

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- February 5, 1973

The seventh meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on February 5, 1973, at 3:00 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson
Lee Walker
John Foley
Stan Drakulich
Chic Hecht
Coe Swobe
Carl F. Dodge

Also present were:

Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Keith Porter, Sierra Pacific Power
Bill Robinson, Sierra Pacific Power
Wally Warren, Sierra Pacific Power
Clinton Wooster, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Assemblyman Robert Robinson
Bill Adams, City of Las Vegas
Press representatives

SB-122 Requires relocation payments, advisory assistance and procedural protections by condemning agencies for federally funded projects.

Mr. Barrett explained that about a year ago the Governor received a letter from some of the regional federal people indicating that certain federal funds would be withdrawn from the State because the State had failed to pass legislation such as SB-122 -- the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act. The Governor then asked Mr. Barrett to evaluate what the fiscal impact of this would be upon the State of Nevada. The law basically says that unless states have Acts similar to this one, federal funds will be withheld from any State and/or local agency for construction grants et cetera.

This has not surfaced as a major problem up to this time, because the state presently has an Act which is sufficient for highway purposes. However, there are a number of other state and local agencies involved -- after this bill was drafted they found out that parks had to have this kind of legislation to get federal land, water and conservation funds to assist in land purchases. Guidelines given to the Counsel

Bureau to draft the Act were from the Federal Bureau of the Budget. What this Act entails then, is nothing more than just what is needed -- a procedure for payment for relocation costs and advice to the people that are going to be relocated.

Chairman Gibson then requested that Mr. Wooster of the Counsel Bureau speak on SB-122. Twenty-two states have already adopted Relocation Acts. This particular bill follows the Act adopted by the State of Arizona. This would apply for state and local government programs and projects funded in whole or in part by the federal government.

The committee will wait until testimony can be heard from the Highway Department as well as cities and counties before action is taken on this legislation.

AB-22 Repeals provisions for county pension fund.

Mr. Torvinen brought to the attention of the Counsel Bureau that the sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes setting up a County Pension Fund were no longer ever used or even applicable. Mr. Wooster said that they had double-checked on this to make sure that no local governments were taking advantage of this Pension Fund Act -- he found there were none. This should be eliminated entirely from the Statutes as such an authorization is in conflict with provisions of the Public Employees Retirement System, which requires that all public employees in Nevada be under the system.

AJR-6 Asks rescission by President of the United States of order closing Nuclear Rocket Development Station and requests continued employment of research team.

Assemblyman Robert Robinson spoke on AJR-6, stating that because of the concern of some of his neighbors, and that of Senator Foley as well as himself, he had introduced this legislation. The new order completely shuts down the Nuclear Rocket Development Station, and Mr. Robinson feels that since there is considerable money in the State of Nevada for economic development we should make an attempt to keep what we already have, while at the same time we are trying to attract new industry.

The people who are employed at the present time at the site are some of the most desirable citizens we could have in the

state. He further stated that the directive to close down the site had not come directly from President Nixon, but from the Federal Budget Office. There are already millions of dollars invested in sophisticated laboratory equipment and a group of people there who are highly-trained scientists. There are several types of research that could be channeled into the NRDS site.

Action was then taken as follows by the committee:

AJR-6 Senator Foley moved "Adoption of AJR-6," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

AB-22 Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried.

Chairman Gibson and the committee then discussed SB-61, noting that several amendments had been added. What the amendments have done in effect is say that the cities are exempt from the reapportionment act for this coming election, but by the next election they will set up single-member districts. This matter will require further consideration into all the ramifications and the effect it would have on the various cities throughout the State.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi
Committee Secretary

S. B. 122

**SENATE BILL NO. 122—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 30, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Requires relocation payments, advisory assistance and procedural protections by condemning agencies for federally funded projects. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 28-79)

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

AN ACT relating to condemnation of real property for federally funded projects; requiring relocation payments, advisory assistance and procedural protections for displaced persons and property owners; 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. Title 28 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
2 new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 35,
3 inclusive, of this act.
4 SEC. 2. This chapter may be cited as the Relocation Assistance and
5 Real Property Acquisition Policies Act.
6 SEC. 3. It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a uniform policy
7 for the fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose prop-
8 erty is acquired for state and local governmental programs and projects
9 funded in whole or in part by the Federal Government.
10 SEC. 4. As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning clearly
11 appears in the context, the words and terms defined in sections 5 to 12,
12 inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in such sections.
13 SEC. 5. "Business" means any lawful activity, except a farm opera-
14 tion, conducted primarily:
15 1. For the purchase, sale, lease, or rental of personal and real prop-
16 erty, and for the manufacture, processing or marketing of products, com-
17 modities or any other personal property;
18 2. For the sale of services to the public;
19 3. By a nonprofit organization; or
20 4. Solely for the purpose of subsection 1 of section 14 of this act,
21 for assisting in the purchase, sale, resale, manufacture, processing, or
22 marketing of products, commodities, personal property, or services by

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A. B. 22

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 22—MR. TORVINEN

JANUARY 16, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Repeals provisions for county pension fund.
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-452)



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

AN ACT relating to pensions; repealing NRS 245.220 to 245.340, inclusive, providing for the establishment of a county pension fund.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 245.220, 245.230, 245.240, 245.250, 245.260,
- 2 245.270, 245.280, 245.290, 245.300, 245.310, 245.320, 245.330 and
- 3 245.340 are hereby repealed.
- 4 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6—MESSRS. ROBINSON,
ASHWORTH, CRADDOCK, DREYER, DEMERS, GLOVER,
BREMNER, HUFF, LOWMAN AND HAFEN

JANUARY 22, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Asks rescission by President of the United States of order closing Nuclear Rocket Development Station and requests continued employment of research team. (BDR 672)

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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the concern of the legislature over, and asking the President of the United States to rescind the order closing the Nuclear Rocket Development Station at Jackass Flats, Nevada, and requesting that further governmental research be directed to the Nuclear Rocket Development Station research team.

- 1 WHEREAS, The sudden announcement of the rapid closing of the
2 Nuclear Rocket Development Station at Jackass Flats, Nevada, will
3 cause the termination of projects involving approximately 200 research
4 employees; and
5 WHEREAS, These workers represent a pool of human resources unique
6 to the world by virtue of their highly specialized scientific and technical
7 knowledge; and
8 WHEREAS, The disbanding of this team, which has taken years to
9 develop, would deprive the United States and the world of a very special
10 and necessary asset; and
11 WHEREAS, The tremendous financial investment in buildings and land
12 development, physical facilities, research tools and instruments, and spe-
13 cialized and conventional administrative equipment would be lost; and
14 WHEREAS, The future of the United States, and indeed the world rests
15 in the hands and minds of such men; now, therefore, be it
16 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
17 That the Nevada Legislature hereby communicates to the President of the
18 United States their concern and requests that the order to close the
19 Nuclear Rocket Development Station be rescinded, and that immediate
20 contingency plans be placed in effect to continue research at said Nuclear
21 Rocket Development Station, and that studies be made to divert appro-
22 priate governmental research for the betterment of mankind to the

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