



Carl Soderblom was next to speak. Mr. Soderblom is from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company. He first brought up that many years ago this company had water supplies for the engines in small areas. While people moved into these small areas, they would pay small fees to be able to use this water supply, also. It is still effective today. This bill would require this company to obtain a permit and approval each time a change was at hand, like someone else connecting in with the water supply. He could not see the need for legislation of this matter. He added, that if this committee found it necessary to pass this bill, then he suggested that it be amended.

Jean Ford asked where Mr. Noel Clark, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, was and that we should hear from him. Someone was there already representing the Commission.

Joe Midmore, from the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, confronted the committee next. He said that this association does not want anything that would cause projects to go slower. One of the things that would really slow operations down, is interference of the water supply. Mr. Midmore went on to say that there has not been any complaint against their water supply yet. Any bill that would put any additional hazards in the way of running water supplies is not thinking of the public's interest. Redraft the bill, if thought of as necessary.

The next speaker was Glade Hall from the Public Service Commission. He mentioned that Mr. Noel Clark, Chairman of this Commission, wanted to testify, but had an important engagement in Las Vegas at this time. Mr. Hall spoke in favor to this bill, but feels that it needs strengthening, that some measures need to be included.

Questions:

Mr. Smalley just was assured that the commission could live without it, but can live with the bill if changed around.

Jim Williams from the State Health Division feels that this bill is necessary in operation of a more effective program. Mr. Williams said they do have regulations now to control water supplies, but he said that they are having a hard time enforcing them. They did make Virginia City drink out of bottled water, because the water supply there was unpure and hazardous to the health. But Mr. William said that there were problems trying to get the people of Virginia City to do this, because they did not have enough control.

Questions:

Mr. Jacobsen asked if he thought they would have enough personnel to handle the control of this type of legislation, and Mr. Williams said they think they do, and if any help is needed they will have to document the need.

#### A.B. 139

Mr. Paul May and Mr. Keith Ashworth testified on this bill. Mr. May stated that there is a great deal of value in the adoption of a state animal. He announced that several other animals were proposed to be state animals in previous legislations; one being the mustang in 1971, and the mule deer in 1963. At one time, also, the Pyramid Lake Sea Monster almost made the grade as having wildlife protective natures. Both latter examples and the following letter that Mr. May will read

will be attached in the back of the minutes.

Questions:

Chairman Bremner asked if this state is the only state that the Nelson Bighorn Sheep resides and is native of. Dr. Broadbent answered that they also are from other states, such as Arizona, New Mexico, Southern California, Texas, and Mexico. But the largest number residing is in Nevada.

Mr. Ashworth explained about hunting procedures and regulations in regards to this sheep.

Mr. May added that in Fremont's record in past history, he had written such at that time, that the Nelson Bighorn were more numerous than buffalo.

Mr. Jacobsen wondered if there is a chance if they could adorn any Nelson Bighorn Sheep mantles in the Assembly Chambers. To this, Mr. Ashworth mentioned that he knew where he could borrow a couple for this purpose, and Dr. Broadbent said he and his wife has one.

Chairman Bremner then suggested that the committee discuss A.B. 131. Mrs. Ford said that she would rather wait until they could hear testimony from Mr. Noel Clark, Chairman of the Public Service Commission. Mr. Jacobsen agreed with this.

Dr. Broadbent mentioned that he did not like this bill at all, because of its intention to bureaucracy. Did not like the idea that the Health Department expected this committee to solve its problems for them.

Mr. Jacobsen differed, and said that the Health Department exists because of us, and we owe this to them in the interest of protecting the people. Mrs. Ford agreed with Mr. Jacobsen. Mr. Lowman felt they have done very well thus far.

Mr. Lowman then motioned for indefinite postponement of A.B. 121, and Mr. Banner seconded Mr. Lowman's motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Chairman Bremner	YES
Vice-Chairman Crawford	NO
Ford	NO
Gojack	NO
Banner	YES
Broadbent	YES
Jacobsen	NO
Lowman	YES
Smalley	NO

The NO's had it, and then Mr. Jacobsen moved that the committee re-schedule another meeting time, so as to hear Mr. Noel Clark speak. Mrs. Ford seconded this. All members agreed. Chairman Bremner then re-scheduled this bill for Friday, February 23rd, at 8 a.m. in room 214.

The committee then discussed A.B. 139 for a decision. Dr. Broadbent motioned for a "DO PASS", and Mr. Jacobsen seconded. All members

unanimously voted Aye. Amendment was made to change section 1, page 1, line 3, by deleting "(Ovis nelsoni)" to "(Ovis canadensis nelsoni)".

The chairman then asked for the committee to discuss and decide on A.B. 131, the Bottle Bill. Mr. Smalley suggested as bringing it in as a "DO PASS" or amend it, but do not kill it.

Chairman Bremner brought up the fact that every consumer that testified said that they would put up with the extra costs and take the results, but the distributors and bottlers testified against it.

Mrs. Ford talked about the amendments which are:

- a) Section 12, #2, line 14: change 2¢ to 3¢.
- b) Section 14: delete lines 29-31 and insert: "any beverage container which is broken or contains a liquid or solid matter or is sufficiently dirty as to create a sanitary problem."
- c) Section 16, lines 41-42: delete "without the aid of a can opener."

Discussion about the broken glass was brought up by Mr. Smalley. Mr. Lowman brought up about a Washington Bill taxing the manufacturer and seller on all disposable items.

Mrs. Ford then moved a "DO PASS AS AMENDED", and Mr. Banner seconded Mrs. Ford's motion. All in favor but Mr. Jacobsen and Mr. Lowman.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. until next meeting at 8:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted,

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February 19, 1973

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Paul W. May, Assemblyman  
FROM: James T. Havel, Deputy Director, Research Division  
RE: Official State Animal

JTH

Pursuant to your request of this morning I have checked the Senate and Assembly histories for all regular sessions of the Nevada Legislature back to 1953 and have only been able to locate two bills which would have designated an official state animal. The first was Senate Bill 451 of the 1963 session which would have declared the mule deer as the official state animal. The second was S.B. 107 of the 1971 session proposing the mustang as the official state animal.

I was somewhat bothered by your comment regarding the Pyramid Lake sea monster since I was unable to find any bill directly on this point. However, I was able to locate A.B. 165 of the 1959 session which would have protected the Pyramid Lake sea monster from hunters and others who might molest same. It may be that this is the bill that you had in mind.

I am attaching copies of all three bills for your review and retention.

JTH/jd  
Encl. (3)

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SENATE BILL NO. 107—SENATOR YOUNG

FEBRUARY 2, 1971

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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.

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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:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451—COMMITTEE ON  
FISH AND GAME

MARCH 18, 1963

Referred to Committee on Fish and Game

SUMMARY—Designates the mule deer as the official state animal of Nevada.  
(BDR 19-1097)



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

AN ACT to amend chapter 235 of NRS, relating to the state flag, song and emblems, by adding a new section designating the mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*) as the official state animal of the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, In humble recognition of nature and its laws, so essential  
2 to the existence of the human race and so filled with information con-  
3 cerning the mysteries and beauty of life, it is fitting that a state should  
4 designate some appropriate animal as the official state animal; and

5 WHEREAS, The *Odocoileus hemionus*, commonly known as the mule  
6 deer, has long been one of the most prominent, beautiful and useful  
7 wild animal inhabitants of Nevada, whose venison, hide, hooves and  
8 antlers provided food, clothing and household items for the Indians  
9 who first made their homes among the mountains and deserts of this  
10 state, and the explorers, prospectors and settlers who came later to  
11 develop a more modern society of people; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout the State of Nevada, the graceful mule deer  
13 can be found, sometimes grazing peacefully along the shores of streams  
14 or lakes, sometimes bounding, stiff-legged, over rocks and gullies,  
15 ever as much a part of Nevada as the sagebrush and piñon among which  
16 it makes its home; now, therefore,

17  
18 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*  
19 *do enact as follows:*

20  
21 SECTION 1. Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
22 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

23 *The animal known as the mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*) is hereby*  
24 *designated as the official state animal of the State of Nevada.*

25 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.



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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 165—MR. CRAWFORD

FEBRUARY 2, 1959

—○—  
Referred to Committee on Fish and Game

SUMMARY—Prohibits hunting, molesting or capturing of the Pyramid Lake sea monster. (BDR 590)



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

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AN ACT to amend chapter 503 of NRS, relating to hunting, fishing and trapping regulations and to miscellaneous wildlife protective measures, by providing that it is unlawful to hunt, molest, trap, capture or injure the Pyramid Lake sea monster or the sea serpent in Walker Lake, or to take or destroy their nests or eggs; declaring legislative policy; and by 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 503 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 1. *It is the policy of the legislature to protect the celebrated and*  
4 *legendary "Pyramid Lake sea monster" as well as the sea serpent in*  
5 *Walker Lake from those who would molest, injure or capture such*  
6 *monsters.*

7 2. *It is unlawful for any person, firm, company, corporation or*  
8 *association to hunt, kill, destroy, wound, trap, injure, keep in captivity,*  
9 *or in any other manner to catch or capture, or to pursue with such*  
0 *intent, the monster known as the "Pyramid Lake sea monster," or the*  
1 *sea serpent in Walker Lake, or to take or destroy the nest, habitat, eggs*  
2 *or young of such monsters.*

3 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC RESOURCES & FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE  
57th Session

BILL NO.: AB-131 DATE: January 29, 1973  
SPONSOR: Getto, Broadbent, Jacobsen, Wittenberg, Bremner, Barengo.  
SUBJECT: Requiring certain beverage containers to have a refund  
value and prohibits sale of certain metal containers.

COMMITTEE ACTION DATE: February 21, 1973  
AMENDMENT: YES XX  
AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: JEAN FORD  
SECONDED BY: NO \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE VOTE	YES	NO	EXCUSED	ABSENT	NO VOTE
BREMNER	X				
FORD	X				
GOJACK	X				
BANNER	X				
BROADBENT	X				
CRAWFORD	X				
JACOBSEN		X			
LOWMAN		X			
SMALLEY	X				

DISPOSITION: DATE: February 21, 1973

DO PASS:  
DO PASS AS AMENDED: -----DO PASS AS AMENDED-----  
INDEFINATELY POSTPONED:

NOTES: