animal we should declare an animal that is native to the state. The Mustang is native to the Plains states and not the Rocky Mountain states. Mr. Hicks further testified that there is not a horse here in Nevada that is really a true Mustang. The wild horses here are the products of past rejects or horses that were lost and never recovered. The range users would urge that this bill be killed.

Mr. Ira Kent of Fallon, also a member of the Nevada Agricultural Livestock Counsel, noted that back in the '20's and '30's the Mustangs in the State of Nevada reached a peak and every valley and mountain range was stripped of food. He suggested naming the mule deer or antelope as a state animal.

At this point Senator Dodge suggested the "burro" as an animal having historical significance in the State of Nevada.

Senator Walker noted for the record that he had received a communication from the Las Vegas Horseman's Association with 180 members that they are in opposition to this bill.

Mr. Fred Dressler and Mr. Earl Branson also spoke in opposition to SB-107.

Miss Elaine Pearce spoke to the committee stating that she supports SB-107. She pointed out that Dr. Pontrelli who had asked for this bill did not designate the Mustang, but rather the "wild horse."

SB-240     Limits campaign expenditures of state senators and assemblymen.

Senator Close, as one of the introducers of this bill, spoke to the committee. He stated that it is his feeling that this limitation of expenditures is something the people of the State of Nevada are going to demand because they are getting tired of being intimidated by commercial advertising. He recognizes the great cost of elections and has found that each one becomes more expensive. They put in the sum of \$9,000 for a general election or 25¢ for each vote cast in that district for a previous election term. This amount does not touch the primary campaign -- it would be unfair to restrict both of them to the same amount of money for expenses.

There is a difference in this bill between Senators and Assemblymen, the reason being that Assemblymen have to run every two years. That means that in a 4-year period an Assemblyman would be compelled to spend \$12,000, while during the same period of time a senator would be compelled to spend only \$9,000. The costs of campaigning are going up, and it is Mr. Close's feeling that the campaign should not go to the "highest bidder."

He asked that the committee give careful consideration to this bill and that if they cannot "buy" all of it that they at least give consideration to Sections 3 and 4, with reference to disclosing campaign expense.

Senator Foley stated that he would only "echo" what had been said by Senator Close. He feels very strongly that unlimited campaign spending is the cancer of the political process and that unless we take some drastic steps the problem is going to get worse.

AB-312     Amends provisions relating to county and district library trustees.

Elizabeth Johnson, President of the Nevada Library Association and also a trustee of the Douglas County Public Library, testified before the committee. This bill came out of

resolutions in the Library Associations General Convention in 1969 and received the approval of the section that concerns trustees. They feel that limiting terms of appointive trustees to two full consecutive terms (8 years) is a very good idea and would result in the involvement of more people in the community with the library association.

Nathaniel Goodhue, Chairman of the Trustees of the Ormsby Public Library, also spoke in support of this legislation.

SB-177 Enacts new Elko city charter.

Senator Dodge moved to "Amend and re-refer back to this committee," seconded by Senator Monroe. The motion carried.

SB-178 Enacts new Wells city charter.

Senator Dodge moved to "Amend and re-refer back to this committee," seconded by Senator Monroe. The motion carried.

SB-434 Provides cities and counties with ways and means to acquire and develop parks, playgrounds and recreational areas.

Chairman Gibson noted that this bill ties in with SB-105. Mike Brierley, Park and Recreation Director for the City of Sparks, explained to the committee some of the situations that have developed in the City of Sparks. He believes that this bill has merit and would be workable in their area.

Senator Dodge wanted to know what assurance could be offered that the city would actually go ahead and maintain parks and playgrounds when the land is made available. Mr. Brierley answered that the increase in population would take care of it. Mr. Sullivan elaborated on this and said that even an open space uncared for is preferable to a high-density area where no open land is left available. The major problem that the cities face is the initial cost of the land. He feels that we are going to have to have this type of legislation in order to alleviate the problem. There are seven states who have already adopted this type of legislation.

Lester Russell, Director of Parks for Washoe County, noted that they have a number of areas within their county that could benefit from this legislation.

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Senator Dodge wanted to know how well we are getting by just by accident because of the neighborhood schools? Mr. Russell pointed out that the school playgrounds do not take care of the pre-schoolers or the old people, and even the school age children do not often go there during the summer vacations.

Joe Midmore, representing the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, testified against SB-434. He noted that this bill is identical to SB-105 down to the middle of page 2 at the end of Section 2 of SB-434. He reiterated that they still feel that its constitutionality is questionable. SB-434 does add the provision for taxing mobile homes or mobile home lots and apartments. He urged the committee to indefinitely postpone this bill.

The committee also heard further testimony from Gene Sullivan of the City of Reno and remarks from Senator Young stressing the need for this type of legislation to protect future development of land.

SB-348     Revises laws pertaining to public securities.

Mr. McDonald of the Legislative Counsel Bureau testified before the committee on SB-348. He noted that a parallel bill had been introduced and should be tacked onto this bill as an amendment.

Mr. McDonald then explained the theory behind the bill. He stated the primary things this bill does are: (1) with respect to general obligation securities to increase the authorized rate of all taxing units and units that have authority to borrow money through general obligations to 8%; (2) amends local government securities law; (3) amends state securities law; (4) amends the university securities law; (5) amends charters; and (6) deals also with special assessment bonds as securities both with respect to the interest rate and the interest on the assessments per se. This also takes care of some private negotiated sales. He then went through SB-348 section-by-section, explaining what it proposes to do.

SB-429     Amends Henderson charter by revising procedure for sale, lease, exchange of city-owned land.

Mr. McDonald explained that this bill was drafted at the request of the City of Henderson and was needed to dispose

of the property they had acquired pursuant to a series of federal acts. They wanted to dispose of it to quasi-public or non-profit entities for a nominal consideration. This has particular reference to sale of land to a museum. Henderson was first incorporated under the general law. They then went to a special charter but were still bound with the program of disposition of the federal land acquired by the federal statutes that set up a rigid method and then found they were bound by their own charter. This is purely a local matter as far as this proposal is concerned.

Mr. McDonald said that he would take this bill to work on the amendments.

AJR-24 Memorializes General Services Administration and U. S. department of Health, Education and Welfare to grant old Carson City Federal Building to state for use as library and for other educational purposes.

Mr. Joe Anderson, State Librarian, explained that he had come before the committee to answer any questions they might have as to the appropriateness of this resolution. He advised that they have worked with the State Planning Board and their principal problem is the need for space. They hope to develop a good state-wide library program and this would permit them to initiate some of their proposals, which up to now have been limited by this lack of space.

Mr. Torvinen explained it had been recently pointed out that this resolution is misdirected and the GSA no longer handle surplus property. This should be directed to a special division of the Health, Education and Welfare Department. Because of this change Mr. Torvinen and Mr. McDonald have authorization to draft a new resolution which would accomplish the same thing as AJR-24.

The committee then took action as follows:

SB-107 The committee concurred that they would like to bring this bill back for further consideration.

SB-240 This bill is to be amended on page 1, lines 5 and 11 by deleting the words "lesser of," and inserting instead the words "greater of," and on page 2, line

8 by adding after the word "campaigns" the words "of each candidate." Senator Swobe moved to "amend and Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.

- SB-429 Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.
- AB-312 Senator Walker moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. The motion carried.
- SB-348 Will wait to take action after Mr. McDonald prepares amendments.
- SB-38 Senator Swobe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Hecht. The motion carried.
- SB-105 Senator Drakulich moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Walker. The motion carried.
- SB-434 Senator Monroe moved to "Hold," seconded by Senator Drakulich. The motion was defeated by a 3-3 vote.
- AJR-24 Will wait to take action until the Assembly acts on another bill to be prepared.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Jean Pondi,  
Committee Secretary



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SECTION I. The State Land Register is hereby authorized and instructed to negotiate and execute on behalf of the State of Nevada a land lease agreement by and between the State and the County of Washoe, Nevada, whereby the State, for the consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and of the terms and conditions of said lease, does lease to Washoe County, for a period of time beginning March 1, 1971, and ending March 1, 2070, unless sooner terminated, that certain parcel of land located in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, and being the northeast one-quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the southeast one quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the southeast one quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the northwest one quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 1, Township Nineteen (19) north, Range nineteen (19) east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; subject to any and all easements for streets heretofore granted to the City of Reno, Nevada, and further subject to the agreement authorized by Chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955.

SUB. 1. Among other provisions the lease shall provide that the primary use of said property shall be for the benefit of the agricultural and livestock groups and the University of Nevada for the purpose of the betterment and enhancement of the agricultural and livestock industries of this State, and due recognition shall be given to present users in these categories. \*

SUB. 2. Such uses shall be for reasonable periods of time and on terms to be agreed upon. Any charges made shall be reasonable and consistent with the nature of the service to the agricultural and livestock community.

\* specifically but not limited to the following entities: Nevada Livestock Show and 4-H Club, Nevada; Nevada Hereford Association, and the Reno Rodeo Association.

Exhibit "A"

SUB. 3, The lease may provide for such other uses of the property as the State Land Register and the County Commissioners may deem in the public interest.

SECTION 2. The board of Washoe County Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute said lease agreement to accept said land so leased, and to enter into contracts for its management and use, notwithstanding the limitations set forth in NRS 244.320.

SECTION 3. 1. The interest directed to be conveyed to the county of Washoe by the provisions of this act shall inure to the benefit of the department of the military, insofar as that certain agreement respecting the acquisition of a portion of the above-described property for armory site purposes, authorized by Chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955, is concerned.

SUB. 2. The board of county commissioners of Washoe County may enter into any agreement with the department of the military which is deemed necessary by the board to secure the benefit mentioned in Subsection 1, and, for this purpose, no member of such board shall be liable under the provisions of NRS 244.320.

SECTION 4. The lease heretofore granted by the State of Nevada to Washoe County shall expire and be of no further force or effect upon the execution of the lease provided for herein.

SECTION 5. All other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby declared not applicable insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.



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W/C FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

	1958	Sewer Line from Ninth Street	\$ 9,300.00
February	1960	Agriculture Building (Old Voting Machine Building)	50,000.00
March	1964	Racetrack	10,000.00
May	1964	Grandstand	108,434.00
June	1964	Exhibit Building	78,876.00

Parks and Playgrounds Expenditures since June, 1967, for Improvements to Fairgrounds includes:

- Livestock Pavilion
- (6) Barns
- Restroom Building
- Rodeo Arena and Livestock Pens
- Perimeter Fencing
- Washrack
- Extension of Water Lines
- Landscaping and Sprinkler System

		Total to date . . . . .	415,416.00
June	1966	Wells Avenue Street Assessment	19,812.00
February	1969	Removal of Old Steel Grandstand	800.00
March	1969	Heating System for Exhibit Building	13,725.00
April	1969	Insulation for Exhibit Building	7,263.00
March	1970	Removal of Old Wooden Buildings	1,240.00
April	1970	Storm Drain System	10,200.00
TOTAL . . . . .			<u>\$725,066.00</u>

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Exhibit "B"

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(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

FIRST REPRINT

A. B. 43

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 43—WASHOE-STOREY DISTRICTS' DELEGATION

JANUARY 25, 1971

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Permits Washoe County to have 99-year lease on fairgrounds. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-18)

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

AN ACT relating to a lease on certain state property; authorizing the lease of designated property by the state department of agriculture to the board of county commissioners of Washoe County; empowering the board of county commissioners of Washoe County to enter into certain contracts relating to the property; declaring inconsistent acts not applicable insofar as they conflict; giving priority of use to certain groups; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is the owner in fee simple of certain  
2 lands located in Washoe County, having acquired such lands by deed to  
3 the State of Nevada, dated March 9, 1889; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the expressed desire of the people of the State of Nevada  
5 as set forth in Statutes of Nevada 1887, at page 35, that such land be used  
6 for public use and purposes; now, therefore,

7  
8 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*  
9 *do enact as follows:*

10 SECTION 1. In consideration of the payment of the sum of \$1, the  
11 state land register, acting for the people of the State of Nevada, is hereby  
12 authorized and directed forthwith to execute and deliver for and on behalf  
13 of the State of Nevada to the county of Washoe a good and sufficient agree-  
14 ment re-leasing, for a period of 99 years, all the rights, title and interest  
15 of the State of Nevada in and to that certain property located in the  
16 county of Washoe and more particularly described as that certain piece  
17 or parcel of land situated in the county of Washoe, State of Nevada, desig-  
18 nated as the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ )  
19 and the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of  
20 section 1, township 19 north, range 19 east, M.D.B. & M., containing 80  
21 acres, more or less, excepting approximately 2.904 acres more or less and  
22 described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
23

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**S. B. 428**

**SENATE BILL NO. 428—SENATOR DRAKULICH**

**MARCH 4, 1971**

**Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments**

**SUMMARY—Authorizes conveyances of Deer and Ardmore Parks by Washoe County to city of Sparks. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-770)**

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

**AN ACT** authorizing the conveyance of certain lands owned by Washoe County in the city of Sparks for park and recreational purposes; 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board
- 2 of county commissioners of Washoe County is hereby authorized to convey
- 3 to the city of Sparks, without consideration:
- 4 1. All of that real property, together with the improvements
- 5 located thereon, commonly known as Deer Park, and particularly
- 6 described as follows:
- 7 All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and
- 8 being in the southwest one-quarter of Section 5, T. 19 N., R. 20 E.,
- 9 M.D.B. & M., in Washoe County, Nevada, and being more particularly
- 10 described as follows, to wit: All of Block 21 as shown on
- 11 the second amended Plat of "Newtown Tract" on file in the Office of
- 12 the Washoe County Recorder.
- 13 2. All that certain tract, piece or parcel of land commonly
- 14 known as Ardmore Park, together with the improvements located
- 15 thereon, situate, lying and being in the S½ of the NE¼ of Section
- 16 5, T. 19 N., R. 20 E., M.D.B. & M. and more particularly described
- 17 as follows:
- 18 Start at the intersection, a concrete monument, of the centerlines
- 19 of 12th Street, formerly known as Monroe Street, and H Street, formerly
- 20 known as Symonds Street, as shown on the Prater Addition to
- 21 Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada, according to the official map
- 22 thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County,
- 23 State of Nevada, on October 8, 1904; thence N. 13°39'35" W.
- 24 333.66 feet along the centerline of 12th Street to a point in the
- 25 northerly line of Prater Addition and the southerly line of the Washoe

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S. B. 107

SENATE BILL NO. 107—SENATOR YOUNG

FEBRUARY 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Designates mustang as official state animal of Nevada. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 19-495)



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

AN ACT designating the mustang (*Equus caballus*) as the official state animal of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, Nevada is the home of that noble animal, *Equus caballus*,  
2 better known as the mustang, which roams the mountains, valleys and  
3 deserts of our land in ever-diminishing numbers; and

4 WHEREAS, These beautiful and spirited creatures are descendants of the  
5 genus *Equus*, which originated in North America, traversed the land  
6 bridge then existing between this continent and Asia, traveled across Asia,  
7 Europe and North Africa to Spain, and thence again to America with  
8 the conquistadors; and

9 WHEREAS, The ancestors of the mustang made exploration of the west  
10 possible by the first white men and their descendants, made possible a  
11 new way of life for America's first settlers, the Indians, and were invaluable  
12 in settling the west, developing the ranches, plowing the fields,  
13 harvesting the crops and providing all the transportation that existed for  
14 years, and even now, when domesticated, serve mankind in many ways,  
15 and when left to roam wild, form a part of the aesthetic and natural heritage  
16 of Nevada; and

17 WHEREAS, in their search for life and freedom for themselves and their  
18 offspring, they symbolize the same strivings that exist within the breasts  
19 and brains of men; and

20 WHEREAS, Their spirit of independence and adventure is characteristic  
21 of the Great State of Nevada and makes official recognition of their  
22 species both fitting and proper; now, therefore,

23  
24 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*  
25 *do enact as follows:*  
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27 SECTION 1. Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
28 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

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**S. B. 240**

**SENATE BILL NO. 240—SENATORS' CLOSE, FOLEY AND HUG**

FEBRUARY 16, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

**SUMMARY—Limits campaign expenditures of state senators and assemblymen.**  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 17-1093)

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

AN ACT relating to elections; limiting campaign expenses of candidates for state senator and assemblyman; requiring filing of the amounts spent; providing a penalty; 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 218 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. 1. *In any general election, the campaign expenses:*
- 4 (a) *Of any candidate for the office of state senator shall not exceed the*
- 5 *lesser of:*
- 6 (1) *\$9,000; or*
- 7 (2) *Twenty-five cents for each vote cast in the same district for the*
- 8 *candidate for state senator who received the greatest number of votes*
- 9 *cast in the last preceding general election for that office.*
- 10 (b) *Of any candidate for the office of state assemblyman shall not*
- 11 *exceed the lesser of:*
- 12 (1) *\$6,000; or*
- 13 (2) *Eighteen and one-half cents for each vote cast in the same dis-*
- 14 *trict for the candidate for state assemblyman who received the greatest*
- 15 *number of votes cast in the last preceding general election for that office.*
- 16 2. *As used in this section, "campaign expenses" means all expendi-*
- 17 *tures for advertising on television, radio, billboards, posters and in news-*
- 18 *papers, and for all other expenses intended to further directly the*
- 19 *campaign for election of the candidate, and includes all funds expended*
- 20 *with the knowledge of the candidate.*
- 21 SEC. 3. 1. *Every candidate in any general election for the office of*
- 22 *state senator or state assemblyman shall, within 15 days after such elec-*
- 23 *tion, file with the county clerk of any county within the district in which*

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**A. B. 312**

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 312—MR. FRANK YOUNG, MRS. FRAZ-  
ZINI, MESSRS. SMITH, HILBRECHT, PRINCE, HAFEN, MRS.  
BROOKMAN, MESSRS. DREYER, HOWARD, LINGENFEL-  
TER, McKISSICK, SCHOFIELD, SWALLOW, MRS. WHITE,  
MESSRS. SMALLEY, JACOBSEN, MAY AND HOMER

FEBRUARY 15, 1971

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Amends provisions relating to county and district library trustees.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 33-348)



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

AN ACT relating to county and district libraries; eliminating the option of electing  
district library trustees and providing for their appointment only; limiting the  
appointment of county and district library trustees to a certain number of terms  
of a certain length; providing for the removal of trustees for nonfeasance; 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 379.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 379.020 1. The board of county commissioners shall appoint five
- 3 competent persons who are residents of the county, who shall be known
- 4 as county library trustees. Three trustees shall hold office for the terms
- 5 of 1, 2 and 3 years respectively, and two trustees shall hold office for
- 6 terms of 4 years. Annually thereafter, the board of county commissioners
- 7 shall appoint one trustee who shall hold office for a term of 4 years,
- 8 except that in those years in which the terms of two trustees expire, the
- 9 board of county commissioners shall appoint two trustees for terms of 4
- 10 years. County library trustees shall hold office until their successors are
- 11 appointed and qualified.
- 12 2. *No trustee may be appointed to hold office for more than two*
- 13 *consecutive 4-year terms.*
- 14 3. All vacancies which may occur at any time in the office of county
- 15 library trustee shall be filled by appointment by the board of county
- 16 commissioners.
- 17 **[3.]** 4. County library trustees shall serve without compensation.
- 18 5. *The board of county commissioners may remove any trustee who*
- 19 *fails, without cause, to attend three successive meetings of the trustees.*

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**S. B. 177**

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SENATE BILL NO. 177—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Enacts new Elko city charter. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-1098)



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

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AN ACT incorporating the City of Elko, in Elko County, Nevada, and defining the boundaries thereof, under a new charter; 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 charter of the City of Elko is as follows. Each  
2 section of the charter shall be deemed to be a section of this act for the  
3 purpose of any subsequent amendment.

4  
5 ARTICLE I

6  
7 Incorporation of City; General Powers; Boundaries;  
8 Wards and Annexations; City Offices

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10 Section 1.010 Preamble: Legislative intent.

11 1. In order to provide for the orderly government of the City of  
12 Elko and the general welfare of its citizens the legislature hereby estab-  
13 lishes this charter for the government of the City of Elko. It is expressly  
14 declared as the intent of the legislature that all provisions of this charter  
15 be liberally construed to carry out the express purposes of the charter  
16 and that the specific mention of particular powers shall not be construed  
17 as limiting in any way the general powers necessary to carry out the  
18 purposes of the charter.

19 2. Any powers expressly granted by this charter are in addition to  
20 any powers granted to a city by the general law of this state. All provi-  
21 sions of Nevada Revised Statutes which are applicable generally to cities  
22 (not including, unless otherwise expressly mentioned in this charter, chap-  
23 ter 265, 266 or 267 of NRS) which are not in conflict with the provisions  
24 of this charter apply to the City of Elko.

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a copy of the complete bill.

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**S. B. 178**

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**SENATE BILL NO. 178—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

FEBRUARY 9, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Enacts new Wells city charter. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-1097)



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

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AN ACT incorporating the City of Wells, in Elko County, Nevada, and defining the boundaries thereof, under a new charter; 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 charter of the City of Wells is as follows. Each section  
2 of the charter shall be deemed to be a section of this act for the purpose  
3 of any subsequent amendment.

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5 **ARTICLE I**

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7 **Incorporation of City; General Powers; Boundaries;**  
8 **Annexations; City Offices**

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10 Section 1.010 Preamble: Legislative intent.  
11 1. In order to provide for the orderly government of the City of  
12 Wells and the general welfare of its citizens the legislature hereby establishes  
13 this charter for the government of the City of Wells. It is expressly  
14 declared as the intent of the legislature that all provisions of this charter  
15 be liberally construed to carry out the express purposes of the charter and  
16 that the specific mention of particular powers shall not be construed as  
17 limiting in any way the general powers necessary to carry out the purposes  
18 of the charter.  
19 2. Any powers expressly granted by this charter are in addition to  
20 any powers granted to a city by the general law of this state. All provisions  
21 of Nevada Revised Statutes which are applicable generally to cities (not including,  
22 unless otherwise expressly mentioned in this charter, chapter 265, 266 or 267 of NRS) which are not in conflict with the provisions  
23 of this charter apply to the City of Wells.  
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a copy of the complete bill.

S. B. 434

SENATE BILL NO. 434—SENATOR YOUNG

MARCH 5, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Provides cities and counties with ways and means to acquire and develop parks, playgrounds and recreational areas. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-1832)



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

AN ACT permitting cities and counties to select sites for future parks and playgrounds and make dedication of such areas mandatory or require payment in lieu of dedication before subdividing; requiring establishment of standards regarding the amount of land selected; permitting the adoption of regulations; granting power to cities and counties to impose a residential construction tax on mobile home lots and residential dwelling units for parks, playground and recreational uses; establishing procedures for such taxation; defining terms; restricting the uses of such tax moneys; 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 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- 3 SEC. 2. 1. *Any city or county which has adopted a master plan, as*
- 4 *provided in this chapter, may include as a part of the plan future sites for*
- 5 *parks and playgrounds. Thereafter, the city or county may require that a*
- 6 *subdivider of land dedicate such land areas, sites and locations for park*
- 7 *and playground purposes as are reasonably necessary to service the pro-*
- 8 *posed subdivision and the future residents of the subdivision.*
- 9 2. *Any city or county which makes dedication of sites for parks and*
- 10 *playgrounds mandatory shall adopt regulations that shall set forth the*
- 11 *standards to be applied in determining the amount of land that is required*
- 12 *to be dedicated. Such regulations shall be adopted in accordance with*
- 13 *procedures set forth in the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act and*
- 14 *shall contain standards determining the amount, quality and location of*
- 15 *land that is required to be dedicated which are based upon the number*
- 16 *and type of dwelling units or structures included in each subdivision and*
- 17 *give due consideration to the relative desirability and market value of the*
- 18 *land that may be included within the area of any particular proposed sub-*
- 19 *division. Such regulations also may, without limiting the general powers*
- 20 *conferred in this chapter, include the following:*

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S. B. 429

SENATE BILL NO. 429—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MARCH 5, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Amends Henderson charter by revising procedure for sale, lease,  
exchange of city-owned land. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-1953)



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

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to reorganize and reincorporate the  
City of Henderson, a municipal corporation, in Clark County, Nevada; provid-  
ing definitions of words and terms and for such reorganization and reincorpo-  
ration; defining the boundaries of the city and providing for wards and  
annexation of additional territory; granting general and specific powers to the  
city; providing for the offices of mayor, councilmen, city manager, city clerk,  
city treasurer, city auditor, city assessor, city attorney and police judge and  
specifying the powers, duties and compensation of such officers; creating  
departments and other officers within the municipal government and defining  
their powers and duties; providing for revenue, finances, municipal bonds and  
franchises, local improvements, elections, a civil service system; providing gen-  
eral and transitional provisions and for the imposition of fines and penalties;  
repealing certain acts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto,"  
approved March 30, 1965, as amended.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 109 of Article XVIII of the above-entitled act,
- 2 being chapter 240, Statutes of Nevada 1965, as amended by chapter 258,
- 3 Statutes of Nevada 1967, at page 758.
- 4 Section 109. Sale, lease, exchange of city-owned land: Procedure;
- 5 disposition of proceeds.
- 6 1. Subject to the provisions of this section, the [power heretofore
- 7 granted to the city by the legislature to sell, lease or exchange real prop-
- 8 erty by the provisions of chapter 271, Statutes of Nevada 1957, chapter
- 9 3, Statutes of Nevada 1959, and chapter 202, Statutes of Nevada 1963,
- 10 is hereby continued with respect to real property in Clark County,
- 11 Nevada, heretofore or hereafter acquired by the city by patent from the
- 12 United States of America pursuant to federal law and not required by
- 13 the city for governmental purposes.
- 14 2. It shall be the policy of the council to lease, sell and exchange such
- 15 real property owned by the city in a manner that will result in the maxi-
- 16 mum benefit accruing to the city from such leases, sales and exchanges.

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**A. J. R. 24**

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24—MESSRS. TORVINEN, FRY, McKISSICK, LAURI, POGGIONE, SMITH, LOWMAN, LINGENFELTER, RONZONE, MRS. FRAZZINI AND MR. CAPURRO

FEBRUARY 22, 1971

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Memorializes General Services Administration and U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to grant old Carson City Federal Building to state for use as library and for other educational purposes. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 1451)



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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the General Services Administration and the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to declare the old Federal Building in Carson City, Nevada, surplus property and make it available to the State of Nevada for a state library and other educational purposes.

- 1 WHEREAS, For fourscore years the golden sphere of the United States
- 2 Post Office and Court House Building has been a landmark for all who
- 3 lived and journeyed through Carson City, Nevada; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The tower clock noted the passing minutes and hours for the
- 5 people who lived and labored within its view; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The building was the center of daily activity and still occu-
- 7 pies the heart of downtown Carson City; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Although the historic building has lost its usefulness to the
- 9 Government of the United States, its remarkable and enduring construc-
- 10 tion will make it invaluable to all of the inhabitants of the State of Nevada
- 11 and to its multitudes of visitors from all of these United States as a
- 12 library and educational facility; now therefore, be it
- 13 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of Nevada,*
- 14 *jointly,* That the legislature of the State of Nevada memorializes the Gen-
- 15 eral Services Administration of the United States and the United States
- 16 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to declare the old United
- 17 States Post Office and Court House Building in Carson City, Nevada,
- 18 surplus, and to make it available for nonrestrictive use under the terms
- 19 of a 100 percent benefit allowance since the State of Nevada will use
- 20 the building for a state library which serves all of the educational institu-
- 21 tions and all of the citizens of the State of Nevada, and for other educa-
- 22 tional purposes; and be it further

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S. B. 105

SENATE BILL NO. 105—SENATORS YOUNG AND HECHT

FEBRUARY 2, 1971

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Permits cities or counties to make dedication of recreation areas or in-lieu payments mandatory before approval of subdivision plat. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-248)

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

AN ACT permitting cities and counties to select sites for future parks and playgrounds and make dedication of such areas mandatory or require payment in lieu of dedication before subdividing; requiring establishment of standards regarding the amount of land selected; permitting the adoption of regulations; 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 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 1. *Any city or county which has adopted a master plan, as provided*
- 4 *in this chapter, may include as a part of the plan future sites for parks and*
- 5 *playgrounds. Thereafter, the city or county may require that a subdivider*
- 6 *of land dedicate such land areas, sites and locations for park and play-*
- 7 *ground purposes as are reasonably necessary to service the proposed sub-*
- 8 *division and the future residents of the subdivision.*
- 9 2. *Any city or county which makes dedication of sites for parks and*
- 10 *playgrounds mandatory shall adopt regulations that shall set forth the*
- 11 *standards to be applied in determining the amount of land that is*
- 12 *required to be dedicated. Such regulations shall be adopted in accordance*
- 13 *with procedures set forth in the Nevada Administrative Procedures Act*
- 14 *and shall contain standards determining the amount, quality and location*
- 15 *of land that is required to be dedicated which are based upon the number*
- 16 *and type of dwelling units or structures included in each subdivision and*
- 17 *give due consideration to the relative desirability and market value of the*
- 18 *land that may be included within the area of any particular proposed sub-*
- 19 *division. Such regulations also may, without limiting the general powers*
- 20 *conferred in this chapter, include the following:*
- 21 (a) *A delegation of authority to designated departments or agencies of*
- 22 *the city or county to select the location of the land areas to be dedicated*
- 23 *for school, park and playground purposes.*

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**S. B. 38**

**SENATE BILL NO. 38—SENATOR CLOSE**

**JANUARY 25, 1971**

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Raises allowable interest rate on housing authority bonds.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 25-892)

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

AN ACT allowing housing authorities to provide for an interest rate of 7 percent per annum on bonds.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 315.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 315.630 By resolution, an authority may authorize bonds. The reso-
- 3 lution, its trust indenture or mortgage may provide for:
- 4 1. The issuance of bonds in one or more series.
- 5 2. The date the bonds shall bear.
- 6 3. The date of maturity.
- 7 4. The interest rate, not exceeding [6] 7 percent per annum.
- 8 5. The denomination of the bonds.
- 9 6. The form of the bonds, either coupon or registered.
- 10 7. The conversion or registration privileges which the bonds shall
- 11 carry.
- 12 8. The rank or priority of the bonds.
- 13 9. The manner of execution of the bonds.
- 14 10. The medium of payment in which the bonds are payable.
- 15 11. The place of payment.
- 16 12. The terms of redemption, with or without premium.
- 17 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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